



## JOINT Charge Conferences to be held this year

There will be major changes to how charge conferences will be conducted this year. The reason for this is that the Bishop and the Appointive Cabinet consider appointment making to be at the highest level of importance, so information must be gathered early to make the best decisions. To help achieve this, a new process for discerning appointments will be begun this year. At the December Cabinet meeting, each superintendent will present a review of his/her district's appointments.

In order to accomplish this, the following changes will take place:

1. Instead of each local church having their own Charge Conference, local churches will combine into a geographical or mission area, and a joint Charge Conference will be convened for that one particular mission area

These joint Charge Conferences need be completed before December 1<sup>st</sup>. All information related to appointments – salary and benefit forms, the SPRC request for appointment, and the pastor's request for appointment – are to be submitted before the Dec. 1 deadline.

A local church is expected to convene a Church/Administrative Council meeting at least two weeks before their scheduled Joint Charge Conference. At this meeting(s) your council will vote on what will be recommended regarding those all documents that need Charge Conference approval. The Charge Conference reports are to be submitted **NO LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED JOINT CHARGE CONFERENCE. THIS DEADLINE MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.** Here is the schedule:

<i>HUI / Mission Area</i>	<i>Churches</i>	<i>Date</i>
Hawaii Island	Hilo, Honoka'a, Kona	Sat., Nov. 2
Kauai	Lihue, West Kauai	Sun., Nov. 3
Maui	Ala Lani, Honolua, Kihei Tongan, Lahaina	Sun., Nov. 24
Micronesia	Guam, Immanuel	TBA
Oahu		
Central Oahu	Aiea, Aiea Korean, Bethany Korean, Olive, Trinity, Wahiawa	Sat., Nov. 23
East Honolulu	Beautiful Korean Mission, Christ, Kilohana, Pacific Islanders, Wesley, Wesley Foundation at UH Manoa	Thu., Nov. 14
Honolulu Central (Gridlock)	Aldersgate, Calvary Mission, Harris, Honolulu - First, Kam Nam	Thu., Nov. 7
Leeward Oahu	Ewa Beach, Kapolei, Kapolei Korean, Waianae	Sat., Oct. 12
Windward Oahu	First Tongan, Keolumana, Kahalu'u, Kahuku, Kailua, Parker	Tue., Nov. 12



## 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

### MAHALO NUI LOA FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!

Our Western Jurisdiction bishops and directors of connectional ministry send their warmest thanks to those churches that help host them during their visit August 20-23.

We give thanks to:

1. The churches that hosted sites and/or provided meals: Harris, Aldersgate, Christ, Kailua, Wesley, and First LAP at Pacific Islanders UMC.
2. The churches that provided gift items for the bishops: Aiea, Trinity, Kailua, Wahiawa, Honolulu First, Wesley, Harris, Christ, and Kilohana.
3. To Kahuku for hosting the bishops and DCM's at the Polynesian Cultural Center.
4. To the churches that hosted preachers: Aiea, Lahaina, Ala Lani, Kilohana, Trinity, Waianae, Kahalu'u, and Kapolei Mission.



*The Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops visited Oahu from August 20-23. From left to right: Bishop Grant Hagiya of the Greater Northwest Area; Bishop Bob Hoshibata from the Desert Southwest Annual Conference; our resident episcopal leader, Bishop Minerva Carcaño; Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, retired; Bishop Warner Brown of California-Nevada; Bishop Roy Sano, retired; and Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, Mountain Sky Area.*

Bishop Carcaño is very appreciative for the amazing hospitality of our district!

### JOINT CHARGE CONFERENCES THIS YEAR THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Appointment making is one of the most important aspects of the work of the bishop and superintendents. This year, in order to get as much information in a timely manner so that carefully considered decisions on appointments can be made, all information regarding pastoral appointments will be due by December 1 of this year. This means the Salary and Benefit forms, appointment preferences from the pastor and SPRC are all due before then.

