



BACK TO THE BASICS — Discipleship Groups

Workshops for Local Churches—OCTOBER 11-18, 2013

at various locations in Hawaii District Led by Rev. Nicole Reilley

“Messy Church” - a bonus workshop for Laity and Clergy on Oahu.

Our Wesleyan heritage and DNA is rooted in accountable discipleship groups. The Rev. Nicole Reilley brings an updated approach to this essential part of any ministry.

In addition, The Rev. Reilley will present a bonus workshop on Oahu entitled “Messy Church”, a multi-generational, monthly worship experience designed to introduce new people to your church... “*doing church in a way that is not typical of a church.*” Each church will need to register as a team of five individuals for this bonus workshop.

Friday - all day, October 11	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	“Messy Church”	Aiea UMC
Saturday morning, October 12	9:00-11:30 am	Small Groups Workshop	Hilo UMC
Sunday afternoon, October 13	1:00-3:30 pm	Small Groups Workshop	Parker UMC
Tuesday morning, October 15	9:00-11:30 am	Small Groups Workshop	Ala Lani UMC
Wednesday morning, October 16	9:30-12 noon	Small Groups Workshop	Kona UMC
Friday evening, October 18	6:30-9:00 pm	Small Groups Workshop	Kaumakani site

Rev. Nicole Reilley brings with her a passion for new ways of doing and being church. Her work as the developer and coordinator of the House Church Network, begun in 2011, has reignited a flame of Wesleyan commitment to reaching out to people where they find themselves in life. With a Master of Divinity Degree from Claremont School of Theology and 22 years in ministry, she has served at Hope UMC in Torrance, Shepherd of the Hills (RSM Campus), and Redondo Beach UMC. She currently serves as Cal-Pac’s Director of New Ministries (Interim). In her free time you will find her in the garden, reading and learning something new.

REGISTRATION for *BACK TO THE BASICS – Discipleship Groups Workshops*

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____ I will attend: Location: _____

REGISTRATION for *“MESSY CHURCH”* (on Oahu only)

Church: _____

PLEASE PRINT.

Names: _____

DEADLINE for all registration: Wed., Oct. 9, 2013

E-mail to: <calpachawaiidistrict@gmail.com>

Mail to: Hawaii District – Small Groups 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

Discipleship in Christian formation—prayer, study, meditation, etc.

Ministry using identified Gifts and Graces

Leadership development and training rooted in Christian formation

DISTRICT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN OCTOBER

Rev. Nicole Reilley, interim director of New Ministries for our annual conference will be in Hawaii to do training. On Oahu, there will be two types of training:

1. On Friday, October 11, from 9-3 at Aiea UMC, there will be training for an innovative new approach to reaching new people: Messy Church. It is a monthly, multi-generational, interactive experience designed to reach new people, particularly young families. Please see an introduction on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-785EU7uGzo>.

Among the many positive aspects of this approach, it can be done by churches of any size. In our annual conference, the La Tijera UMC, which has about 30 people in their regular worship, has started to do Messy Church, and has about 20 attending, including new families.

For those churches with a preschool, this should be seen as a "no-brainer," as it is a perfect way to make a connection with the non-churched families of your preschool.

For the training, Rev. Reilley wants 5 people from each church, including the pastor, to be present. Please contact me for more information.

2. On Sunday Afternoon from 1-3:30 at Parker UMC, there will be training on small group discipleship. This is an essential part of our Wesleyan DNA, and I encourage those of you whose churches have not yet developed an extensive small group discipleship program to take advantage.

THE UPSIDE OF HAVING JOINT CHARGE CONFERENCES

Several opinions have been shared about this season's joint charge conference schedule (Guam, Immanuel, and Na'alehu will have individual charge conferences because two do not have appointed pastors, and because of location). One of them is the concern that each congregation will not have the individual attention of the District Superintendent.

Instead of individual charge conferences, I will be meeting with each congregation individually at some point during the entire year instead of October through February. It will be a great opportunity to focus on the mission and ministry of each church beyond the business items. I will also meet with the SPRC at that time. I hope that by experiencing both the charge conference and individual congregational meeting, there will be a positive response. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA CAMPAIGN

The United Methodist Church has embarked on an ambitious campaign to raise 75 million dollars in the effort to eliminate the dreaded disease malaria. Our annual conference is issuing a challenge to raise 3 million dollars by June, 2014. The suggestion has been made for each United Methodist member to contribute \$100 or more toward this effort. For more information, follow this link: <http://www.imagenomalaria.org>

HAWAII DISTRICT LEADS IN APPORTIONMENT GIVING

I am so proud of our district. As of August, 2013, the Hawaii District is once again the leader in apportionment giving by percentage. In addition, 10 of our annual conference congregations have already given 100% of their connectional giving. Amazingly, six of them are Hawaii District churches: Kam-Nam UMC (103%), Pacific Islanders UMC (100%), Aldersgate UMC (100%), First Tongan UMC of Hawaii (100%), Honoka'a UMC (100%), Na'alehu UMC (100%). Congratulations to all!

