



2013 Hawaii District Conference, Annual HUMU Meeting and Pre-Conference Briefing to be held on Saturday, May 18

The 2013 Hawaii District Conference together with the Annual Hawaii United Methodist Union [HUMU] Meeting and the Cal-Pac Pre-Conference Briefing, will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at the Honolulu: First United Methodist Church which is located at 1020 South Beretania Street. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration followed by the Annual HUMU Meeting convening at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$15.00 which includes a lunch.

The theme for this year’s conference is “*How Firm a Foundation: John Wesley’s DNA.*” The hope is that the attendees will rediscover our Wesleyan heritage – the foundational practices such as class meetings, prison-related outreach ministries, etc. Several ministries in our district will share their *foundational / Wesleyan* practices. Like last year, these brief presentations will be interspersed throughout the District Conference meeting.

The new district structure will be presented for approval. The recommended structure will resemble the Cal-Pac Annual Conference structure. With the approval of the new structure will be several “rule-type” changes. Another change is expanding the geographical HUIs to include lay people. The hope is that the HUI structure will encourage churches in that HUI to collaborate in their ministries impacting a larger community area.

At the HUMU Annual Meeting Mr. Carl Sato of Business Insurance Services, Inc. will do a brief presentation on the church’s property/liability insurance coverage. Plans are being made to have him available to answer questions during the break time. The Cal-Pac Preconference Briefing, which is for clergy and all Lay Members to Annual Conference from the local church or district, will convene after lunch.

Lunch will be provided by First L.A.P. (Life After Prison) which is a transitioning program led by Mr. Matthew Taufetee. Childcare will be provided, but you must make your request by the registration deadline: Monday, April 22, 2013. The registration form can be downloaded at the district website, www.hawaiidistrictumc.org - click on “Upcoming Events” then click on “2013 Hawaii District Conference.”



Annual Conference Preliminary Reports: Printed Orders Due Now

The electronic version of the “AC Prelim” will be available online to print directly for yourself at no cost in mid-April. If you wish a preprinted version, order it from the Conference Secretary now: reports are \$15.00. Visit <http://claremontumc.org/PrelimOrder> to place your order. Deadline for ordering is April 15.



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

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

It was great to hear about the many wonderful celebrations of the resurrection this year. We are, of course, very proud of our ecumenical participation at the Punchbowl Sunrise Easter Service with the leadership of the Rev. Sam Domingo and the Rev. Sam Cox. It was also a blessing to have the Praise Hula Team from Kailua UMC presenting at that worship.

May new life in Christ abound!

PLANNING FOR THE NEW APPOINTMENT YEAR

This has been an extraordinary year for appointment changes in our annual conference, including our Hawaii District. There are at least seven designated appointment changes so far this year, with the possibility of a few more. Those churches who are having appointment changes are urged to access the resources on our annual conference website: <http://www.cal-pac.org/pages/detail/2076>. I also encourage using the resources found in the United Methodist Book of Worship on page 598, which is an order for saying farewell to a pastor. Please also consult with me at any time about advice during these transitions.

These changes are also an important reminder for all churches to remember that in the United Methodist Church, each pastor is appointed to each church each year. At any point, the bishop, upon recommendation of the cabinet, can appoint a pastor to a different place.

Therefore, I expect all of our churches to welcome back their appointed pastors at the start of the annual conference year (July 1). Please use the resources found on page 595 of the United Methodist Book of Worship, celebrating a new appointment.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Continuing education for both clergy and laity is extremely important as we seek to discover what it means to be the church of the 21st century. I want to mention three books that I've come across that I have begun to read and were recommended to me:

1. *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. Written by the pastor of one of the most effective United Methodist churches in the nation, *The Way*, traces the life and ministry of Jesus. It has been used as an excellent small group study, especially when used with an optional video that shows the different places in the Holy Land where Jesus did ministry.
2. *Building a Discipleship Culture* by Mike Breen and Steve Cockram. When people ask me what is the most important factor in church revitalization and growth, it is discipleship building—growing in the knowledge and image of Christ, best realized in accountable partnership with others, such as in a small group (discipleship building is NOT serving in ministry, which is servanthood). Breen and Cockram give an excellent overview on how to develop an atmosphere of discipleship building.
3. *The Business of the Church: The Uncomfortable Truth that Faithful Ministry Requires Effective Management* by John W. Wimberly, Jr. I have no doubt that many will bristle, even scoff at the suggestion that churches should be concerned with anything related to business practices. “We’re supposed to be spiritual,” they might say. The stubborn truth is, if we in the church are not attentive to the temporal aspects of ministry, we are doomed to failure. All of our churches will benefit greatly from the insights in this well written book.

