



NEW HAWAII DISTRICT STRUCTURE

At the Hawaii District Conference meeting in May a new structure was proposed that would align with Cal-Pac to achieve better communication and better connections. The Hawaii District now has five essential ministry Teams:

- HUI Mission areas,
- Justice and Compassion
- Leadership
- Navigation / Resources
- New Ministries

For the next five months the Ka Leo Mekokiko will focus on one of these areas. This month Justice and Compassion will be featured. Falling under its umbrella are Church & Society, Disaster Relief, Global Ministries, Hunger, Peace with Justice, UM-Women, UMMen, Religion & Race, and Status & Role of Women. Selected to coordinate this area for Hawaii District is the Rev. Krista Givens of Kona UMC. Under this new structure, each particular area in a Ministry Team will be allowed to form its own committees, if desired.

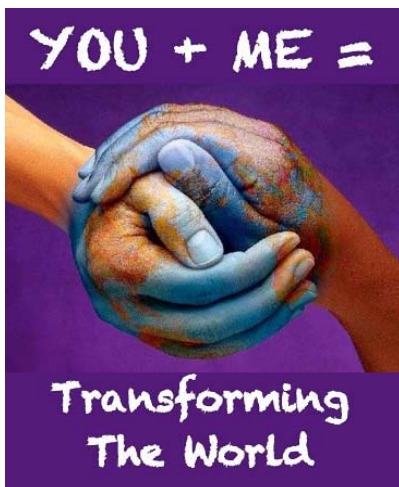
Serving as Interim Director of Justice and Compassion at the Conference level is the Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez. Jennifer has served Cal-Pac Immigration Task Force and on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles United Methodist Urban Foundation and the 1010 Development Corporation.

In 2012 Cal-Pac Conference had the highest total amount of designated giving and missionary support in the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. The Advance is the accountable, designated giving arm of the United Methodist Church the General Board of Global Mission ensures that 100% of each gift reaches its intended mission or ministry.

—from CalPac website

MISSION REMINDER

Hawaii District Mission Festival 2013 will be celebrated at Christ UMC, 1639 Keeaumoku 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).





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

E KOMO MAI TO OUR NEW PASTORS!

We have had a busy year of pastoral changes. Twelve congregations have new pastors. If they have come from outside of the district, I have indicated where they served previously:

Ala Lani (Tongan Ministry) and Kihei Tongan Mission—Panepasa Fifita

Ewa Beach English—Roby Correa

Ewa Beach Tongan—Vokotone Teaupā

West Kauai—Tyler Kaufmann, pastoral intern from Drew Theological School

Honoka'a—Peter Vaught from Sierra Vista UMC in the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, previously served Hilo and Kona during the 80's.

Olive—Sangman Shin from Del Rosa in California.

Kam-Nam—Jay Ahn from Emmanuel UMC in Denver, Colorado.

Keolumana—Joshua Clough

Kailua—Tim Ellington from Trinity UMC in San Diego, California.

Kilohana—Sam Domingo

Kahalu'u—Joseph Yun

Initial reports have all been good. We are blessed to have these pastors in our district!

MEETINGS WITH PASTORS

This year, my meetings with pastors shall focus on just a few things, other than what pastors may wish to discuss with me. First, I wish to have a report on attendance, finance, and the No. of discipleship building groups. Second, I wish to have each pastor come prepared to share a plan for discipleship building, stewardship, and evangelism. You will be contacted soon to set up these meetings.

COLLEGE OF BISHOPS AND JURISDICTIONAL MISSION CABINET IN HAWAII

The five episcopal leaders of our Western Jurisdictional College of Bishops and the Directors of Connec-tional Ministries from each annual conference will be in Hawaii for their regular meetings from about August 20-24. Several of them will be available to preach on August 18 and 25. Please let me know if you would be interested in having a bishop or conference leader preach at your church. Please note that if your church is on an island other than Oahu, you will be responsible for round trip travel from Oahu.