In order to facilitate this deadline, the Hawaii District will be having joint charge conferences by geographical areas:

October 12 at 10:00 a.m.: Leeward Oahu	November 2 at 10 a.m.: Big Island
November 3 at 12 noon: Kauai	November 12 at 7:00 p.m.: Windward Oahu
November 14 at 7:00 p.m.: East Honolulu	November 23 at 10:00 a.m.: Central Oahu
November 24 at 1 p.m.: Maui	Micronesia is being arranged.

Sensitive information will be shared discretely: each church/ministry will only have its own written reports and motions will refer to the page numbers and information written on the page and will not be read aloud.

It is vitally important that the church councils meet at least two weeks in advance of the joint charge conference and basically have the work discussed thoroughly so that when the items come for approval at the charge conference, there will not be a need to discuss items for the first time. Any items that are incomplete or require longer discussion will be scheduled for a special charge conference to be called later.

Some of the California districts have already begun using this approach with positive feedback. I hope that we will have the same experience. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Grace and aloha,

*Pastor Tom*

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

This is the beginning of September, we say Praise our God Hawaii District for it is excitement for us! We want you to know that God is getting ready to give you the abundant life he promised in John 10:10!

He reminded us about your heartfelt prayer for His special touch in your life.

GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW ... HE HAS HEARD THE CRIES OF YOUR HEART, Hawaii District; your MIRACLE is on its way to you! In fact, the Lord specifically wants to share this verse with you from the Gospel of John 10:10

*"... I am come that they (YOU) might have life, and that they (YOU) might have it more abundantly."*

The Lord instructed to tell you not to take this promise lightly. IT IS FOR YOU! DIVINE ABUNDANCE is on its way!

Hawaii District, He wants to pour HIS DIVINE FAVOR upon your life and give you a LIFE OF SUPER-NATURAL BLESSING and PROSPERITY!

The Lord showed us some of the challenges you have been going through lately... this suffering with your life, the struggles, the heartaches, the betrayal of friends, and yes, doing without a new vehicles. GOD IS ABOUT TO GIVE YOU REAL VICTORY! The Holy Spirit will help you to put an end to your problems. He will quicken your mind to easily solve your personal difficulties. You'll have the indispensable knowledge to know when to act and how to act., without ever being mistaken again.

Hawaii District, I am writing today to tell you God is about to set you free! He is going to SUPER-NATURALLY bring you out of this dark and challenging season with HIS HEAVENLY POWER. You'll discern the slightest trap well before you fall into it. Very quickly you'll discover how to turn delicate situations to your advantage...

### **YOU ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF DIVINE FAVOR!**

The children of Israel were in captivity in Egypt for 430 years. That is such a long time to suffer... they had lost all hope. But God heard the cries of their heart and sent Moses to be their prophetic deliverer.

The Lord gives us the PROPHETIC WORDS to speak, and when you LISTEN TO HIS WORDS and OBEY HIS DIVINE INSTRUCTION - MIRACLES HAPPEN!

### **YOU ARE WALKING IN GOD'S FAVOR AND THE MIRACLE YOU NEED IS ON ITS WAY!**

Just think about the Israelites. They were oppressed by the Egyptians; they were mistreated; they were disregarded. The Israelites had no hope - but God sent them a PROPHET to lead them OUT OF BONDAGE into the PROMISED LAND.

At first, the Pharaoh said No - he would not let God's people go. Then, God sent TEN PLAGUES to Egypt. Pharaoh continued to say no NINE TIMES, but after the TENTH PLAGUE, Pharaoh let God's people go. In fact, the Bible tells us in Exodus 11:3

*And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians.*

Not only did God FREE THEM FROM BONDAGE - but also the very people who had mistreated Israel, put riches into their hands. The Israelites left with the wealth of Egypt, with GOD'S ABUNDANT PROVISION.

This AMAZING BLESSING ONLY happened because the people of God were OBEDIENT to the INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD and the WORD OF the PROPHET.

