



# KA LEO MEKOKIKO

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## 2013 Annual Conference:

Bishop Minerva Carcaño has offered the theme “ How Firm a Foundation” for the 2013 Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference which begins on the University of Redlands (CA) campus on Thursday morning, June 13 and adjourns on Saturday evening, June 15. “In the midst of all the joys and concerns, issues and tasks of our ministries together,” she said, “we need to remember that we already have a firm foundation for all that we do—Christ is the foundation that upholds us!”

—Gary Keene, Cal-Pac Conference

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## HAWAII DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

Save this date on your calendars! The annual Hawaii District Conference will be held on Saturday, April 27! Look for more information as it becomes available in the upcoming issues of the Ka Leo Mekokiko.

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## Human Relations Day, Sunday, January 20

Almost everyone seeks to be part of a good community, one that nurtures and supports. The Human Relations Day offering (received each year on the Sunday before the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday) helps support improving communities and the quality of life for those who live in them. A separate informational flyer from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition-Hawaii will be attached with this newsletter.

### LOCAL CHURCH NEWS:

As editor of the Ka Leo Mekokiko I am very interested in featuring news from your church. If you have an anniversary, special event, or happening at your church, send me information on it and I will try to include it in a future issue of this newsletter. My email address is:

vangesom002@hawaii.rr.com, or put It in my file in the district office.

**The 2013 Britt Lectures series** will be held on Friday through Sunday with a clergy session on Monday morning. The lectures, a gift from the late Dr. Clarence and Caroline Britt, will be held at First United Methodist Church on February 15 to 18 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and at 9:00 a.m. on Monday. Following the lectures everybody is invited to a fellowship time. Individuals and local churches are being asked to bring refreshments (finger food) in disposable containers to be shared each evening. They may be dropped off before the lectures in the First United Methodist Church Kitchen. If you are unable to bring your food donation, call Mrs. Tupou Kelemen at PH: 522-9555 for pick-up assistance.



## **Ministry Musings from the District Superintendent**

*Focus—to promote C.D.M.L.F. in our district:*

*Connection to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for all people*

*Discipleship in Christian formation—prayer, study, meditation, etc.*

*Ministry using identified Gifts and Graces*

*Leadership development and training rooted in Christian formation*

*Fruitfulness that can be discerned and measured*

### **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE ON JANUARY 21**

Once again, all of our churches that are on or can travel to Oahu are invited to march in the MLK parade on January 21. The United Methodist Church has had the largest contingent among Protestant denominations for the past couple of years. Let us continue that tradition!

### **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE ON JANUARY 24**

Each year, Oahu churches hold an ecumenical prayer service, with the Mainline denominational churches participating. Last year, the our district hosted the event. This year, the Roman Catholic Church will be hosting the event at the Cathedral, Our Lady of Peace, 1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, at 6:30 p.m.

Your participation is requested.

### **WORSHIP WORKSHOPS FOR THE ENTIRE DISTRICT IN APRIL**

The Hawaii District has received a grant from the annual conference for training in 2013. It is hope that at least once a year, training will be available to every island in the district where we have UMC congregations, including Guam and Saipan.

This April, the Rev. Mary Scifres, a denominational level consultant on worship, will be conducting workshops on creative worship planning. This is the tentative schedule:

April 12—Oahu Clergy

April 13—Oahu lay and clergy

April 14—Big Island Lay and Clergy at Honoka's

April 15—Maui Lay and Clergy

April 16—Kauai Lay and Clergy

April 20—Guam UMC

April 21—Immanuel UMC, Saipan

### **BRITT LECTURES FEBRUARY 15-18**

This year's Britt Lectures are not to be missed. The 2013 lecturer, Dr. Anna Carter Florence, will be a wonderful speaker. There will be special music from Aiea UMC's Samoan ministry, Ewa Beach's youth choir, and Aldersgate UMC.

Mark it down now!

