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The 2014 Britt Lectures

The annual Britt Lectures were established by the late Dr. Clarence and Caroline Britt in 1980 and is a ministry of the Hawaii District of the United Methodist Church. The lectures are designed to bring the best scholars and speakers to Hawaii on theology, Bible, and faith related subjects.

The lectures are held on Presidents Day Weekend, this coming year on February 14-17, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church of Honolulu. The lectures are at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. A workshop for clergy is from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Monday.

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This year's lecturer is **the Reverend Mike Slaughter**, lead pastor at Ginghamburg Church in Ohio. Pastor Mike is the three-decade dreamer of Ginghamburg Church and spiritual entrepreneur of ministry marketplace innovations. His life-long passion to reach the lost and set the oppressed free has resulted in his church growing from 60 to over 5000 in attendance. Through Pastor Mike's leadership, many small churches have been revitalized and become thriving, multi-generational and multi-ethnic churches. This will be the focus of Pastor Mike's lectures.

Pastor Mike's passion for outreach has now made him a tireless and leading advocate for the displaced children, women and men of Darfur, Sudan. Since initiating The Sudan Project in January 2005, Ginghamburg has invested over \$6.4 million into humanitarian relief in Darfur. As a mentor, Pastor Mike travels globally to speak and use his "gift of irritation" to equip ministry leaders to minimize brick and maximize mission so that they may fully deploy the mission of Jesus into the world.

Pastor Mike is also the author of multiple books for church leaders. For more information about Mike, visit www.mikeslaughter.com

Pastor Mike's wife **Carolyn Slaughter** is an adult ministries specialist and provides leadership to two of the covenantal ministries of Ginghamburg Church—membership and marriage preparation. Carolyn is the author of *Following Jesus: Steps to a Passionate Faith* curriculum (Abingdon Press), which Ginghamburg uses and other churches have adopted to prepare attendees for membership. In 2003, Carolyn received the Harry Denman Award for Evangelism for the West Ohio Conference and has been a key ministry partner with husband Mike Slaughter for over 40 years. Carolyn will be presenting a special workshop on effective new member classes on Saturday, February 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at First UMC Honolulu.





Ministry Musings from the District Superintendent
FOCUS: Through Discipleship and Witness
We Strengthen Churches for the Present,
Build Churches to Ensure the Future.

DISTRICT CHRISTMAS GIVING LIST

As we consider what gifts to give to honor the King of Kings, I recommend the following two ministries in our district for our churches and individuals to consider:

First LAP (Life After Prison) is an innovative ministry that provides structure, accountability, and most important, spiritual guidance for those newly released from prison. It has a 67% success rate, far greater than government sponsored programs. First LAP received the 2013 Restorative Justice Award for the state of Hawaii for the positive relationships the program has fostered with the communities at large because of the services rendered by the program. The program is supported through low cost rent (necessary because the participants always begin unemployed and often have lower paying jobs in the beginning) that does not cover all of the necessary expenses of the program. Your financial gifts will go along way in supporting this program.

The Wesley Foundation at UH Manoa is our district campus ministry. It has long been one of the most vibrant and active of the campus ministries in our annual conference. Because the annual conference no longer supports the salaries of the campus ministers, local church and individual support is critical to continuing campus ministry.

Please make checks payable to HUMU and note in the memo section "District Christmas Giving" (when designated this way, the gifts will be shared 50/50), or you may designate gifts specifically. Thank you for your generosity!!

CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS ARE DUE!!

Our district has a proud tradition of being at or close to 100% apportionment giving, although we have never actually achieved 100% during my time as DS. I hope that we can achieve this milestone this year. The absolute, in their hands (NOT postmarked) deadline is January 10. If you bring your checks to the district office by Friday, January 3, I will be happy to hand deliver your 2013 apportionments to the conference center.

MAHALO NUI LOA FOR THE GIFTS YOU ALL ARE

On behalf of my family, I want to thank you for being such a wonderful district, filled with aloha. I am honored and blessed to have been your pastoral leader these past 3 1/2 years. Thanks to our clergy and our laypeople for continuing to lead our churches into this century. Special thanks to our staff: Leilani, Rosie, plus our volunteer staff—Alvin and Marilyn.

May this Christmas be a true experience of the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Grace and aloha, *Pastor Tom*

MESSAGE FROM S LILO VAKAUTA, District Lay Leader

This is the last month of 2013; we all say, "Praise God for you guiding, healing and blessing the Hawaii District."