Grace and Aloha

Pastor Tom

MESSAGE FROM S LILO VAKAUTA, District Lay Leader

ON APRIL 2013, HAWAII DISTRICT SAYS: THE LORD IS MY SHEPERD, I SHALL NOT WANT. HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES, HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATER.

MATTHEW 28: 18-20 is the Great Commission. The Lord's last command to His disciples in that gospel is to go to all nations, making disciples and teaching them to follow His commands. In their obedience, He promises to be with them always. This was not just a command to the original twelve, but extends to all Christians. It is our personal responsibility to share with others what Jesus has done for us and He assigned it to us as a lifetime task. We are to be like Christ and to help others along the same path of salvation that we have been led to ourselves. It is an urgent call to action that no believer can ignore with impurity.

The fresh anointing God described will bring a wave of supernatural power like the world has not seen since Jesus walked this earth. This WAVE OF HEAVENLY POWER will bring healing to FIVE IMPORTANT AREAS of your life.

1. PHYSICAL HEALING - No more will you suffer from the enemy's attack on your body. The Lord will even bring healing of infirmities you have endured for years.

BIBLE PROMISE: "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the Lord. (Jeremiah 30:17)

2. FINANCIAL HEALING - No more will you struggle from paycheck to paycheck. God will send miracle money to erase your debt, provide the cash you need right now, and lead you into a life of supernatural prosperity. Your dream of having financial security will become a reality!

BIBLE PROMISE: "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

3. SPIRITUAL HEALING - No more will your loved ones turn their backs on God. Our Heavenly Father will draw them to Himself, heal their broken spirit, and restore everything the enemy has stolen.

BIBLE PROMISE: "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him..." (John 6:44)

4. EMOTIONAL HEALING - No more will you have to deal with the stress and anxiety that has been holding you back. God will break the bondage of fear, depression, addiction, and disbelief in your life.

BIBLE PROMISES: "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

5. RELATIONAL HEALING - No more will you have to live with a broken heart. The Great Healer will restore the broken relationships that have caused you so much pain.

BIBLE PROMISE: "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten..." (Joel 2:25)

I declare that I am a child of the King; I am everything God created me to be; I am willing to obey; I am willing to trust the Lord to do what He has promised.

May the love of God fill your heart, may the wisdom of God guide your steps, and may the power of God make all things possible in your life. May the Holy Ghost prepare your spirit, soul, and body to receive the FIVE-FOLD HEALING and SUPERNATURAL MIRACLE BLESSING God has promised to us in JESUS NAME, AMEN.

YOUR SERVANT OF GOD.
S LILO VAKAUTA

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HUNGER AWARENESS SUNDAY—MAY 19, 2013

Today, the Weaving Team is happy to give you a few statistics and fundraising ideas, as we are going toward Hunger Awareness Sunday.

Statistics:

- The 42 churches who received a 2013 Hunger Grant, expect to feed almost 262,000 people this year. The Hunger Grants cover only a portion of the meals served and food bags given. Broken Loaf Food pantry of Lakewood First UMC already sent a thank-you letter. It reads in part: "we come together to help those in our area who need help with food and clothing. ... A few of our customers are homeless. Some are unemployed. Others are the working poor."
- 22 churches participated in the last Hunger Walk at Redlands University in June 2012.
- 262 churches contributed to the Hunger Fund in 2012 through the "Hunger Appeal" line item on the apportionment remittance form, a total of \$19,179.33. This figure includes some of the Hunger Walk contributions.

Fundraising Ideas:

- Take a special offering on Hunger Awareness Sunday, May 19.
- Between Easter and Pentecost (Hunger Awareness Sunday), raise funds for the Hunger Fund, as you have done for the Hunger Walk at Annual Conference in the past. For sponsor sheets contact Rev. Peetz at email address listed below.
- Since many churches give bags filled with food to their guests, your church may want to give a small brown bag to each congregant on the Sunday after Easter and ask them to return the bag filled with money on Hunger Awareness Sunday (Pentecost).
- In your church newsletter, ask recipients to forego one going-out dinner and donate the amount saved to the Hunger Fund. Checks are made out to the local church with "Hunger Fund" #002-000-23210 on the memory line.
- Ask the Sunday School children to save as much money as one family meal would cost.
- At your mission area Hunger Awareness event, serve a simple meal for the price of a full meal.
- What other Hunger Fund-Raiser can you think up?