Grace and aloha,

*Pastor Tom*

## ***MESSAGE FROM S LILO VAKAUTA, District Lay Leader***

THIS IS JANUARY 2013. I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME, LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD. BY OUR PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICT, BEFORE THE END OF 2012, OUR HELP IN THE NAME OF THE LORD WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH. LET ME COME CRY BEFORE THEE O LORD, AND GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

I have challenged all the members of UMC at the beginning of 2013 to have a covenant relationship with God, like Abraham, you must trust Him with everything. It means giving to God when you have plenty and giving out of your need, as well. When you are in a Covenant relationship with God, your actions say to Him, "All that I am and all I have is yours!" Remember, God has far more to give to you than you have to give Him!

The Bible is filled with DIVINE MYSTERIES and ANCIENT SECRETS. The Holy Spirit reveals HIDDEN TRUTH to all who diligently seek the Lord. But among all the MYSTERIES OF GOD there is one ANCIENT BIBLE SECRET that is sure to release supernatural power into your life, just as it did in the lives of men and women in the Bible.

Abraham, the man known as God's friend, had a covenant relationship with God that is still blessing humanity. The Abrahamic Covenant, which guaranteed physical health and financial prosperity, was dependent upon Abraham's continued obedience to God, In fact, obedience stands out as the single most important facet of his life; he never once questioned God. He simply obeyed regardless of the cost.

Even when you have nothing to give you can still enter into a covenant with God to give as He blesses you. Jacob was homeless, penniless, fleeing for his life, and sleeping with a rock for a pillow when he made a VOW to pay tithes of all God would give him. This Covenant brought him success beyond his wildest imagination. He became unbelievably rich!

Put God first in your life. Make a VOW OF FAITH! I can promise you, it will not cost you anything! God will provide the money for the VOW and so much more...

The moment you focus on God and His divine power in your life, you become a new person with Miracle Faith. Your faith releases God's power to restrict and defeat Satan.

God never wanted you to struggle. He wants you to be in covenant with Him. When trouble, sickness, or financial lack tries to hinder you, your focus must be on God. Remember, as His Covenant Partner, you are more than a Conqueror!

Making a VOW OF FAITH puts God first; and He is first in your life, He will pour out HIS BLESSING upon you!

TO GOD UNKNOWN CUP OF GOLD, Milton's Paradise lost when you think you bring a dish, when you walk you come to a door, when you speech you give them rich. But I know my God who show.

PRAISE THE LORD, AND LOVE TO YOU ALL OF HAWAII DISTRICT.

S. Lilo Vakauta, Servant of God

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**.DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST MEN** [from Richard Isaacson]

Aloha, and Happy New Year. It has been a while since I have written something for the newspaper. The District UMMen is still operating, but we need your input. Actually, what we would like is to be able to help you with your UMMen’s group at your church. I just received my Information Packet from the General Commission on United Methodist Men at [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org) and it is full of ideas, articles and brochures about UMMen. It includes a group study guide on the life of Paul.

The General Commission promotes many of the things you already do at church. Most churches have food collections for the homeless. They also promote the national prayer hotline which you can call at any time and be able to talk with some one who will pray with you. One of their newest projects is to support families of those incarcerated. We are already have a half way house here in Hawaii. Anyway, I encourage you to go on line and visit the General Commission’s website. They have a lot of information that they would love to pass on.

We will be looking to have our annual UUMen’s breakfast in the Spring, so look for that. We encourage all UMMen to stay involved with your church. Our new Bishop said that she would continue to support the UMMen in any way she can. So let us have a good year together.



2013 United Methodist Women Local Leadership Training

Theme: LIVING THE HEART OF GOD: Preparing Our Hearts to Serve

When & Where: Saturday, January 26 at Kailua United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. to around 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 ( If you register after January 18, you may miss out on lunch)  
\$25.00 (Childcare) - refundable deposit

Send registration to and for more information contact: Penny Brouillette, 3029 Puiwa St., Honolulu, HI 96817—Phone: (808)927-5686 or [pastord.pennyb@gmail.com](mailto:pastord.pennyb@gmail.com)

Other upcoming UMW events are:

