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Three Key Meetings to held on Saturday, May 19th

The annual Hawaii District Conference, the annual Hawaii United Methodist Union [HUMU] meeting, and the district’s Cal-Pac Pre-conference Briefing are the three key meetings that will all take place on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Parker United Methodist Church, located at 45-211 Waikalua Road in Kaneohe (near the Benjamin Parker Elementary School).

The focus for the District Conference is “Rewarding Habits in Ministry”. The plan is to share several examples of ministries or practices in our local churches that are “rewarding” in that it brings people to church. These brief presentations will be interspersed throughout the morning so that it won’t be business only.

The conference and HUMU Annual meeting will end by lunch time and lunch will be served in a “picnic” atmosphere where the attendees and children can relax and have good fellowship together.

Then those who will be attending Annual Conference session in June, will reconvene for the Pre-conference Briefing at 1:30 p.m. back in the sanctuary. This includes all clergy and the each local church’s Lay Member(s) to Annual Conference.

The registration form can be found on the Hawaii District website, <HawaiiDistrictUMC.org>; click on “Upcoming Events”. If you need more information or assistance, call the District Office at PH: 536-1864.

2012 Spring Clergy Gathering on Friday, May 18th

The Reverend Scott Andrews of Shepherd of the Valley A United Methodist Church in Indio, California has been invited to be the key resource person for the 2012 Spring Clergy Gathering. It will be held at St. Stephen’s Retreat Center on Friday, May 18th from 8:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.

Pastor Andrews will share his personal story on his experiences in growing a small church into a vital ministry in high desert of Southern California. He will also talk about the innovating ideas for evangelism - what worked and what did not work.

The registration form will be e-mailed to active pastors and also posted on the district website after April 18th.





Ministry Musings from the District Superintendent

“To develop healthy, life-changing, missional, multi-generational, prayerful, and covenantal congregations and ministries that make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

GENERAL CONFERENCE FROM APRIL 24-MAY 4

This year’s United Methodist General Conference is certain to be one that will change the denomination for better or worse in the years to come. Your Hawaii delegates that are attending (JoAnn Fukumoto, Norma Kehrberg, and myself) will need your prayers as we and the other delegates from all over the world consider the legislation that will direct our denomination. The Upper Room website has links to prayers for our time: <http://50daysofprayer.upperroom.org>. For more information on the General Conference itself, follow this link: www.gc2012.umc.org.

Please pray for us and our United Methodist Church.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE ON MAY 19

The 2012 Hawaii District Conference will be on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. -12 noon at Parker United Methodist Church in Kaneohe. The conference will be followed by lunch picnic (bring blankets and picnic chairs!) with special touches, such as a shave ice booth; after lunch there will be the Annual Conference Pre-Conference Briefing for all clergy members and Lay Members to Annual Conference beginning at 1:30 p.m. (Please encourage your Lay Member to Annual Conference to attend the District Conference and the Pre-Conference Briefing that follows.)

The focus for this conference is *“Rewarding Habits in Ministry”*. The recently published book The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business by Charles Duhigg has influenced me to reflect on how churches inspire regular participation in churches by providing the appropriate cues, routines, and rewards that keep people coming back to ministry options again and again. The key question that will be asked is: How is each thing that we do in ministry rewarding to those we want to participate?

District Conference is the starting place for this. Rather than just a standard (and boring) business meeting, we are going to attempt to make this District Conference a more rewarding experience. The schedule will be different, agenda items are to be presented in a more engaging manner, and we will have fun and celebrate!

SHARING BEST PRACTICES AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

As a part of our District Conference, I am inviting some of our churches to share exciting practices that have proven to be very effective in creating a rewarding habit of ministry, especially in the area of bringing people to church or in outreach. Please email me at dshawaii@umc.org for your proposal. It needs to be something that can be utilized in other churches and the presentation itself must be creative. Thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAM-NAM UMC!

Kam-Nam UMC, pastored by Rev. Sangyong Jung, is the first church in our annual conference to give 100% of its 2012 apportionment! We are grateful also to First Tongan UMC, which has given 97.2% of its 2012 apportionment. As a district, we are at about 24%, which is the highest giving among our districts. We thank you for your continued generosity and pray that we will continue our superlative commitment to the UM connection!

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

THE LAITY

By Dick Englar

Some times I struggle about what to write. As we experienced the Easter season we tend to think about what happened to Jesus, the Son of the Living God.