It doesn't matter how bad things are in the natural. God is a God of more than enough. When you obey God's Word, you release a flow of God's power that can change everything in your life... and do it an instant.

I'm telling you, Hawaii District, God is using this ministry to bring you within reach of the very things you've longed for in your heart. The biggest mountains in your life are about to be removed and you will be propelled by Holy Spirit Power into a release of victory and blessings you've never experienced before.

Hawaii District, right now express our trust toward God and say, "LORD JESUS, I TRUST YOU WITH ALL I HAVE AND ALL I AM AND ALL I EVER WILL BE. AND I KNOW I NEED YOU TO BLESS, KEEP, DIRECT AND LOVE ME. THANK YOU, LORD JESUS, FOR MY BLESSING; I KNOW HAT THE BEST IS YET TO COME!"

Let's look at the first piece of advice for your success:

Have you ever noticed that words have great importance in your everyday life? And that according to the degree of importance you give them, you create conditions of limitations or conditions that bring about success? For example, these words: "I never get my fair share; life only brings me unhappiness; life is so sad; I have no confidence in my future; why me and not someone else; etc., etc., etc. So from now on for an entire week, think about the words you're going to say (Matthew 12:37). **Line up your confession with the Word of God and chase away negative words!**

After this first week passes, repeat these words as often as you possibly can: "Love, money, happiness, health, joy, confidence, success, friendship, glory and WEALTH."

I'm your spiritual adviser, Hawaii District. That's why I'm asking you to do what I tell you to do. My only aim is to help you and bring you into happiness and success. That's why I'm revealing these secrets of success to you. These secrets may seem like nothing, but believe me, these words you're going to say are going to create a condition of success that will probably bring you extraordinary happiness.

I suggest we look at a second piece of advice for success:

While you're practicing the words, take this opportunity to try and do something for others, once a day. It can just be something small, but it is important to do it as sincerely as possible, with all your heart. **Remember, God said, what you make happen for others, He is obligated to make happen for you.** Sometimes a simple smile or a kind word of encouragement is all it takes to bring God on the scene.

I won't go into great detail here because I have so much more to share with you. But let me emphasize that **these actions are VERY IMPORTANT**. If you are helpful and generous with others, Heaven will return your kindness many times over. This is one of God's eternal laws.

Let's look at a third piece of advice for success now:

Every day it is important to feed your spirit by communing with God through prayer. It is also important to use your faith vision every night and visualize a desire that is dear to you. Then imagine flying towards your dreams and desires. See the angels of God working for you to bring this desire to you. When you see these angels, imagine their divine light melting into you, flooding your body with a golden light. **Everything I am suggesting to you, Hawaii District, we have seen in the spirit just by touching prayer.**

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Changes in the District Office – some short-term; some permanent

OFFICE HOURS - The District Office will be closed at 12:00 noon [1/2 day] on December 24, Christmas Eve and on December 31, New Year's Eve. It will be closed on Christmas Day [December 25] and on New Year's Day [January 1].

During the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day [December 23-27 and December 30-January 3], business phone hours will be from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. Leilani Zukemura, the district Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation from December 18th – January 3rd. She will return on January 6, 2014; if possible, please hold your concerns till then. Also during this period (12/18/13-1/3/14), appointments to see the District Superintendent can be made by e-mailing your request to Reverend Tom Choi at DSHawaiiUMC@gmail.com.

CHANGES IN E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR STAFF - Effective immediately:

District Superintendent Tom Choi's new e-mail: DSHawaiiUMC@gmail.com
 Administrative Assistant Leilani Zukemura: distsec.humu@gmail.com
 Accounting Officer Rosie Jacinto: hmustaff@gmail.com
 Volunteer Alvin Maeda: hmuclerk@gmail.com



