



DESIGNING CREATIVE WORSHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY —A POSTMODERN WORLD

This workshop for preachers, musicians, worship planners, and church leaders will be held April 11-21 at various locations throughout the Hawai'i District. The workshop will include practical tools for planning worship, including media, and utilizing the resources available.

Leading the workshops will be Mary J. Scifres, United Methodist Pastor and Abingdon Press Author. Mary Scifres chairs the worship planning team for Cal-Pac Annual Conference. She will give tips and ideas for designing creative worship experiences and for integrating various worship elements and styles into worship services.

For more information look under "Upcoming Events" on the District website:
<www.hawaiidistrictumc.org> No registration fee; it is funded by a Cal-Pac grant.

Schedule for workshops:

Maui	Thursday, April 11 –Clergy & Laity	Ala Lani UMC	8:30 am—12:30 pm
O`ahu	Friday, April 12—Clergy Session *	Harris UMC	8:30 am—12:30 pm
	Saturday, April 13– Clergy & Laity	Harris UMC	8:30 am—12:30 pm
Hawai`i	Sunday, April 14– Clergy & Laity	Honokaa UMC	2:00—6:00 pm
Kaua`i	Monday, April 15—Clergy session *	Lihue United Church	1:30—4:30 pm
	Monday, April 15 - Clergy & Laity	Lihue United Church	6:00– 8:00 pm
Guam	Saturday, April 20	Guam UMC	Morning??
Saipan	Sunday, April 21	Immanuel UMC	Afternoon??

***Bonus clergy workshop: Worship that flows** –Discover ways to create worship that reflects your theology or worship and the community in which you serve.

REGISTRATION for DESIGNING CREATIVE WORSHIP FOR 21ST CENTURY

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

I will attend: Island _____ Laity/Clergy Session _____ Clergy _____

DEADLINE: **Monday, April 8** E-mail to: <calpachawaiiidistrict@gmail.com>

Mail to: Hawaii District– Worship Workshop

20 S. Vineyard Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813



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

Disciplines 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

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DATE CHANGED TO MAY 18

Our 2013 district conference has been moved to May 18 to be in line with the date of the other four district conferences. It became clear that key information that is being prepared to be shared will not be ready until that date. I apologize for any inconvenience. The site is pending.

The HUMU annual meeting is also re-scheduled for that date. The HUMU board of directors meeting will be held on April 27.

DISTRICT RE-STRUCTURING

Most should know that our annual conference has changed its structure to five Essential Ministry Teams. At this year's district conference, a new structure that falls in line with the conference structure will be proposed for approval. The new structure will allow for flexibility and streamlining, as well as more accurately reflecting some of the work being done in the district.

NEW FORMAT FOR ONE ON ONE MEETINGS WITH PASTORS

In the past, meetings between the DS and the pastors have been somewhat informal. This year, I am requiring that each pastor prepare goals and expectations as usual, but that the document is produced as a joint effort between the pastor(s) and the SPRC. If you have already done a document, I would like to have a progress report on benchmarks when I meet with the pastor.

A special emphasis will be placed on discipleship and stewardship building.

In addition, a list of compliance items will be given in advance to the churches and each church is expected to have the compliances completed by the meetings.

I expect to begin these toward the end of April and have them continue through the summer. Those in new appointments will be done toward the end of this cycle.

MAHALO FOR TURNING IN TABLES I, II, III

I want to thank our pastors and churches for turning in the statistical tables by the deadline!! This is the best response in decades, not only from our district, but the annual conference as a whole. I am very proud of our district.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We have remarkable district office staff in Leilani Zukemura and Rosie Jacinto. They have a long and complex list of responsibilities, much of which requires focused attention for long periods of time. They are, however, also required to answer the telephones, which can break their concentration and it takes awhile to re-focus on the task. Alvin Maeda has ably served for many years as our office volunteer, and comes in two days a week in the mornings.

If you are available to volunteer in the office to answer the telephone and do some light office work, even for one day a week, that would be a great blessing. Please contact Leilani at 536-1864. Thanks so much!

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

MESSAGE FROM S LILO VAKAUTA, District Lay Leader

PRAISE THE LORD AND THANKS TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD WHO BRINGS US HAWAII DISTRICT UMC TO MARCH 2013. THANKS FOR THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REV. DR. TOM CHOI FOR HIS COMMITMENTS AND LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE DONE ALL OUR CHARGE CONFERENCES 2012 TO 2013.