February 16—UMW Mid-Winter Event at Kilohana UMC

April 13—UMW Spiritual Retreat and Quiet Disciples at First Tongan Waimanalo UMC

July 17-20—Cal-Pac UMW “Mission u” at Biola University,CA Korean 7/17-19 ; all others 7/18-20 (formerly known as School of Christian Mission)



**CAMP MEKOKIKO**

Aloha! Our holiday Campaign bounced above the \$5000 mark in December and we are very grateful to have that addition to our Bunk House project fund. We are currently finalizing chapel plans and will share them very soon in a special newsletter when all the drawings are finished. Construction on the chapel will be able to begin May 7, 2013. We are actually bulldozing the job site next week and laying out ythe chapel site! VIM teams, church teams, groups will be needed from May 7 to help with construction. The calendar is wide open, and we are ready for your reservation. Please consider whether you can send a volunteer team to help.

Ted Lesnett, Camp Director



**The 2013 Hawaii District Prayer Calendar for Local Churches** will be e-mailed to pastors and churches.



## DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 2013.

Tues., Jan. 15; 12 noon: Britt Lectures Comm. Mtg.  
 Sat., Jan. 19; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Sun., Jan. 20: *Human Relations Day*  
 Mon., Jan 21: *Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Day*; Dist. Ofc. closed  
 “ ” “ : **M.L.King, Jr. Parade March**  
 Wed., Jan. 23; 6:00 pm: Kahuku UMC Charge Conf.  
 Thu., Jan 24; 6:30 pm: Ecumenical Prayer Svs.;  
 Our Lady of Peace Cathedral  
 Sat., Jan. 26: UMW Local Leadership Training  
 “ ” “ ; 9:00 am: HUMU Board mtg; Dist. Ofc.  
 “ ” “ ; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Sun., Jan. 27; 9:00 am: Naalehu UMC Charge Conf.  
 “ ” “ : 6:00 pm: Kona UMC Charge Conf.  
 Mon., Jan. 28: Deadline for Feb.-Mar. Ka Leo Mekokiko  
 Tue., Jan. 29; 7:00 pm: Aiea UMC Charge Conf.

### February 2013

Sat., Feb. 2; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Tue., Feb. 5; 7:00 pm: Wesley UMC Charge Conf.  
 Wed., Feb. 6; 8:00 pm: Bethany Korean UMC  
 Charge Conference  
 Thu., Feb. 7; 7:00 pm: Waianae UMC Charge Conf.

Sat., Feb. 9; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Fri.-Mon., Feb. 15-18: **Britt Lectures**; First UMC  
 Sat., Feb. 16; 8:30 am: Dist. UMW Mid-Winter Event  
 Mon., Feb. 18: *Presidents' Day* - District Ofc. closed  
 Mon., Feb. 25: Deadline for Mar.-Apr. Ka Leo Mekokiko

### March 2013

Sat., Mar. 9; 9:00 am: HUMU Board mtg.; Dist.Ofc.  
 Sun., Mar. 10: *One Great Hour of Sharing*  
 Sat., Mar. 16: DPAS meeting [tentative]  
 Sun., Mar. 24: *Palm Sunday*  
 Mon., Mar. 25: Deadline for Apr.-May Ka Leo Mekokiko  
 Tue., Mar. 26: *Prince Kuhio Day*; District Ofc. closed  
 Thu., Mar. 28: *Holy Thursday*  
 Fri., Mar. 29: *Good Friday*; District Office closed  
 Sun., Mar. 31: **EASTER SUNDAY**

### April 2013

Wed.-Tue., Apr. 10-23: Worship Trainings [tentative]  
 Sat., Apr. 13; 9:00 am: UMW Spiritual Retreat;  
 First Tongan UMC in Waimanalo  
 Sun., Apr. 14: *Native American Ministries Sunday*  
 Thu., Apr. 25: HCOM meeting???  
 Sat., Apr. 27: **Hawaii District Conference** and  
 Annual HUMU Meeting  
 Mon., Apr. 29: Deadline for May-Jun. Ka Leo Mekokiko