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

MESSAGE FROM S LILO VAKAUTA, District Lay Leader

Hawaii District.. Praise God for His almighty power who guide us from the beginning of 2013 right to the end of September and the beginning of October. As apostle Paul told us "this is my final word be strong with the Lord and his almighty power".

While God loves all of His children, from time to time someone catches His eye and stirs His heart in a special way. **YOU HAVE TOUCHED THE HEART OF GOD!** He has given us a powerful prophetic word for us. In this we will reveal the **POWERFUL SECRET FORMULA** that will release **SUPERNATURAL MIRCLES** in your life!

On one occasion when Jesus was in Jerusalem, He was passing by the Pool of Bethesda. This pool was a place where the infirm would gather, waiting for a miracle.

In John 5, the Bible tells us that there was "a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water". They would stay there day and night hoping God would heal them and set them free.

Jesus spoke to the man that day and ask him if he wanted to be made well. The Bible says that the man simply responded that there was no one to help him into the pool and so he could never get there on time. How frustrating that must have been to watch other people receive their miracle for year after year, month after month, week after week and day after day.

Hawaii district, I know you can identify with how he must felt. For 38 years he continually missed the miracle of God in his life - the Divine Miracle that would change his life! Thirty-eight years of falling short... thirty-eight years of being number two - countless attempts to experience a miracle with no success!

But notice this... He **NEVER** stopped believing - He **NEVER** stopped hoping - He **NEVER** stopped trying - and now **HIS MIRACLE WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN**. God rewarded his faithfulness!

Hawaii District do you see the parallel here?

Hawaii District you have cried out to God for so long, you have suffered for so long, you have endured for so long - but you never stopped believing - you never stopped hoping - you never stop trying - and now your miracle is about to happen.

Jesus looked deeply into the man's eyes and Supernatural Power began to permeate the entire area. The divine power of Almighty God is real - it is tangible - it is powerful! Jesus extended His hand toward the man. After pausing only for a moment, the man reached out to Jesus in faith. When the man's faith met God's Supernatural Power, Divine healing energy was released and everything changed!

In that moment, all the years of waiting faded into insignificance as the man experienced the unplanned, unexpected, life-changing, world-rocking Power of God and entered into a new life of Divine Destiny.

Victory is on its way - This is your moment!

Today, as Jesus was passing by, you caught his eye! He knows your pain, he knows your frustration, and He knows your hopes and dreams. But the battle is over! Victory is coming your way! Complete deliverance is coming your way! Riches beyond your imagination are coming your way!

Jesus is passing by....

Do not miss this opportunity to join your faith with God's supernatural power!

We love you all Hawaii District.

—Sione Lilo Vakauta , Servant of God

Don't forget LAITY SUNDAY on October 20, 2103!

CAMP MEKOKIKO

Status of chapel: It is on schedule for completion in February. Currently lava rock and cement work continues.

Thanks to all those who helped Camp Mekokiko in successful Endowment month in September.

Members of the hardworking Honokaa and Kona Landscaping Team during a much needed break. →



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IMMIGRATION FORUM

On November 9, 2013 First Church of Honolulu will host the Western Jurisdiction Asian American and FACE Forum on Immigration. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. beginning with worship, centering participants with scripture on hospitality. You will hear the United Methodist position on immigration and migration. Moving and inspiring stories will be shared with those who live in the shadows of our churches and cities.

We will feature a panel who will speak to critical and current information on immigration concerns. The Rev. Stan Bain and immigration lawyers will join the panel.

We will end the day with a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served and fellowship will close our time together.

There is no registration or fee to participant in this forum. Everyone is invited. Bring your family, friends, church members for a day that may change their lives.

Come and join us for a conversation on comprehensive immigration reform.

—JoAnn Fukumoto

This Holy Mystery: One Online Worship Resource

Last month I invited district church leaders to suggest online resources that you find helpful in planning, leading and implementing worship. I continue that invitation. Let us know what you have found useful.

For this month I suggest one resource that I have found most helpful in teaching and interpreting the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. You can download this [*This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion*](#). The paper was adopted by the 2004 General Conference and is our current official teaching document on Holy Communion, both how we understand it and how we practice it.

Because the table of contents is internally linked to the sections of *This Holy Mystery*, it is easy to navigate. I urge pastors and laity to download the paper to your computer and make good use of it in your shared ministries of teaching and leading.