Before I begin, I just want to encourage you that you are walking in GOD'S DIVINE FAVOR. Despite how circumstances may appear, the Lord is not far away. He has been watching and listening as events have been unfolding in our life. He knows the integrity of our heart! He has specifically called us out from among many of HIS SUPERNATURAL BOAZ BLESSING!

Hawaii District, the BOAZ BLESSING is unlike any other miracle from God in two ways...

A REVEALING REVELATION UNFOLDED...

It is a BLESSING OF GOD that will bring you LIFETIME PROSPERITY, JOY AND FULFILLMENT!

It comes through an INDIVIDUAL with whom you find DIVINE FACTOR!

Like Ruth, we have experienced loss. The hopes and dreams of our youth seem to have passed you by. Sometimes we feel so very alone. BUT YOUR BEST DAYS ARE STILL AHEAD.

Ruth was a very young woman in her mid 20's who lost her husband. This young widow deeply loved her mother-in-law, Naomi. When Naomi decided to return to her hometown of Bethlehem, Ruth chose to go with her. Naomi was also a widow. So these two penniless women journeyed across the land to find a new place where, hopefully, life would be better.

Hawaii District, you have been on a journey of faith. You have been looking for a better life – a better place. A place where you can be all that God created you to be. You have been asking God, "When will it happen for me?"

I SHALL REVEAL YOUR DESTINY AS IT WILL UNFOLD...

It seems like every time you begin to move forward, Satan pushes you back. And so, you often feel like a stranger in a strange land... never really feeling fulfilled – never enjoying the prosperity you desire. all that is about to change!

When Ruth and Naomi arrived in Bethlehem, they needed to find food to eat. So, Naomi instructed Ruth to go out to the barley fields and glean. Gleaning was a practice in biblical times whereby the poor could follow the reapers during harvest time, and pick up from the ground anything they had missed. It was only way these two poor widows could survive.

Just as Ruth had Naomi to guide her, the Lord has sent me to your side. I will tell you what to do to honor the Lord and receive His BOAZ BLESSING. As you carefully follow the instructions I will give you, the MIRACULOUS BLESSING OF GOD will follow.

Ruth came to the field of a very wealthy man named BOAZ. There, she gleaned all day. When Boaz came by, he noticed Ruth and asked who she was. Boaz had heard from others about Ruth's kindness toward Naomi. And so, he gave her full permission to glean from his field. He gave her PROTECTION from danger and PROVISION as she WAS a member of his household.

PROTECTION AND PROVISION ARE PART OF THE BOAZ BLESSING...

Hawaii District, you need to know that God is going to send a BOAZ into your life, as well. This person may or may not be someone you know... but they will know about you.

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The Bible tells us that Ruth continued to glean from the field of Boaz until the end of the barley and wheat harvest. Throughout the harvest time, she continued to have the favor of Boaz - but it was not yet time for her LIFETIME BOAZ BLESSING.

I can tell you that the BOAZ BLESSING is a blessing of obedience. God will give you favor with your BOAZ BECAUSE of your obedience to His instructions... you will continue to walk in favor with your Boaz as you continue to obey His voice. Then, when the time is right, your harvest will be ready and your BOAZ BLESSING will come!

SO IT IS... AND SO SHALL IT BE...

Naomi then told Ruth to do something that did not make any sense. Naomi told Ruth to go to where Boaz was threshing wheat at the end of the day and wait until Boaz had finished eating and had fallen asleep. Then, she was to uncover his feet, lie down at his feet, and wait for Boaz to tell her what to do.

Hawaii District, you know these instructions made no sense to Ruth! Yet, Ruth simply replied, "All that you say to me I will do."

Oh, that those words would flow freely from the lips of the children of God. All the Lord desires is a people who will FOLLOW HIM - OBEY HIM - HONOR HIM!

God's instructions often do not make sense from our perspective. But, He is looking for men and women who are willing to follow His instructions even when they do not make sense.

"What you need to do - but you must be willing to speak the words of Ruth - "All that you say to me I will do."

If you are willing to follow the Lord's instructions, A LIFETIME BOAZ BLESSING is on its way to you right now!

