Interim Ministry Team

The service on April 29, began with the baptism of two children, the youngest of whom cried through the longer than usual introduction to baptism. When I put the water of baptism on her forehead, she stopped crying. I put the water on her hand and she was silent. It was a wonderful baptism that symbolized the love of God in Jesus Christ that surrounds this child and all children.

Later each member of the Interim Team shared how the lesson from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:1-13) meant to them as they began the interim team ministry at Kaumakapili Church. Their testimonies of faith enthralled us and inspired us. Each of these team members, including me, spoke about how God's call to be a team at this time in Kaumakapili Church's history was a call from God and how together with the congregation we are to write the 29th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

The executive committee laid hands on the members of the team as Kahu Ken Makuakane, the Papa Makua of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, blessed the team members. Without a word, Barrett Awai, Ken Makuakane, and Trevor Maunakea stepped from the chancel to the microphone, piano and ukelele and Barrett sang "How Great Thou Art," "Ke Akua Mana E." Our souls were lifted to a high plain, and so the interim ministry began.

I look forward to this interim time. I consider myself to be a servant leader working with a group of leaders and a congregation of people who love God and give themselves to be the Church called Kaumakapili Church. Together, may we be the Body of Christ doing God's work in this part of the world and city.

May it be so.

Rev. David Hirano
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### Good Stewards of God’s Kingdom

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NRSV)

I look around Kaumakapili, and I see examples of our people carrying out this charge by Peter to be good stewards all the time. What is stewardship? Well, see how many of these things you recognize as happening at Kaumakapili:

- Opening & closing the church
- Sitting with a member who has dementia while their caregiver takes care of other kuleana
- Putting a tray under the water jug spigot during an event so no one slips on a wet floor
- Setting up audio equipment for Singspiration, worship and events
- Taking food to the homeless
- Accepting donations for the Free Store
- Getting members to fill seats on church boards and committees
- Giving youth new kuleana and supporting them in carrying it out
- Greeting and talking story with people who are new to Kaumakapili
- Attending board, committee and Council meetings
- Working out agreements with churches, organizations and businesses in our surrounding community
- Staffing/volunteering for the food bank
- Shopping for Aloha Hour
- Taking a leadership role
- Showing up and helping
- Praying for those on our prayer list
- Supporting the elbow of a kupuna who is unsteady
- Putting away the children’s Bibles at the end of worship
- Praying for those on our prayer list
- Partnering with other kuleana
- Accepting donations for the Free Store
- Taking food to the homeless
- Sharing talents by:
  - Cooking for events
  - Singing an anthem
  - Playing accompaniment
- Doing accounting
- Typing up committee, board, council minutes
- Reaching out to community partners
- Putting away tables & chairs and sweeping up after events
- Making PowerPoint presentations
- Keeping in touch with members who can’t be in church on Sundays

The list is virtually limitless... just in our tiny corner of Kalihi-Palama. I’ll bet that everyone who reads this can think of 30 more ways that they know stewardship happening all the time. God is indeed glorified in all of these things.

Mahalo Kaumakapili, Mahalo Ke Akua!

The Stewardship Committee

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### Strengthen the Church.

The Strengthen Church special offering is scheduled for May 24, 2015.

This offering provides resources for the United Church of Christ to plant new churches and support established congregations with new ideas for ministry, especially to deepen the spiritual life among youth and young adults.

Kaumakapili Church members could take notice of the purpose of this offering during this period of interim ministry. We have the opportunity to take advantage of the UCC’s willingness to help congregations with our vision and future ministry through resources available with this special offering.

What are we thinking about our support and commitment to this offering and the opportunities it offers to us? Does it make a difference as we individually consider our contribution this year? This is another way we can truly be in covenant with our larger church.

Kahu Dean Fujii, Stewardship Committee
Ho’omanu I Ka Ho’oilina
Continue the Legacy
“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known among the nations what he has done. He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.” Psalm 105:1 & 8

As the stories were shared, a tremendously rich legacy was revealing itself. May we continue to meet and share what God has done, and is still doing, in our churches today.