Greetings in Christ, Rev. Ilse Peetz, Hunger Task Force Chair [661-944-2842](tel:661-944-2842). ilsepeetz@gmail.com

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## CAMP MEKOKIKO



The Hawaii Tongan Working Committee  
Rev. Petueli Ta'ufu'ou, Rev. Vaitulua Fonua,  
Rev. Manako Kemoe'atu, Rev. Ofa Ulu'ave,  
and Rev. Olivia Latu

The Hawaii Tongan Working Committee, each a clergy of Hawaii Methodist congregation, represent the Tongan element of the Polynesian Fale to be built. They have raised \$17,000 toward the building and have examined this week the building location and consulted with us on design. They will continue to work with the Samoan element to fundraise.

WYAM of Kona sent a delegation of over 20 people in March to access their use of the camp for their retreat in May.

The camp is continuing to seek work teams for this summer for all kinds of construction.

—Ted Lesnett, Director

## ***BITS N' PIECES...***

***\*\*\* PERSONAL \*\*\****

### **Please continue to pray for...**

... Chris Kemoeatu, son of the Reverend Manako and Mrs. Ahea Kemoeatu of Kahuku UMC. Chris is in the hospital and waiting for a kidney transplant. Pray that a donor and matching organ be found and that the transplant will be successful.

... Samuel Manu, who was born prematurely on February 16 at the Kapiolani Medical Center. Samuel is the grandson the Reverend Manako and Mrs. Ahea Kemoeatu of Kahuku UMC. It was reported that he is growing stronger day by day.

... Mr. Mark Britt, the adult son of Mrs. Caroline Britt, benefactor of the annual Britt Lectures. He is recovering from a stroke in Oklahoma. He usually visits Hawaii with his mother to attend the lectures.

... Mr. Dick Englar of Waianae UMC, our past District Lay Leader.

... Mrs. Dot Bloom of Keolumana UMC and former District Camp Secretary.

... Retired Pastor Misipati Karapani.

... Rev. Colleen Chun and Rev. Kana Shimasaki who are both on Incapacity Leave.

***\*\*\* CLASSIFIED \*\*\****

**Part-time Secretary:** Wesley United Methodist Church is looking to fill a part-time (15 hours per week) secretary position. Computer skills – including Word, Excel, Quicken and internet/website management – are required. Please send resume to: Wesley UMC, Attention: SPRC, 1350 Hukunakai Street, Honolulu, HI 96816. Deadline: April 30, 2013.

### **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!\****

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

4/21—Kahuku UMC—Pastor Manako Kemoeatu

4/28—Kahaluu UMC —Pastor Bob Nakata

5/5—Immanuel UMC—laity of the church.

5/12—Hope Prayer House

**DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**April 2013**

Thu.-Sun., Apr. 11-21: **Worship Training**  
 Thu., Apr. 11; 8:30 am: Maui - Ala Lani UMC  
 " " " ; 4:00 pm: Hawaii - Kona 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 - Hilo 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 Conference  
 Registration  
 Sat., Apr. 27; 9:00 am: HUMU Board meeting;  
 District Office.  
 Mon., Apr. 29: Deadline for May-Jun. Ka Leo Mekokiko  
**May 2013**  
 Sat., May 4; 9:00 am: Dist. UMW Team mtg.;  
 Susannah Wesley Community Center  
 Sun., May 5: *Hunger Focus Sunday*

Sun., May 5; 1:00 pm: **Basic Lay Servant class**;  
 Trinity UMC  
 Sun., May 12; 1:00 pm: **Basic Lay Servant class**;  
 Trinity UMC  
 Sat., May 18: **Hawaii District Conference and  
 Annual HUMU Meeting**; First UMC  
 Sun., May 19; 1:00 pm: **Basic Lay Servant class**;  
 Trinity UMC  
 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*;  
 District Office closed  
 Wed.-Sat., Jun. 12-15: Cal-Pac Annual Conference  
 Session; University of Redlands  
 Mon., Jun. 24: Deadline for Jul.-Aug. Ka Leo Mekokiko  
**July 2013**  
 Thu., Jul. 4: *Independence Day*; District Office closed  
 Thu.-Sat., Jul. 18-20: Cal-Pac UMW "mission u" -  
 Korean  
 Fri.-Sun., Jul. 19-21: Cal-Pac UMW "mission u" -  
 all other schools  
 Mon., Jul. 29: Deadline for Aug.-Sep. Ka Leo Mekokiko