Ruth did exactly as she was instructed. In the middle of the night, Boaz woke up and saw a woman at his feet. When he discovered it was Ruth, he told her to go home in the morning and wait while he worked out the details of her blessing. Before she left, he gave her all the barley she could carry. This was a BLESSING OF ABUNDANCE!

ABUNDANCE IS PART OF THE BOAZ BLESSING...

As we follow the remainder of this biblical story, we discover that within a few days, Boaz and Ruth were married and she was blessed with the wealth of his entire household. This was a BLESSING OF LIFETIME PROSPERITY.

LIFETIME PROSPERITY IS PART OF THE BOAZ BLESSING!

Even more, God gave her a child that became a source of joy to Naomi and the grandfather of King David. Within a few short months, GOD transformed Ruth from a penniless widow to a woman of wealth, prosperity, and joy. THIS IS THE BOAZ BLESSING.

POVERTY to PROVISION - SADNESS to JOY - LOSS to FULFILLMENT - BROKENNESS to BLESSING - TEMPORARY HARDSHIP to LIFETIME PROSPERITY

Remember, Hawaii District, God told us that we were like Ruth in the Bible and that He was going to send a BOAZ into your life. A BOAZ is a person who has the ability to bless you. You may or may not know them - but they will know about you...

God will position you to receive your BOAZ BLESSING as you follow his instruction. This blessing will come in THREE WAVES...

1. THE FIRST WAVE will be the BLESSING OF DAILY PROTECTION AND PROVISION.
2. THE SECOND WAVE will be the BLESSING OF ABUNDANCE.
3. THE THIRD WAVE will be the BLESSING OF LIFETIME PROSPERITY!

"Behold, Hawaii District, I was with you in Moab - in the place of your sorrows. I have seen your pain and I have heard your prayers. I have been leading you out of that place into Bethlehem - the place of your provision. Yea, you are closer than you think to the desires of your heart, and having a lifetime of prosperity and joy. My promise. Behold, I will bring a BOAZ into your life who will cause a lifetime of blessing for you and your family. And I will make your name to be a memorial among My people for generations to come. Follow my instructions and I will bring everything to pass in its season. Obey Me now, The time of blessing comes quickly, saith the Lord." God of Love and Mercy, AMEN.

I LOVE YOU ALL HAWAII DISTRICT!

S LILO VAKAUTA,

SERVANT OF GOD

UH Board of Regents Approve Resident Tuition for DREAMers

Meeting at UH Hilo on Feb 21 the Board of Regents unanimously approved a policy which takes effect September 2013 and allow undocumented students to be considered residents of Hawaii for purposes of tuition, financial assistance and university program participation provided that they meet the following conditions:

- Attended a public or private high school in the United States for at least three years and graduated or attained the equivalent thereof in the United States.
- Established domicile in Hawai'i as per Hawai'i Administrative Rules 20-4.
- Filed for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals from US Citizenship and Immigration Service, or has filed for legal immigration status or has filed an affidavit with the University affirming the student's intent to file such application.

FACE with the Hawai'i Coalition for Immigration Reform actively advocated for this new policy along with strong support from interfaith religious leaders, UH students and university personnel. A letter of support was endorsed by 32 of our Hawai'i District pastors as well as Bishop Minerva Carcaño and DS Tom Choi.

Acceptable documents to prove eligibility will be published soon. Outreach to Hawai'i DREAMers will be made through churches and high schools. Applications for enrollment should be submitted before May 1.

—Rev. Stan Bain

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Your Unit should consider doing a study on Esther. Also, your Unit should consider inviting our LIMITLESS team to come and speak to you and your church's young women. Plus put the Young Women's Retreat on August 3, at the UH Wesley Foundation on your calendars and encourage your 14—30 year old young women to attend. LIMITLESS is truly "redefining tomorrow" within United Methodist Women.

Are you also looking at last year's School of Christian Mission study on **Poverty**? It will be our study again for this year's "Mission u" the new name for our studies in the summer. Poverty will again be one of the three key studies. I was so impressed the Sunday I spoke at First UMC; they provide breakfast and a Christian message for the homeless in Honolulu on Sunday mornings prior to their regular church service. They are showing action to our problem with poverty in Hawaii.