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

MESSAGE FROM S LILO VAKAUTA, District Lay Leader

THIS IS JULY THE SEVENTH MONTH OF THE YEAR 2013 AND PRAISE THE LORD AND THANKS TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD.

FOR HIS REVEAL SOME NEW AND IMPORTANT FACTS THIS MONTH.

To win any battle requires careful preparation. Preparation and obedience are the keys to unlocking victory. But, to win a battle on SEVEN DIFFERENT FRONTS requires DIVINE INTERVENTION - and DIVINE INTERVENTION requires OBEDIENCE.

In the book of Joshua, we read the story of the BATTLE OF JERICHO. Jericho was a strong, fortified city with massive walls. It was a city that appeared to be undefeatable...

BUT NOTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR GOD!

First, Joshua sent two spies to explore the city. These two spies were protected by Rahab. She recognized the power of the God of Israel and pleaded for the lives of her entire family.

The spies promised that the Lord would spare the lives of Rahab and her family if she would obey their instructions and tie SCARLET CORD to her window. When they carefully explained their instruction to Rahab, her response was:

If Rahab failed to PRECISELY follow the spies' instructions, the scripture is clear that God would not have intervened on her behalf. Rahab and her family would have suffered the same fate as the other residents of Jericho. But, because she was OBEDIENT, Rahab and her entire family were saved. Rahab later married and her descendants included both King David and Jesus. Her OBEDIENCE gave her a position of HONOR.

IN A FEW DAYS... EVERYTHING CAN CHANGE FOR YOU...

Oh Hawaii District, this is what the Lord wants to do for you! He wants to give you VICTORY over the battles you are facing and exalt you to a place of HONOR in His Kingdom! Those who formerly ignored you will now acknowledge you and honor you!

ARE YOU WILLING TO OBEY THE LORD AND LET HIM FIGHT THESE BATTLES FOR YOU?

God knows exactly how the enemy is trying to defeat you. He knows every tactic and every plan. Jehovah stands ready to come to your aid. Jehovah fought the battle of Jericho - and Jehovah is ready to fight your battles as well. He will fight and He will win! This is a "God-send" for you!

1. THE BATTLE OF SICKNESS

God will release HIS HEALING VIRTUE to strengthen your body.

2. THE BATTLE OF POVERTY

God will release SUPERNATURAL PROVISION so you can get what you want to have.

3. THE BATTLE OF HOPELESSNESS

God will RESTORE YOUR HOPE, changing your circumstances one-by-one.

4. THE BATTLE OF ADDICTION

God will SET YOU FREE from the things that are holding you back.

5. THE BATTLE OF FEAR

God will fill you with HIS LIMITLESS LOVE and destroy fear in your life.

6. THE BATTLE OF A TROUBLED SPIRIT

God will fill you with HIS PEACE - knowing He has everything under control.

7. THE BATTLE OF LONELINESS

God will surround you with HIS PRESENCE and draw the right people into your life.

Hawaii District, do you want to experience Divine Health? Do you want to tap into the riches of heaven and receive Supernatural Provision? Do you want HOPE - FREEDOM - LOVE - PEACE - RELATIONSHIPS? This is what the Lord has promised to you! In Jesus name our Lord and Saviour. We love you all Hawaii District.

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United Methodist MEN'S TOUR

The United Methodist Men are again leading a tour of the churches this July 27th. We will be meeting at the Harris Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and will visit 3 churches in town and East Oahu. At our final church stop we will be served a light lunch with a nominal cost.

We have sponsored a number of such tours over the last few years. Each tour has been a joy-filled experience for everyone involved. Either the pastor or a senior member of the congregation shares and talks story about their church and how each church has been involved in God's ministries to the peoples of Hawaii. When we visit the church, it is like being asked into a person's home and being able to share in their cherished memories. Come share some Methodist Aloha!