The published study edition of *This Holy Mystery* is available [Cokesbury](#) or [Amazon](#).

- Dan Benedict, District Worship Resource Director

Awareness on Organ and Tissue Donation (by Gay Porzio)

“Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday” is scheduled for November 10, 2013 in the United Methodist Calendar. This will be the 13th year since the General Conference 2000 urged all UM congregations to celebrate “Organ Donation Sunday” which is recognized in interfaith circles in the U.S. as “National Donor Sabbath” (See *Book of Resolutions* 2008, pp. 834-835). The Book of Discipline (§ 162) tells us that as Methodists, “we recognize the life-giving benefits of organ and other tissue donation and encourage all people of faith to become organ and tissue donors as a part of their love and ministry to others in need”.

Why donate?

There are over 130,195 people on the US waiting for an organ and **here in Hawaii there are 453 people waiting for organs** (414 kidney, 37 liver and 2 kidney-pancreas). Last year 30,400 organs were transplanted (25% of the list), but nearly 7,000 (20 from Hawaii) potential recipients died while waiting. The only way to save more of these lives is for everyone who has the opportunity to donate to do so.

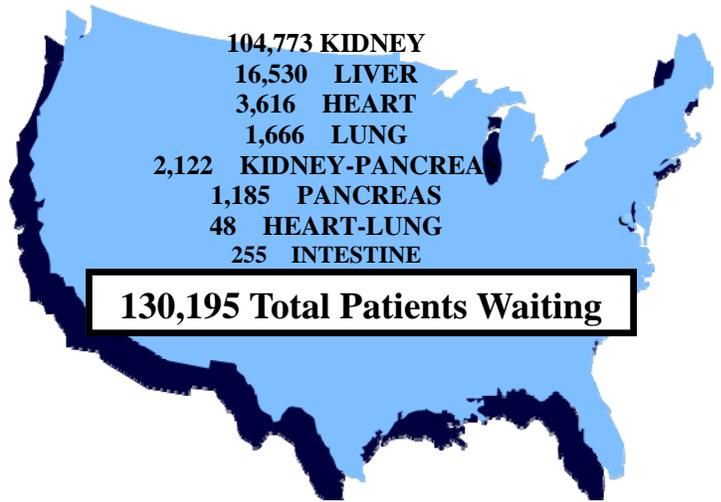
How can I become an organ/tissue donor?

There are three ways one can become a registered organ and tissue donor. 1.) Online registry through the website: legacyoflifehawaii.org (click on the icon “sign up today” and you will be directed to the Hawaii Donor Registry). 2.) When applying for or renewing a driver’s license. 3.) When applying or renewing a Hawaii State ID.

What can I donate and how can people benefit?

In Hawaii, you may donate your heart, pancreas, liver, lungs, and kidneys for life saving organ transplants. You can also donate tissues such as corneas, bone, tendons, and skin for life enhancing surgical procedures to replace damaged or diseased tissues. An example of such a procedure would be a cornea transplant to restore sight.

Legacy of Life Hawaii (formerly known as the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii) is the only federally designated non-profit organ and tissue procurement organization. Their Mission Statement is “to save and enhance lives through recovering organs and tissues for transplant; encourage organ donation through community outreach and education; and honor and support organ donors and their families. You can check out their website: www.legacyoflifehawaii.org for more information. If you have any questions or need more information regarding organ and tissue donation please give LLH (Legacy of Life Hawaii) a call at 808-599-7630.



MAKE IT HAPPEN! — UMW ASSEMBLY 2014

Women from all over the United States and mission partners from around the world will join in the 19th quadrennial Assembly of the United Methodist Women in Louisville, KY. “Make It Happen” is the theme for the faith-filled, spirit-lifting gathering of thousands of women of every ethnicity, background and region.

The deadline for early registration is coming soon. For more information about Assembly, please call Anissa New-Walker, 222-870-3849, or awalker@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Is your church or preschool in compliance?

Does your church have a GET (Hawaii State General Excise Tax) license?

If yes, did your church file the annual GET return?

Hawaii's General Excise Tax applies at "all levels of economic activity . . . and to virtually all good and services." This tax is applicable to individuals, trusts, partnerships, for-profit corporations and **even non-profit organizations** that are otherwise exempt from tax.

The GET is a gross income tax imposed on receipts from business in Hawaii. It applies to almost all business activities including wholesale/retail sales of personal tangible property, provision of services, receipts of commissions, and leasing/rental activities. School tuitions are receipts for services. Fundraisers where something is sold are considered a business activity – since its primary purpose is the production of income even if the income is ultimately used in furtherance of exempt activities. Income from renting parking stalls or rooms is a business activity. Income from these business activities are subject to GET tax.