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

12/29—Lihue United Church—Pastors Wesley Elmore and Tevita Namoa

1/5—Lahaina UMC — Pastor Paul Tangonan

1/12—West Kauai UMC—Pastor Tyler Kaufmann

### 2014 Hawaii District Prayer Calendar for Local Churches

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/5 - Lahaina UMC - Pastor Paul Tangonan                                       | 7/13 – District Office – Rev. Tom Choi, Leilani, Rosie, Alvin, Marilyn |
| 1/12 - West Kauai UMC Pastor Tyler Kaufmann                                    | 7/20 - Kihei Tongan UM Mission - Pastor Panepasa Fifita                |
| 1/19 - Kilohana UMC - Pastors Sam Domingo & Petueli Taupo'u                    | 7/27 - Beautiful UM Mission - Pastor Taehyun O                         |
| 1/26 - Keolumana UMC - Pastor Joshua Clough                                    | 8/3 - Ala Lani UMC - Pastors Jaeman Lim & Panepasa Fifita              |
| 2/2 - Kapolei Korean UM Mission - Pastor SonHye Kim                            | 8/10 - Aiea Korean UMC - Pastors Hoyong Kim, K.S. Lee, I.K. Jun        |
| 2/9 - Kapolei UM Mission - To Be Supplied                                      | 8/17 - Wesley Foundation - Reverend Charlene Zuill                     |
| 2/16 - Kam-Nam UMC - Pastor Jay Ahn                                            | 8/24 - Kona UMC Pastors Krista Givens & Makakai Tatafu                 |
| 2/23 - Kailua UMC - Pastors Tim Ellington & Sam Cox                            | 8/31 - Wesley UMC - Pastors Piula Ala'ilima & Ralph Honjo              |
| 3/2 - Kahuku UMC - Pastor Manako Kemoeatu                                      | 9/7 - Waianae UMC - Pastors Debra Murray & Sione Taukolo               |
| 3/9 - Kahaluu UMC – Pastor Joseph Yun                                          | 9/14 - Wahiaua UMC - Pastor Frances Wiebenga                           |
| 3/16 - Immanuel UMC – To Be Supplied                                           | 9/21 - Trinity UMC - Pastors Robert Miyake Stoner & Solomon Uluave     |
| 3/23 - Honolua UMC - Pastor Tevita Maile                                       | 9/28 - Parker UMC - Pastor Andrew Lee                                  |
| 3/30 - Honokaa UMC - Pastor Peter Vaught                                       | 10/5 - Pacific Islanders UMC - Pastor Faaagi Taufetee                  |
| 4/6 - Hilo UMC - Pastors Malyong Yi & Olivia Latu                              | 10/12 - Olive UMC - Pastors Sangman Shin & Suega Leui                  |
| 4/13 - Harris UMC - Pastors N. Miyake Stoner, R. Mangayayam                    | 10/19 - Naalehu UMC - To Be Supplied                                   |
| 4/20 - Guam UMC - Pastor Johann Osias                                          | 10/26 - Guam Korean UM Mission – Pastor In Ki Lee                      |
| 4/27 - First Tongan UMC - Pastor Vaituulua Fonua                               | 11/2 - Lihue United Church - Pastors Wesley Elmore & Tevita Namoa      |
| 5/4 - First UMC - Pastors Amy Wake & Linita Moa                                | 11/9 - Lahaina UMC - Pastor Paul Tangonan                              |
| 5/11 - Ewa Beach UMC - Pastor Roby Correa & Vaokotone Teaupa                   | 11/16 - West Kauai UMC Pastor Tyler Kaufmann                           |
| 5/18 - Christ UMC - Pastors Nak In Kim, B.S. Kim, C.M. Lee,<br>S. Nam, H.C. Om | 11/23 - Kilohana UMC - Pastors Sam Domingo & Petueli Taupo'u           |
| 5/25 - Calvary UM Mission - Pastor Kyu Woo Nam                                 | 11/30 - Keolumana UMC - Pastor Joshua Clough                           |
| 6/1 - Bethany Korean UMC - Pastor Myung Duk Han                                | 12/7 - Kapolei Korean UM Mission - Pastor SonHye Kim                   |
| 6/8 - Aldersgate UMC - Pastor Emmanuel Cruz                                    | 12/14 - Kapolei UM Mission - To Be Supplied                            |
| 6/15 - Camp Mekokiko - Reverend Ted Lesnett, Manager (volunteer)               | 12/21 - Kam-Nam UMC - Pastor Jay Ahn                                   |
| 6/22 - Camp Kokee - Lyndon Yamane & Becky Komaki                               | 12/28 - Kailua UMC - Pastors Tim Ellington & Sam Cox                   |
| 6/29 - Susannah Wesley Community Center - Ronald Higashi (Exec Dir)            |                                                                        |
| 7/6 - Aiea UMC – Pastors Jim White, Joe Siofele, Peter Lee                     |                                                                        |

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

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

...Mrs. Patricia White, mother of Pastor Jim White who serves at Aiea UMC. She has been experiencing low platelet counts after going through an intense chemotherapy treatment, but there has been some positive results from the treatment. Keep praying for her recovery.

...Mrs. Teri DeVera, a devout member of Honokaa UMC on the Big Island. Her health has been failing and she suffers from severe osteoporosis. Recently she fell and broke her sternum, several ribs and 4 vertebrae in her back and her left hip. She was very active in the district and in the district UMW. Get-well notes can be sent to her at P.O. Box 562, Honokaa, HI 96727.