Hawaii District, Our Heavenly Father knows those who follow Him and those who disobey Him. Exodus 11:7 tells us:

*The Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.*

IN GOD'S EYES THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO OBEY HIM AND THOSE WHO IGNORE HIM. AMEN!

We love you all Hawaii District,

—Sione Lilo Vakauta , Servant of God

## SMALL GROUP DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING EVENT—OCTOBER 11-19, 2013

The Rev. Nicole Reilley, the interim Director of New Ministries of our Annual Conference will be coming to the Hawaiian Islands to offer training in developing discipleship groups. The Rev. Reilley has been a highly effective pastor in our annual conference, and she offers innovative ideas and track record for revitalizing churches. These training sessions are open to both clergy and lay people:

Friday morning, October 11: Oahu

Wednesday morning, October 16: Kona

Saturday morning, October 12: Hilo

Friday evening, October 18: Lihue

Sunday afternoon, October 13: Oahu

Saturday morning, October 19: West Kauai

Tuesday morning, October 15: Maui

Exact times and locations will be announced later.

## Worship Matters: Hawaii District - September 2013

More and more pastors and worship planners and leaders are turning to online and digital sources for preaching and worship. Their “library” is more and more online and on CD’s and DVDs. This doesn’t mean that everything in your pastoral or church library is passé. Nor does it mean that everything on line is theologically, pastorally or liturgically sound. What it does mean is that resources for planning and preparation have exponentially increased.

Over a decade ago I took a digital ministry course at Perkins School of Theology. Dr. Tom Boomershine cast a vision of a global interconnected worshiping church in which we would be able to link up with Christians in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and Europe. He also envisioned a day when most of the Bible would be told as digital story telling.

As I go online and explore, I am aware that what he envisioned is coming faster and more dramatically than I had imagined.

No doubt you have already discovered websites and digital resources that you find useful and compelling. Rather than my telling you where to go, I invite you to share with the district connection websites and CDs/ DVDs that you find useful for developing sermons and worship.

Send me the name or title, the link, and a brief statement of how you make use of the website or the CD/ DVD. I’ll gather those up and in a future article, share them with the district. [Send it to me](#). I’ll offer a few of my own next time. —Dan Benedict, District Worship

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The Charge Conference forms will be ready by the middle of September. The 2014 Minimum Salary Schedule is posted on the district website now: [hawaiidistrictumc.org](http://hawaiidistrictumc.org).

In addition, it is hoped that local churches in each mission area will become better acquainted and perhaps collaborate their ministries and efforts to reach out to the surrounding community by beginning to think beyond the boundaries of one’s own local church. When churches meet together, they will get to see what the other churches in their mission area are doing and hopefully ways to share and cooperate in a particular ministry will develop, i.e. VBS, youth group, joint choir events, joint worship for a special occasion, etc.

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

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### **Please pray for...**

...retired Pastor Ken Heflin, who served at Honolulu-First UMC as an Associate Pastor [1965-1969] and at Kailua UMC as Senior Pastor [1969-1979]. He underwent an unexpected major abdominal surgery on August 16. He is recovering at home. Get-well notes can be sent to him at: 1648 Santa Rosa Ave., Glendale, CA 91208-2025

... Mrs. Marienne Vergara, spouse of retired Pastor Alex Vergara. She fell and fractured her pelvis. She underwent surgery on Aug. 27. Get-well notes can be sent to her at: 91-896 Oaniani St., Kapolei, HI 96707.

...Prayers of praise and thanksgiving – Pastor Akiko Miyake-Stoner, daughter of Pastors Bob [Trinity UMC] and Nobuko [Harris UMC] Miyake-Stoner, found her pet cat. It ran away during the apartment building fire on July 30th that left Pastor Akiko and the other tenants without shelter.

### **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 still has episodes of memory loss, and is recuperating in Texas under the loving care of very dear friends while her husband, Frank, is working in Afghanistan.