Then I got to thinking what it was all about. It dawned on me it's all about
"The Cross"

The Cross is for everybody

The great Hymns that were written about

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Many of the great Hymns we sing share "the Cross": *The Old Rugged Cross, Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross, Lift High the Cross, Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone, We You There, In the Cross of Christ I Glory.*

Yes, the Cross is for everybody. That "Old Rugged Cross" the emblem of suffering and shame and I love that Old Cross Where the dearest and Best for a World of lost sinners was slain. The ultimate goal was for the Glory of God.

Our gifts and our abilities come to us by God's Grace and are to be used by faith in love and service for Christ Jesus.

The ultimate goal is God's Glory, not our own.

As we celebrate "The Resurrection" on Easter Sunday and everyday of our lives let us give God the Glory and let us remember "The Cross is for everybody."

Thank you Jesus for your gift for all humankind.
 The church works best when we see ourselves as participants not just spectators.

With much aloha,
 Dick



ARE YOU DREAMING OF A VITAL CONGREGATION?

Of course, you are! We "dream of a church that touches our soul and sends us out into the world to 'Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.'"

To help you in your quest, the General Board of Discipleship has produced a five-part film series "celebrating and exploring the issues we hold dear." They can be used as discussion starters in small groups in your church. DREAM WITH US.

<http://www.gbod.org/site...>

ELEMENTARY CAMP—MAY 25-27

Elementary Camp is on the way! All kids who are finishing 3rd through 6th grade are invited to join us for a great weekend: May 25-27, 2012, at Camp Kokokahi in Kaneohe. The cost is \$75 and registration forms have been sent to your local church office! This year's theme is "No Friend Like Jesus." We will talk about the ways we connect to one another (texting, facebook, tweets) and how we connect with Jesus (prayer, worship, praise). Hurry! Registration deadline is May 1

We are also looking for a camp cook. If you would like to feed 40-50 hungry campers and counselors, let us know! In addition, we are asking donations for scholarships for those families and churches that need a little extra help getting to camp. For more information, contact Rev. Charlene Zuill at 949-1210 or Rev. Amy Wake at 522-9560.

Camp Mekokiko

Our holiday fund raiser raised \$19,567 of which \$14,567 is allocated towards the first bunk house project! We are taking the position that someone or some church will donate the chapel. The cost is \$55,000 and we ask your help mentioning to your friends and church that Camp Mekokiko needs a single check for \$55,000 for a "named" chapel. Its just a matter of asking! Thanks.

The April newsletter will show the new duplex accommodations

The VIM Group from Wisconsin, who like the golden plover, returned this year to help with Camp Mekokiko. Their major task was building two tent sites, but they ended up assuming a number of projects including a final fastening of the Tractor Hale, designing and making custom furniture for the duplex and some very difficult clearing of land.

If you have been following along this last year or so, you will be glad to learn that the two memorial cottages were finally finished with some painting, furniture making and cleaning by this team. Thus, we announce that it passed the final inspection of Hawaii County last week, and we are in the process of applying and having a completely new round of inspections before we can take occupancy. That is going well. When the certificate is issued, we will officially be working on the first two bunk houses!

——Ted Lesnett, Camp Director



BITS N' PIECES...

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

Congratulations to...

...retired Pastor Roby Correa. She was sworn in as a Chaplain for the Honolulu Police Department on April 3rd.

Deepest sympathy to...

...the Hawaii Tongan United Methodists as they mourn over the passing of King George Tupou V of Tonga on March 18th. There was a service held at First UMC for the Tongan community.

...the Reverend Olivia Latu of Hilo UMC and her family upon the passing of her mother, Mrs. Lose Fatongia who passed away on March 29th in Tonga. Mrs. Fatongia was 92 years old. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Pastor Olivia at: 39-A South Wiliwili St., Hilo, HI 96720.

...the Reverend Charlene Zuill of the Wesley Foundation at UH-Manoa and her family on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Louise Zuill, on April 9th. Notes of sympathy can be mailed to Pastor Charlene at: 1351 Center St., Honolulu, HI 96816.

Please continue to pray for...

...Mr. Dick Englar of Waianae UMC, our District Lay Leader. He is still experiencing pain from his right shoulder through the arm to the hand.

...retired Pastor Roby Correa who is recovering well from skin graft surgery.

...Mrs. Dot Bloom of Keolumana UMC and former District Camp Secretary.

...Retired Pastor Misipati Karapani who has been suffering from swelling in his legs.

...Rev. Colleen Chun and Rev. Kana Shimasaki who are both on Incapacity Leave.