### **Deepest sympathy to...**

...Mrs. Maribel Barton, a member of Kapolei United Methodist Mission and Myla Onellion and their family for their loss of their sisters – Grace (47) and Michelle (30), and their nieces – Gellie (20), Donna Mae (19) and Mary Grace (8) and their nephews – Matthew (9) and Miko (3) in the super Typhoon Haiyan that hit the Philippines on November 8, 2013. Maribel and the family are currently trying to get their 15-year old nephew, Jason – the only survivor – to Hawaii.

...Mrs. Leva Karapani and Mrs. Su'e Siofele and their families on the passing of their uncle, High Talking Chief Vaiola Lauti in Samoa. The late Chief Lauti was a long time member of the Fetuao UMC in Torrance, California before moving back to Samoa to become the High Talking Chief. Leva is the wife of retired Pastor Misipati Karapani and Su'e is the wife of the Reverend Joseph Siofele, Associate Pastor at Aiea UMC for the Samoan-speaking congregation.

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

...Retired Pastor Roby Correa's youngest daughter, Mrs. Michelle Dekle. Michelle has been diagnosed to have Moyamoya Syndrome. She continues to be under the loving care of very dear friends in Texas 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 has not been scheduled yet; 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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**DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**December 2013**

Tue., Dec. 24: *Christmas Eve*; Dist. Ofc. closed ½ day  
Mon., Dec. 25: *CHRISTMAS*; District Office closed  
Tue., Dec. 31: *New Year's Eve*; Dist. Ofc. closed ½ day  
Mon., Dec. 30: Deadline for Jan.-Feb. 2014 Ka Leo Mekokiko

**January 2014**

Wed., Jan. 1: *New Year's Day*, District Ofc closed  
Sat., Jan. 4; ? : Justice & Compassion EMT meeting  
Sat., Jan. 11; 11:00am: Mekokiko Chapel Dedication  
?Wed., Jan. 15; 10:00 am: Church Location & Bldg. Meeting; Aiea UMC

Mon., Jan. 20: *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*; Dist. Ofc. closed  
" " " " ; 8:30 am: **MLK Parade**

Sat., Jan. 25; 9:00 am: HUMU Board meeting  
" " " " : DPAS meeting [tentative]

Mon., Jan. 27: Deadline for Feb.-Mar. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**February 2014**

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 8-9; Guam UMC & Immanuel UMC Charge Conferences

Fri.-Mon., Feb. 14-17: **Britt Lectures**; First UMC  
Sat., Feb. 15; 8:30 am: UMW Mid-Winter Event  
Mon., Feb. 17: *Presidents' Day*; District Office closed  
Mon., Feb. 24: Deadline for Mar.-Apr. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**March 2014**

Sat., Mar. 22: **Visioning Hawaii District with Bishop; District Conference** [Tentative]

Wed., Mar. 26: *Prince Kuhio Day*; Dist. Office closed  
Mon., Mar. 31: Deadline for Apr.-May Ka Leo Mekokiko

**April 2014**

Sun., Apr. 13: *Palm Sunday*  
Thu., Apr. 17: *Maundy Thursday*  
Fri., Apr. 18: *Good Friday*; District Office closed  
Sat., Apr. 19: HUMU Board mtg. [tentative]  
Sun., Apr. 20: **EASTER Sunday**  
Mon., Apr. 28: Deadline for May-Jun. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**May 2014**

Sat., May 3: Ann. Conf. Pre-Conference Briefings??  
Thu.-Sun., May 22-25: **Walk to Emmaus for Men**  
Mon., May 26: *Memorial Day*; District Office closed  
" " " " : Deadline for Jun.-Jul. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**June 2014**

Wed., Jun. 11: *King Kamehameha Day*; Dist. Ofc. closed  
Wed.-Sat., Jun. 18-21: Cal-Pac Annual Conference  
Mon., Jun. 30: Deadline for Jul.-Aug. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**July 2014**

Fri., Jul. 4: *Independence Day*; Dist. Ofc. closed.  
Mon., Jul. 28: Deadline for Aug.-Sep. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**August 2014**

Thu.-Sun., Aug. 7-10: **Walk to Emmaus for Women**  
Fri., Aug. 15: *Statehood Day*; District Office closed  
Sat., Aug. 16: HUMU Board meeting [tentative]  
Mon., Aug. 25: Deadline for Sep.-Oct. Ka Leo Mekokiko

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