



Beacon of Hope House is Open

The Beacon of Hope House in Kailua has opened in partnership with the Kailua United Methodist Church and the Keolumana United Methodist Church along with the support of more than a dozen other faith congregations, to provide a safe and supportive environment for women who are ready to be released from prison. The purpose, according to Project Director, Rev. Samuel Cox, is to demonstrate that churches can be an effective entryway into a healing and supportive community. These churches in turn would provide ongoing transitional assistance such as housing and employment. Beacon House graduates will be encouraged to create a mentorship (peer) program to help one another find the strength to persevere in a healthy lifestyle rather than returning to previous old habits and unhealthy lifestyles.

—Rev. Barbara Grace Ripple

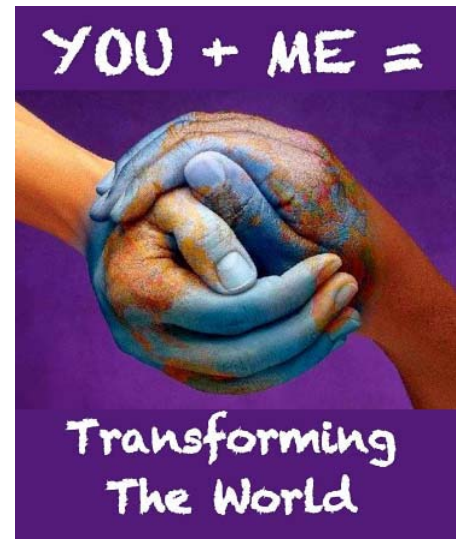
Missionary awards—The 2012 Missionary Awards honor top mission giving churches of the California-Pacific Conference. Among the 2012 Highest Missionary Supporting Churches is Aiea UMC which supports five missionaries for \$9,742. Harris UMC was awarded for the church with the Highest Per Member Giving for others at \$205.32.

Hawaii District Mission Festival 2013 will be celebrated at Christ UMC, 1639 Keeau-moku Street on August 10, 2013. Registration for the event is \$10.00 which includes lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.. The program runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and will cover the following topics—Living Sacramentally and Walking Justly, Poverty, Homelessness, Immigration, and Next Generation Ministry. Speakers for the Mission Festival will include Rev. Barbara Grace Ripple, Rev. Samuel Cox, Lois Takata, Sheila Beckham, Melba Bantay, Rev. Samuel Nam, and Hawaii District United Methodist Women leaders. Register by August 5 (lunch not guaranteed for late registrants).

Registration form for Mission Festival 2013

Name _____
Church _____
Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____
Check Number _____ Amount _____
Send to Vila Vakauta, 91-209 Kunia Pl., Ewa Beach, Honolulu, HI 96706
Ph: 729-6592 e-mail vilavakauta@yahoo.com
Childcare: \$25 Deposit per family Yes _____
Ages(s) of children _____
Deposit refunded at event if Child Care is used





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

ANNUAL CONFERENCE—JUNE 13-15

We are excited about the first annual conference with Bishop Minerva Carcaño. Our District Gathering will be on Thursday evening, where we will be saying aloha to departing pastors and welcoming new pastors; retiring pastors and new commissioned pastors will be acknowledged. We will be having formal celebrations of the long and distinguished careers of Alan Mark and Bob Nakata on Friday evening. On Saturday evening, we will celebrate the beginnings of commissioned ministry of Joshua Clough and Olivia Latu. Please look out for a detailed message from our office with dates, times, and other important information.

ALOHA TO PASTORS AND PROTOCOL

This has been a busy year for pastoral moves, not only in the annual conference as a whole, but also our Hawaii District. There will be around 10 pastoral changes in our district. We are grateful for the faithful service all of our pastors have given, including those who are moving to new chapters in their ministry. In addition, we will be welcoming several excellent pastors to new churches.

This brings up the important matter of protocol for former pastors, which should be observed not only by the clergy, but also by the laypeople of the churches. Under normal circumstances, the former pastor should not initiate contact with members and friends of a former church for one year. This includes Facebook and other social media.

The former pastor shall not officiate any services for former members, such as weddings and funerals, whether or not the service is on the church campus. The new pastor shall be the officiant. If it is appropriate, and the former pastor has observed protocol—such as directing all inquiries and requests to the new pastor, etc.—the current pastor may consider (although this is not required) inviting the former pastor to assist in a service in some way.

The reasons for this protocol are: to allow the new pastor to become *the* pastor of the church as quickly as possible; to allow former pastors to focus more fully on their new churches or ministry ventures; to encourage members and friends of churches to embrace their new pastor.