In June 2010 "General Excise Tax Protection Act", also known as "Act 155" was enacted into law. Act 155 requires that non-profit organizations apply for GET licenses and file annual GET reconciliation returns even when no tax is owed. If your church/preschool does not comply, you risk losing certain tax benefits (one of which is the eligibility for GET exemption).

All non-profit organizations should take at least three steps to ensure compliance with Act 155 and Hawaii's GET laws:

- All non-profit organizations regardless of size should apply on Form BB-1 to obtain a GET license;
- All non-profit organizations should file an annual GET reconciliation return [Form G-49], even if that return shows no GET liability. [Additionally, periodical returns – (monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually depending on the level of tax liability) – are required to report gross income and pay GET taxes.]; and
- All non-profit organizations eligible to do so should apply on Form G-6 to obtain a limited exemption for the GET if they have not already done so

You can find the forms at this website, < http://www.state.hi.us/tax/a1_b2_1geuse.htm>. If your church has questions about filing for a GET license or for a GET exemption, please call the District Office at PH: 536-1864 [Hawaii Neighbor Islands: 1-800-246-1134] and ask for Rosie.

[Information in this article was gleaned from an article written by Trevor Asam in the Nov. 2010 "Hawaii Bar Journal."]

TAKE NOTE: There will be more articles on the subject of compliances for the local church in future issues of the Ka Leo Mekokiko.

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Congratulations to...

...Mr. Keith Isaacson of Wahiawa United Methodist Church. On September 29th he was awarded life-time membership in the national organization of the United Methodist Men. Keith served over eight years as the Hawaii District UMM President.

...Kahaluu United Methodist Church on their 82nd Anniversary.

Deepest sympathy to...

...the family of the late Mrs. Doris Jean McNabb. She died on September 16, 2013 and was the spouse of the late Rev. Robert McNabb who served Wesley UMC back in 1950. Notes of sympathy can be sent to her daughter, Mrs. Marjori Matsushita, daughter-in-law of retired Pastor Richard Matsushita, at: 2255 Hulali Place, Honolulu, HI 96819.

Please pray for...

...retired Pastor Langi Fine. He is in very critical condition having suffered several strokes; he is in Intensive Care at the hospital in Tonga. The prospect of his recovery is uncertain. Pray for his recovery, for Anesiu, his wife, and for his family as they travel to Tonga.

...Mrs. Debbie Wise of Guam UMC. She will have undergone surgery removing an inflamed appendix at Guam Memorial Hospital. Debbie was recognized as Lay Woman of the Year at the 2013 California-Pacific Annual Conference.

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 hopefully scheduled for the later part of October, and his brother, Maake, 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.

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**2014 Hunger Grant Applications** are available now. Hunger Grant funding comes from apportionment and designated giving for local church hunger ministries across the Conference.

**UMCOR** is in great need of funds to assist families in Colorado and across the West during the natural disasters that have occurred during the past couple of months.

**2013 Charge Conference forms** are available at either the district website or the Cal-Pac website.

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

10/20—Kona UMC —Pastors Krista Givens & Makakai Tatafu

10/27—Wesley UMC—Pastor Piula Ala`ilima

11/3—Waianae UMC—Pastors Debra Murray & Sione Taukolo

11/10—Wahiawa UMC—Pastor Frances Wiebenga



DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2013

Sat., Oct. 5; 8:30 am: District TABLE mtg - postponed
 Sun., Oct. 6: *World Communion Sunday*
 Fri., Oct. 11; 9:00 am: "**Messy Church**" **Workshop**;
 Aiea UMC
 Sat., Oct. 12; 9:00 am: **[Hilo] Back to the Basics**
Workshop; Hilo UMC
 " " " ; 10:00 am: **Leeward Oahu JOINT**
Charge Conferences; Kapolei Korean chapel
 Sun., Oct. 13; 1:00 pm: **[Oahu] Back to the Basics**
Workshop; Parker UMC
 Tue., Oct. 15; 9:00 am: **[Maui] Back to the Basics**
Workshop; Ala Lani UMC
 Wed., Oct. 16; 9:30 am: **[Kona] Back to the Basics**
Workshop; Kona UMC
 Thu., Oct. 17; 7:30 pm: Ewa Beach 213 Task Force
 meeting; Ewa Beach UMC
 Fri., Oct. 18; 6:30 pm: **[Kauai] Back to the Basics**
Workshop; Kaumakani site
 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 UMC
 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.,Wesley
 " " " ; 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*; District Office
 closed

December 2013

Sun., Dec. 1: Deadline for Pastor's 2014 Salary Package
 Sat., Dec. 7; 10:00 am: D.S. Committee meeting
 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

January 2014

Wed., Jan. 1: *New Year's Day*; Dist. Office closed
 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