... Chris Kemoeatu, son of the Reverend Manako and Mrs. Ahea Kemoeatu of Kahuku UMC. Chris is waiting for a kidney transplant. The transplant surgery is scheduled in the near future, and his brother, Make, will be the donor. Please pray for both of them.

... 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.

## **LOCAL CHURCH NEWS:**

On Saturday, September 14 Parker United Methodist Church in Kaneohe will celebrate its 85th Anniversary with a special worship service and luncheon. Kailua and Kahalu`u UM Churches will join in this celebration of the founding of all three churches by the Reverend Chinpei Peter C P. Goto. The highly energetic and athletic pastor and evangelizer arrived in Kaneohe in September 1927. He built his iconic ministry using the 3 Bs: baseball, the Bible, and the bicycle. He ministered for 27 years.

—from the Kahaluu United Methodist Church newsletter

Aiea UMC has partnered with Aiea Elementary School since 1985 to provide coupons, school supplies and tutoring to the school. They are currently donating "Keiki Bags" to students at St. Elizabeth Catholic School.

— from the Aiea United Methodist Church newsletter, *The Herald*.

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

9/22—Beautiful UM Mission—Pastor Taehyun O

9/29—Ala Lani UMC—Pastors Jaeman Li & Panepasa Fifita

10/6—Aiea Korean UMC—Pastors Hoyong Kim, K.S. Lee, I.K. Jun

10/13—Wesley Foundation—Reverend Charlene Zuill





**DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 2013**

Sat., Sep. 21; 9:00 am: DPAS meeting; Dist. Office  
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**

Sat., Oct. 5; 8:30 am: District TABLE mtg.-*postponed*  
Sun., Oct. 6: *World Communion Sunday*  
Sat., Oct. 12 10:00 am: **Leeward Oahu JOINT Charge Conferences**; Kapolei Korean chapel  
Mon., Oct. 28:Deadline for Nov.-Dec. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**November 2013**

Sat., Nov. 2; 10:00 am: **Hawaii JOINT Charge Conferences**; Honokaa UMC  
Sun., Nov. 3; 12 noon: **Kauai JOINT Charge Conferences**; Lihue MC  
Thu., Nov. 7; 7:00 pm: **Honolulu Central JOINT Charge Conferences**; Harris UMC  
Sat., Nov. 9; 9:00 am.Immigration Workshop; First  
Mon., Nov. 11: *Veterans' Day*; District Office closed

Tue., Nov. 12; 7:00 pm: **Windward Oahu JOINT Charge Conferences**; Parker UMC  
Thu., Nov. 14; 7:00 pm: **East Honolulu JOINT Charge Conferences**; Wesley UMC  
Sat., Nov. 16; 9:00 am: HUMU Board mtg.,Dist. Ofc.  
" " " ; 12 noon: ??Dist. UMW Team meeting  
Sat., Nov. 23; 10:00 am: **Central Oahu JOINT Charge Conferences**; Bethany Korean UMC  
Sun., Nov. 24: *United Methodist Student Day*  
" " " ; 1:00 pm: **Maui JOINT Charge Conferences**; Lahaina UMC  
Mon., Nov. 25: Deadline for Dec.-Jan. 2014 Ka Leo Mekokiko  
Thu.-Fri., Nov. 28-29: *Thanksgiving holiday*; Dist. Ofc. closed

**December 2013**

Sun., Dec. 1: Deadline for Pastor's 2014 Salary Package  
Tue., Dec. 24: *Christmas Eve*; Dist. Ofc. closed ½ day  
Mon., Dec. 25: *CHRISTMAS*; District Office closed  
Mon., Dec. 30: Deadline for Jan.-Feb. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**January 2014**

Sat., Jan. 11; 11:00am: Mekokiko Chapel Dedication  
Mon., Jan. 20: *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*; Dist. Ofc closed  
Mon., Jan. 27: Deadline for Feb.-Mar. Ka Leo Mekokiko