This protocol may seem harsh to some, but it is extremely important that this protocol be observed for the long term health and vitality of our congregations. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

P. S. Thanks to all for your participation and hard work at the District Conference. I am pleased to announce that over \$1300 was collected, including \$445 by using the electronic giving through Square Wallet. Thank you for your generosity!

MESSAGE FROM S LILO VAKAUTA, District Lay Leader

THIS IS THE SIXTH MONTH OF 2013. WE ARE COMING RIGHT TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND START TO SLOPE DOWN. WE STRUGGLE WITH SO MANY PROBLEMS AND YOU BEGAN TO CRY OUT . I WANT YOU TO KNOW IN THE SPIRIT I HAVE HEARD YOUR CRY... AND GOD HAS SENT AN ANGEL TO YOU. YES, and He has given me Super-natural Acts of Faith... that when acted upon, in Jesus' Name, will reverse the curse that is holding back your blessing.

In my spirit, through God's anointing... I can feel your stress. However, the very fact that satan is attacking you... is proof positive that GOD IS WORKING FOR YOU AND THE BEST IS YET TO COME... Satan is attacking you because you are close to your ULTIMATE BREAK-THROUGH, so close you can't stop now, so close you can't turn around.

Again these henchmen from hell began to attack your steps and attempted to drag you into a DRY, PARCHED, DESERT LAND. A place where living was hard, times were difficult, and the plans you made were never fulfilled. WHILE PRAYING IN TONGUES GOD REVEALED THREE THINGS TO US THAT CAN DRASTICALLY CHANGE YOUR PRESENT SITUATION!

Hawaii District, believe me when I tell you satan is working overtime in this sixth month of 2013. I'm telling you you've taken a couple of steps up to this New Level of Power and Blessing (two steps up the Golden Stairway) but satan has done all he could to keep you down. Believe me, this is not some kiddy game. I am anointed to do battle and win a great victory over the enemy!

Jacob used the power of commitment as he vowed a vow to God... Then a stairway came down from heaven and he saw ANGELS ascending and descending... That meant truth was coming down and going back up into his life. Truth, when acted upon in obedience, releases MIRACLES... When Jacob's level of COMMITMENT increased, his BLESSING ALSO INCREASED.

God has the answers you've searched for. They're coming to you because you have held on, you have continued to believe for your blessing and healing in spite of impossible circumstances. God is now ready to turn your situation around. He will even make your enemies to be at peace with you.

Well, I believe this is a sign... I see your life being touched by the healing hands of Jesus... I see the fire of Holy Ghost going into your life and a miracle manifestation of a Blessing. How could I say this except through God's anointing... Let it be a sign to the believer and unbeliever. In Jesus name, Amen. I love you all Hawaii District.

Sione Lilo Vakauta

Servant of God

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HARRIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Harris United Methodist Church celebrates its 125th Anniversary in July with the theme, "Reflect, Celebrate, Embrace the Future." This milestone will be commemorated with an Open House on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the church campus located at 20 South Vineyard Boulevard (on the corner of Vineyard and Nuuanu) from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Come and take a tour of the church campus, visit with Harris UMC members, and meditate in our sanctuary while enjoying organ music played by three of our talented members.

On Sunday, July 14, 2013, the 125th Anniversary Sunday celebration will begin with our worship service at 10:00 a.m. with our Conference Bishop, Minerva Carcaño, as our pulpit speaker. The worship service will be followed by the dedication our Peace Bell Tower, a project that has been four decades in the making. The special Sunday service culminates events from April through July, 2013 that highlight our church's role as a leader, supporter, instigator and participant in significant social and spiritual changes in the fabric of life that is Hawaii's history.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!! Please call our church office at 536-9602 if you have any questions.
—Mel Billingsley

FOREVER LIMITLESS

"A UNITED METHODIST RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN"

August 3, 2013

8:00 am-7:00 pm

Wesley Foundation at UH Manoa

1918 University Ave. Honolulu, HI 86822

All young women ages 14-30 to attend FREE
Space is limited, register early!

Registration Deadline: JULY 27, 2013

Send registration(s) to:

Nicole Nonies, 94-223 Hikiku Pl., Mililani, HI 96789

Questions?

Phone: 808-224-0297

Email: futureleadersofthecalpacumw@gmail.com

The Hawaii UMW along with our Cal-Pac Limitless Team is offering this opportunity for all young women to attend this leadership retreat. We will worship, enjoy uplifting performances, informative workshops, and have the opportunity to make a difference by engaging in community service activities.

Join us!

For registration form see email address above. There are a limited number of scholarships available for neighbor island travel. This retreat is sponsored by the Future Leaders of the California-Pacific UMW/Hawaii UMW and Limitless Team.