Also being presented at the 2013 "Mission u" will be studies on **The Roma of Europe: An Overview**. The Roma are often called "gypsies" and over the years they have been enslaved, shut out, shunned, and even shot. Their women have been involuntarily sterilized, and their children forcibly removed from them "for the children's own good". The Roma are the single largest minority group in Europe. The other study will be **Living Sacramentally and Walking Justly**. This study is for anyone interested in deepening their spirituality and engagement in mission. All are interesting studies, but you can only pick one. Tuition scholarships, both full and partial, are available and the registration form is being distributed. Look for these forms in our newsletter as well as in the Conference UMW newsletter, *Pacific Waves*, and online at the UMW website.

Our next Hawaii District event will be the Spiritual Retreat and Quiet Disciples on April 13, at First Tongan UMC. Our theme is: *Living the Heart of God with Spiritual Thankfulness*.

—Carolyn Steuer

NEW CAL-PAC DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Bishop Minerva Carcaño is intending to appoint the Rev. John Farley as the next Superintendent for the South District of the California-Pacific Conference effective July 1, 2013. Rev. Farley is serving as the Senior Pastor of Foothills UMC in La Mesa, California, and presently serves as the Chair of al-Pac’s New Ministries Essential Ministry Team, the team charged with helping th conference plant new churches

Gary Keene,Cal-Pac

**CAMP
MEKOKIKO**



Gwen Howard, Don Olsen, Lana Elgin, Lynn Brysiewicz, and Marlene Colvin



Tony, Miriam, Sharla Brown, Linda Bauer, Don Olsen, Jim Bauer; Dianne Lyon; and Judy Olsen

Two VIM teams from Washington State finished work on two tent sites, readying materials needed for the new chapel, and other tasks around the camp.

The plans for the new chapel are being developed at Camp Mekokiko. A generous donation in memory of Fred Kiefer from Wayne and Dona Kiefer of Wisconsin have made this possible. The design is now in the County of Hawai`i Building Department awaiting approval. Work teams, especially this summer, are needed to build it. Email Ted Lesnett, <lesnett@hawaii.rr.com> for information and to make reservations.



Hunger FOCUS Sunday— Sunday, May 5, 2013

The District Division of Global Ministries is encouraging all Hawaii District local churches to have a "HUNGER FOCUS SUNDAY" on Sunday, May 5, 2013. This is an opportune time to raise monies for the Cal-Pac Hunger Fund because there will be no Hunger Walk at Annual Conference this year. The Cal-Pac Hunger Fund grants have been given to churches who are helping those who go hungry in their local communities (like food banks, or cooking meals, etc.). First UMC-Honolulu’s Food Bank, Harris UMC’s Soup Ministry and Hilo UMC’s Peanut Butter Ministry have been past recipients of this fund.

Trinity UMC is planning to have a simple soup and bread lunch after their combined service and will have a donation bowl. The simple soup will remind them that less fortunate people may only have this type of meal once a day. It has been found that more gifts are received by asking for donations on that day.

- Myrna Medina, Global Ministries Division Chairperson

BITS N' PIECES...

***** PERSONAL *****

Congratulations to...

...Rev. Ted and Mrs. Cissy Lesnett of Camp Mekokiko on the birth of their granddaughter, Holly Mei Grandgeorge, on February 13. You can check out pictures at <Grandgeorge.net>

...Rev. Manako and Mrs. 'Ahea Kemoeatu of Kahuku UMC on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Manu, on February 16. Samuel was born prematurely and is at the Kapiolani Medical Center. Please pray for him and his parents.

With deepest sympathy to...

...Mrs. Jinsun and Rev. Sang Ho Yi of Olive UMC on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Kwang Ok Um, in Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Um was 87 years old when she died on March 4, 2013. Condolences can be sent to Mrs. Yi at: 17 Kilani St., Wahiawa, HI 96786.

Our prayers are with...

...our Bishop as she meets with President Obama to discuss immigration issues.

***** CLASSIFIED *****

The Insurance Subcommittee of the HUMU Board of Directors [Hawaii United Methodist Union] is looking for anyone with experience in the insurance business who has some free time and would like to help the committee. Anyone who is interested should contact Mr. Chuck York at (808) 551-4781 or Mr. Jim Monk at (516) 922-6665.

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## **YOUR KOKUA (HELP) IS NEEDED**

All local churches or United Methodist groups (i.e. District UMW, Hawaii Emmaus Community, Young People team, etc.) are being asked to please notify the Hawaii District Office – specifically Leilani – when you invite Bishop Minerva Carcaño to participate in your event. All districts are asking for your help in this.