This tour is open to all. We would like to especially invite the young adults, including high school students, who may not be aware of the history of our local churches. For those who are somewhat unfamiliar with our history and our connectionalism, we highly recommend this as a way of learning who we are as Methodists in Hawaii. We do have a very special history.

As mentioned, the tour starts at 8:30 am (meeting time) at Harris and finishes at around 1 or 1:30 p.m. Because there is a luncheon involved, we do need a head count by July 20th at the latest. We also need drivers! Please contact Roman Leverenz by either calling (779-7084) and leaving a message or by e-mail (romlev003@gmail.com) You can also text message if you prefer.

—Roman Leverenz

CAMP MEKOKIKO

The chapel is being completed and work will begin on the next phase of the camp. Several groups have already committed themselves to helping at the camp throughout the next year. They come from Washington, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Missouri and Aiea, Hawaii.

Don't you or doesn't your church want to be a part of this experience? If so, contact Ted Lesnett at 935-0366.



Ohia logs supporting the chapel structure.

The framework completed for the chapel.



Volunteers from Honokaa UMC keeping the camp grounds maintained.

BITS N' PIECES...

***** PERSONAL *****

With deepest sympathy to...

...the family of the late John Clyde "J.C." Johnson. J.C. died on Friday, June 28th from pneumonia. He was a "pillar" at Hilo UMC and served many years on the Hawaii District level on the HUMU Board and on the District Planning & Strategy Committee [DPAS]. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Ellen at P.O. Box 551, Papaikou, HI 96720.

Please continue to pray for...

...Retired Pastor Roby Correa's youngest daughter, Mrs. Michelle Dekle. Michelle suffered a stroke and has been diagnosed to have Moyamoya Syndrome. She will be recuperating in Hawaii for six months while her husband, Frank, is in Afghanistan. Please pray for them and their young toddler daughter.

... 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.

"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

The 29th Annual California-Pacific Annual Conference met from June 13-15, 2013 at the University of Redlands in California. Our new Resident Bishop, Reverend Minerva Carcaño presided over this conference which had the theme, "How Firm A Foundation." Roughly 2,000 clergy and lay people gathered there from almost 400 churches located throughout Southern California, Hawaii, Guam and Saipan.

One of the main business items was the 2014 conference budget. The conference had overspent \$3.5 million in 2011, and it was found that several designated and reserve funds were inappropriately used to cover that deficit. This prompted the conference to do a thorough audit and study of its accounting system and policies in 2012. There were major cuts made in the 2014 budget so that it would balance realistically with apportionments collected. The 2014 budget was approved with the emphasis on the importance for local churches to pay their apportionments, clergy pension benefits and insurances. —Leilani Zukemura

Pacific Islanders Church Choir

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

7/21—Calvary UM Mission—Pastor Pastor Kyu Woo Nam

7/28 —Bethany Korean UMC—Pastor Myung Duk Han

8/4 --Aldersgate UMC—Pastor Emmanuel Cruz

8/11—Camp Mekokiko—Rev. Ted Lesnett, Manager (volunteer)



DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2013

Thu., Jul. 4: *Independence Day*; Dist. 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; 8:30 am: Tour of UM Churches; Harris
Mon., Jul. 29: Deadline for Aug.-Sep. Ka Leo Mekokiko

August 2013

Sat., Aug. 3; 8:30 am : Dist. UMW LIMITLESS; Wesley Foundation at UH-Manoa
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Sat., Aug. 10; 9:00 am: **Mission Festival**; Christ UMC
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: Meeting of the Western Juris. College of Bishops
Thu.-Fri., Aug. 22-23: W. Juris. Mission Cabinet
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 UMC
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*; District Office closed

December 2013

Tue., Dec. 24: *Christmas Eve*; District Office closed 1/2 day
Mon., Dec. 25: *CHRISTMAS*; District Office closed
Mon., Dec. 30: Deadline for Jan.-Feb. 2014 Ka Leo Mekokiko