BITS N' PIECES...

****** PERSONAL ******

With deepest sympathy to...

... the family of the late Reverend Sailitai Maga of the Alaska First Samoan UMC in Anchorage, Alaska. Local Church Pastor Maga passed away on May 15, 2013 at the age of 60 years. Before being appointed in Alaska, Pastor Maga was an active Lay Speaker in the Samoan congregation at Waianae UMC. He was the Coordinator of the Alaska/Seattle Samoan Caucus. He is survived by his wife, Finau and family. Notes of sympathy can be sent to: 1616 Dolina Circle, Anchorage, AK 99508

Please pray for...

...Retired Pastor Roby Correa's youngest daughter, Mrs. Michelle Dekle. Michelle suffered a stroke and is in rehabilitation getting stronger each day. She has been diagnosed to have Moyamoya Syndrome and is scheduled for brain surgery in 4-6 weeks. Her husband, Frank, is currently deployed in Afghanistan. Please pray for them and their young toddler daughter.

...Ten-year-old Megan Hayashida, niece of Rev. Tom and Mrs. Becky Choi. Megan is hospitalized with a serious infection in her knee and hip.

...Mrs. Sa'ofetalai Taufetee, wife of Pastor Faaagi Taufetee at Pacific Islanders UMC. She is scheduled for surgery on Monday, June 10. Pray for her recovery.

Please continue to pray for...

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

... Mr. Mark Britt, the adult son of Mrs. Caroline Britt, benefactor of the annual Britt Lectures.

... Mr. Dick Englar of Waianae UMC, our former 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.

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Gospel and Family Music Tour: A musical group, "The Northmen & Cathy", from Fort Wayne, Indiana, is interested in singing at events in the Hawaii District while they are in Honolulu from September 18-24, 2013. They sing at church services, concerts, luncheons or special meetings. Their website is www.thenorthmen.com. If interested, please contact them or contact Alan Godsey at (260) 348-5164.

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

6/16—Guam UMC—Pastor Johann Osias

6/23 —First Tongan UMC —Pastor Vaituulua Fonua

6/30—First UMC—Pastors Amy Wake & Linita Moa

7/7—Ewa Beach UMC—Pastor Panepasa Fifita

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2013

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

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
Sat., Jul. 27: Tour of Windward UM Churches - [tentative]
Mon., Jul. 29: Deadline for Aug.-Sep. Ka Leo Mekokiko

August 2013

Sat., Aug. 3; 12 noon: Dist. UMW LIMITLESS " " " ; 6:00 pm: Dist. UMW Team mtg.
Sat., Aug. 10; 9:00 am: **Mission Festival**; Christ Ch.
Thu.-Sun., Aug. 15-18: **Walk To Emmaus for Men**
Fri., Aug. 16: *Statehood Day*; District Office closed
Sat., Aug. 17; 9:00 am: HUMU Board mtg; Dist. Ofc.
Tue.-Wed., Aug. 20-21: W. Juris. College of Bishops meet

Thu.-Fri., Aug. 22-23: W. Juris. Mission Cabinet meet
Mon., Aug. 26: Deadline for Sep.-Oct. Ka Leo Mekokiko

September 2013

Mon., Sep. 2: *Labor Day*, District Office closed
Sat., Sep. 7; 8:30 am: DLT meeting ??
Tue.-Thu., Sep. 24-26: Clergy Convocation
Sat., Sep. 28: District UMW Annual Meeting; Wahiawa
Mon., Sep. 30: Deadline for Oct.-Nov. Ka Leo Mekokiko

October 2013

Sun., Oct. 6: *World Communion Sunday*
Mon., Oct. 28:Deadline for Nov.-Dec. Ka Leo Mekokiko

November 2013

Sat., Nov. 9; 9:00 am: Immigration Workshop; First UMC
Mon., Nov. 11: *Veterans' Day*; District Office closed
Sat., Nov. 16; 9:00 am: HUMU Board mtg.,Dist. Ofc.
Sun., Nov. 24: *United Methodist Student Day*
Mon., Nov. 25: Deadline for Dec.-Jan. 2014 Ka Leo Mekokiko
Thu.-Fri., Nov. 28-29: *Thanksgiving holiday*; Dist. Ofc. closed

December 2013

Tue., Dec. 24: *Christmas Eve*; Dist. Ofc. closed ½ day
Mon., Dec. 25: *CHRISTMAS*; District Office closed
Mon., Dec. 30: Deadline for Jan.-Feb. 2014 Ka Leo Mekokiko