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Romans 12:6 “So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.”

Do you have a story to share?
Send your news to one of our members at large, Kahau Schoenstein or Alfredo Garcia to be featured in an upcoming Newsletter.

Outreach Ministry News
Calling all youth! There are great opportunities to serve those in need and fulfill community service requirements for your high school resume.

Mahalo Ke Akua! As Cydnee & MarQee Maunakea came and helped at our Food Bank today.

There are many, many ways to serve this is just one. Let us know if you are willing and able to kokua your time and or talent that God has given you.

Mahalo,
Wendy Garcia, Outreach Ministry Committee

Kamehameha Students represent Bishop Memorial Chapel
Lead by ‘Elia Akaka

Food Bank Sponsorships
Want to help provide food for our foodbank? Food Bank Offering envelopes are available during the Sunday worship service.

Food Bank Volunteer Schedule

May
12 Food Prep Day 7:30-9:00am
13 Distribution 7:30-10:00am
26 Food Prep Day 7:30-9:00am
27 Distribution 7:30-10:00am

June
11 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
Kaumakapili Interim Ministry Team

Kaumakapili Church welcomed its new Interim Ministry Team on April 26th, 2015. The team is made up of several ministers that will be looking over the spiritual guidance and administration of Kaumakapili Church during the interim period as we begin the search and call process for a new kahu mua.

The Rev. Sherman Thompson is familiar to us. He works at Kamehameha Church, teaches a class on Christianity at the Honolulu Community College, and will assume pastoral duties when Rev. Hirano is away. He will resource the deacons.

Barrett Awai, who is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and will be working with our youth and young adults and will be a resource to the Board of Education. He is a member of Kawaiahaʻo Church.

Kona Mann is a student at Vancouver School of Theology in pursuit of his Masters in Divinity. He serves as a mentor to Oahu’s prison population and is employed full-time at OCCC. He brings with him more than 15 years of business development experience and counts it a blessing to whole-heartedly pursue Christ and sow into God’s kingdom at Kaumakapili Church. He will help resource the Church Council.

Pa Lawina @ 766

Aloha members, family, and friends.

I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you and your Ohana in good health and walking with the Holy Spirit. Our vineyard is going through preparation for a fruitful harvest. Wow! He has risen, He has risen indeed! Thank you all so much for staying faithful during this time in the life of our church. We should take account of the recent journey we’ve come through. From a Malahaua dinner for Kahu Kamanu, to Easter Sunday straight to a transitional sermon by our Acting Papa Makua the Sunday after, to a first sermon by Rev. David Hirano on April 19th and culminating with a service of blessing and affirmation of our newly installed Interim Team on April 26th. We were on the banks of the Jordan and are now walking by faith in the river itself moving forward to a promise land flowing with good fruits.

Our interim team is made up of Helen Kaupu Kaowili, Sherman Thompson, Kona Mann, Barrett Awai, and led by Rev. David Hirano. We welcome them as they use their called gifts to help our church toward growth. They are called to serve as a team to come along side our ministries and assist us over a 12 month period. Please join us at worship services, church gatherings, youth events, bible studies, our luau, and many other times where meeting them will be made possible. I encourage us all to make time to be refreshed by these individuals. Before you know it, their time with us will be complete. Please see additional information on our ministers in this newsletter.

Over the next few months, the team will be engaged not only at worship services but with the boards and committees that work our ministries out. It will take good work and valued time to build relationship and ministry together. Please be aware of the opportunities in the near future that will help us grow our faith and knowledge in the Lord.

The church will now form its search committee and commission that group of individuals for the important task of leading us to our settled pastor. As we are now officially in the interim period, we will experience a time to heal from the past, understand where we are at today and vision toward the future, let us not forget that we are all going through life and experiencing faith challenging and changing events. Keep our families that are mourning the passing of a loved ones in your prayers. Those who are on our prayer list and are going through health issues can be lifted up in your daily prayer time as well. We pray that God moves through his Holy Spirit to heal, to re-veal, and make real His grace and truth in our daily lives.

May God Bless Kaumakapili,

Trevor Maunakea