20 Years...the Best is Yet to Come

By Kelvin Sauls

Friends,

Congratulations on your 20 years of ministry & witness in Saipan. As a mission outpost of the Cal-Pac conference, you enable us to greet the rising sun with the message about the risen Son. I was blessed by your hospitality & resilience during my visit last year. You have been chosen to be the United Methodist presence in the Northern Mariana Islands, and we celebrate your faithfulness during the last two decades. Stay focused, fortified fruitful, because I am convinced that the best is yet to come. There you are, in the middle of somewhere, with the missional opportunity to seize becoming the best in the name of Jesus Christ. I couldn't help but look for three renditions of songs entitled, "The Best Is Yet To Come." I join Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Diana Krall & Donald Lawrence in affirming what God has waiting for you. Enjoy & be encouraged.

Of interest:

May is Asian/Pacific Heritage Month—If you have not planned your worship services for that month you might be interested in this book available from Cokesbury: *Hymns from the Four Winds, A Collection of Asian-American Hymns*.

Let us remember the following churches and their pastors in prayer:

April 15	Lahaina UMC	Pastor Paul Tangonan
April 22	West Kauai UMC	TBS [To be supplied]
April 29	Kilohana UMC	Pastors Alan Mark & Petueli Taufou`ou
May 6	Keolumana UMC	Pastor Samuel Domingo
May 13	Kapolei Korean UM Mission	Pastor SonHye Kim

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2012

Sat., Apr. 21: District UMW Spiritual Retreat
Sun., Apr. 22: *Native American Ministries Sunday*
Mon., Apr. 23: Deadline for District Conf. registration
Tue.-Fri., Apr. 24-May 4: GENERAL CONFERENCE;
Tampa, Florida
Mon., Apr. 30: Deadline for May-June Ka Leo Mekokiko

May 2012

Wed., May 2; 7:00 p.m.: Dist. UMW Executive mtg.
Thu., May 10; 8:00 a.m.: HCOM meeting
Sat., May 12; 9:00 a.m.: HUMU Board Mtg.; Harris
Fri., May 18: Spring Clergy Gathering; St. Stephen's
Sat., May 19: **District Conference**
Thu.-Sun., May 24-27: **Walk To Emmaus for men**
Sun., May 27: *Pentecost Sunday*
Mon., May 28: *Memorial Day*; District Office closed
" " " : Deadline for Jun.-Jul. Ka Leo Mekokiko

June 2012

Sat., Jun. 2; 8:00 a.m.: **UMMen Breakfast**
Sun., Jun. 3: *Peace with Justice Sunday*
Mon., Jun. 11: *Kamehameha Day*; Dist. Ofc. closed
Thu.-Sun., Jun. 14-17: Cal-Pac Annual Conference
Sun., Jun. 24: **Aloha to Bishop Swenson; Kauai**
Tentative
Mon., Jun. 25: Deadline for Jul.-Aug. Ka Leo Mekokiko

July 2012

Wed., Jul. 4: *Independence Day*; Dist. Ofc. closed
Wed.-Sat., Jul. 18-20: WESTERN JURISDICTIONAL
CONFERENCE; San Diego
Thu.-Sun., Jul 26-29: Cal-Pac UMW Korean
School of Christian Mission
Fri.-Sun., July 27-29: Cal-Pac UMW School of
Christian Mission
Mon., Jul. 30: Deadline for Aug.-Sep. Ka Leo Mekokiko

August 2012

Sat.-Thu., Aug. 4-9: **Aloha to Bishop Swenson;**
Maui?? and Big Island??
Sat., Aug. 4; 9:00 am: Dist. UMW Exec. mtg; SWCC
Sat., Aug. 11: **?Aloha for Bishop Mary Ann Swenson;;**
Oahu??
Thu.-Sun., Aug. 16-19: **Walk To Emmaus for women**
Fri., Aug. 17: *Statehood Day*; District Office closed
Sat., Aug. 18; 9:00 a.m.: HUMU Board mtg; Harris
Sat., Aug. 25: **Mission Festival**
Mon., Aug. 27: Deadline for Sep.-Oct. Ka Leo Mekokiko

September 2012

Mon., Sep. 3: *Labor Day*; District Office closed
Sat., Sep. 8; 8:30 a.m.: DLT mtg.; Susannah WCC
Sat., Sep. 22; 8:30 a.m.: Dist. UMW Annual Mtg; Trinity
Mon., Sep. 24: Deadline for Oct.-Nov. Ka Leo Mekokiko

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