This helps making collaboration in the development of her itineration possible – utilizing her time to the fullest especially when she has to fly all the way to Hawaii. Call Leilani at the District Office - PH: 536-1864 or e-mail to [calpachawaiiidistrict@gmail.com](mailto:calpachawaiiidistrict@gmail.com). **Mahalo!**

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GREETINGS FROM OUR DISTRICT CHURCHES

"A warm warm greeting from all of us at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Saipan.

Our church is still going strong by the leadership of our Council Chair—Jaime. We are trying our best as Lay Servants to keep the church going. We are extending some help, prayers and financial support in the best we can.

Our first activity project this year is re-painting the church's building. We had started it on Sunday, Feb. 24 after Sunday worship service."

—Soledad B. Corpuz



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## **Hold the following churches, ministries and their pastors in your prayers:**

3/17—Keolumana UMC—Pastor Sam Domingo

3/24—Kapolei Korean UM Mission—Pastor SonHye Kim

3/31—Kapolei UM Mission—to be supplied

4/7— Kam-Nam UMC—Pastors Sangyong Jung & Woon Yong Jeong

4/14—Kailua UMC—Pastors J.T. Greenleaf & Sam Cox

**DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March 2013**

Tue., Mar. 12; 10:30 am: District Conference  
 Planning Committee meeting; Dist. Office

Wed., Mar. 13; 10:00 am: Church Location & Bldg.

Thu., Mar. 14; 10:00 am: HUI Leaders mtg; Dist. Ofc.

Sat., Mar. 16; 10:30 am: Dist. Nominating Committee

Sat., Mar. 23; 9:00 am: DPAS meeting; Dist. Office

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**

Thu., Apr. 4: Deadline: District Conf. registration

Thu.-Sun., Apr. 11-21: **Worship Training**

    Thu., Apr.11; 8:30 am: Maui - Ala Lani UMC

    Fri., Apr. 12; 8:30 am: Oahu-Clergy; Harris

    Sat., Apr. 13; 8:30 am: Oahu - Harris UMC

    Sun., Apr. 14; 2:00 pm: Hawaii - Honokaa UMC

    Mon., Apr. 15; 1:30 pm: Kauai-Clergy; Lihue

    "    "    "    6:00 pm: Kauai - Lihue UC

    Sat., Apr. 20: Guam - Guam UMC

    Sun., Apr. 21: Saipan - Immanuel UMC

Sat., Apr. 13; 9:00 am: UMW Spiritual Retreat;  
 First Tongan UMC in Waimanalo

Sun., Apr. 14: *Native American Ministries Sunday*

Wed., Apr. 17: Deadline for Reports to District Conf.

Thu., Apr. 18: HCOM meeting

Sun., Apr. 21; 1:00 pm: **Basic Lay Servant class**;  
 Trinity UMC

Mon., Apr. 22: Deadline for District Conf. Registration

Sat., Apr. 27; 9:00 am: HUMU Board meeting

Mon., Apr. 29: Deadline for May-Jun. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**May 2013**

Sat., May 4; 9:00 am: Dist. UMW Team mtg.; SWCC

Sun., May 5: *Hunger Focus Sunday*

    "    "    "    ; 1:00 pm: **Basic Lay Servant class**; Trinity

Sun., May 12; 1:00 pm: **Basic Lay Servant class**; Trinity

Sat., May 18: **Hawaii District Conference** and  
**Annual HUMU Meeting**; First UMC

Sun., May 19; 1:00 pm: **Basic Lay Servant class**; Trinity

Thu.-Sun., May 23-26: **Walk To Emmaus for Women**

Sun., May 26: *Peace with Justice Sunday*

Mon., May 27: *Memorial Day*; District Office closed

    "    "    "    :Deadline for Jun.-Jul. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**June 2013**

Sat., Jun. 1; 8:00 am: Dist. UMMen Breakfast;  
 Flamingo Restaurant in Pearl City

Tue., Jun. 11: *King Kamehameha Day*; Dist.Ofc. closed

Wed.-Sat., Jun. 12-15: Cal-Pac Annual Conference  
 Session; University of Redlands

Mon., Jun. 24: Deadline for Jul.-Aug. Ka Leo Mekokiko