

NEW BISHOP SELECTED FOR CAL-PAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At the Western Jurisdictional Conference a new Bishop was selected. Bishop Minerva Carcaño will replace Bishop Mary Ann Swenson as Bishop of the California-Pacific Annual Conference beginning on September 1, 2012. In 2004, Bishop Minerva Carcaño became the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the episcopacy of the United Methodist Church. She is one of 69 active bishops leading more than twelve million members of the Methodist church.

Bishop Carcaño previously served as Bishop of the Phoenix Episcopal Area, Desert Southwest Conference and is the official spokesperson for the Council of Bishops on the issue of immigration.

She is a 1975 graduate of the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg, Texas, and received a Masters of Theology from Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University in 1979.

Previous appointments have included Emmanuel UMC in Lubbock, Texas, and La Trinidad UMC in San Jose, California, in 1979. She then served positions in Crystal City, Carrizo Springs Methodist churches, as well as in Hebbronville and McAllen in the early '80s. In 1986 she became the first Hispanic woman to be appointed a United Methodist district superintendent, serving in that capacity until 1992 in West Texas and New Mexico and later in Portland, Oregon.

A native of Edinburg, Texas, Bishop Carcaño "spent her early years aspiring to make a difference in the lives of persons who faced poverty and discrimination. Not forgetting her roots and early hopes, her ministry has always involved work with the poor, with farm workers, immigrants, and refugees, even as she encourages congregations to work ecumenically and to be active in community organizing. Of her tireless work, she has said, 'The road to ministry has not always been easy, but it has always been an incredible blessing, and it has always been home.'"

—Gary Keene, Cal-Pac Update





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.”

MAHALO NUI LOA BISHOP SWENSON!

We bid aloha to Bishop Mary Ann Swenson and her husband, Jeff, with great gratitude and love. Bishop Swenson had a particularly strong affinity to our district. Indeed, on several occasions, she mentioned that she always regretted that during her tenure the annual conference session could not be held in Hawaii, so that everyone could see our unique blend of cultures, hospitality, and aloha.

While Bishop Swenson’s time as our episcopal leader ends at the end of this month, she will continue to be present in different ways. On an official basis, Bishop Swenson will be the ecumenical representative for the Council of Bishops. She and Jeff will reside in Pasadena, CA, not far from the Conference Center.

It is fitting that Bishop Swenson’s last round of farewell celebrations were held in the Hawaii District. It started with two celebrations on Kauai, continued with a multi-cultural celebration on the Big Island, a Maui celebration that was distinctively Pacific Islander in style, and will conclude with a celebration on Oahu.

We are grateful for your contributions to the bishop’s gift. A drinking fountain at the Susannah Wesley Community Center was dedicated in Bishop Swenson’s honor. It was dedicated on Thursday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. with a sign saying: “All are welcome to drink here.” As of this writing, we are very close to being able raise enough funds to build a water container that will be close to the seminary in Tonga. If we meet the goal, any additional funds will be given to one of Bishop Swenson’s most important causes, the campaign to eradicate malaria through the Imagine No Malaria project.

While we bid aloha to Bishop Swenson as our official leader, we will always be blessed and will continue to be blessed by her presence among us. Mahalo nui loa, Bishop Swenson...me ke aloha pumehana.

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom



From S. Lilo Vakauta, District Lay Leader



First of all, I want to thank the Almighty God for his calling and say praise the Lord.

For my Introduction and Brief History:

Years & Periods

- 1977-1982 District Officers for the Government of Tonga
- 1984-1990 Member of Parliament in Legislative Assembly for the Government of Tonga
- 1992-2001 Member of the Kona United Methodist Church of the Big Island
- 1996-2001 Lay Leader of the Kona United Methodist Church
 - Lay Member of the Annual Conference
 - Chairperson of the Church Council
- 2002-2012 Member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Pearl City
- 2005-2011 Lay Leader of the Trinity United Methodist Church
 - Lay Member of the Annual Conference
 - Chairperson of the Church Council
- 2007-2011 Associate District Lay Leader
- 2012 Hawaii District Lay Leader

I have the honour and privileges of welcoming all the ethnic cultures in their native languages.

Hawai`ian—Aloha, Na ke Akua e ho`opomaika`i a e malama ia `oe

English—Welcome, Praise the Lord and thanks to the Almighty God

Filipino—Mabuhay / Macadang Araw Sa Inyong Lahat

Korean—An-Yung ha Seyo

Japanese—Ohayo / Konichiwa

Samoa—Taloga, Viia Le Atua, Fa`a Samoa

Tonga—Fakafeta`i kea Sihova he `oku tolonga pea ta`engata ene Alo`ofa, Emeni

In conclusion, I would like to challenge my brothers and sisters to remember two things which are:

Word of God and fear of God.

I can guarantee these two things can bring the wind of the Holy Spirit to Hawai`i District.

God Bless, peace, and love.

From your brother and servant of God,

S.L. Vakauta

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CAMP MEKOKIKO

In June the Kailua Youth Work Team worked hard at the camp. In the last issue of Ka Leo Mekokiko I failed to list the participants who helped at the camp. They are Ginger Lockette, Ann Auman, Steve Petranik, Sam Mahoney, Terrill Rohr, Kalai Sim, Hudson Locketter, Grffin Lockette, Austin Mays, Aliya Petranik, Mailan Sim, Joshua Morrison, and Pastor J.T. Greebleaf. Thanks! (MVG)



The Kennewick VIM Group

The VIM team from Kennewick arrived in July to complete the work of the Illinois group. Thus cement was poured and the foundation for the eight tent site rain cover finished, the road work was completed, the lumber finished painting, hardware hung, demolition continued, and the macadamia orchard expanded and the fruit trees pruned. We are almost finished with all construction that is presently funded. Its been a big accomplishment. Thank you.

Next, we raise the funds to build the bunkhouse and the chapel.

—Ted Lesnett

STOP FLU AT SCHOOL CONSENT FORM DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

Influenza (flu) vaccination will be offered by the Department of Health during its annual school-located flu vaccination program for kindergarten through eighth grade students attending participating schools state-wide. Consent forms and additional information about the Stop Flu at School program will be distributed through participating schools in August.

Complete the appropriate consent form (nasal spray or shot), sign, date, and return the consent form to your child's teacher by September 7, 2012.

For more information visit <http://flu.hawaii.gov/SFAS.html> or call 2-1-1.

Last year we vaccinated 69,000 students in Hawaii through this Program. An increase from the previous year. With you help, we hope to vaccinate as many, if not more in 2012. If you need additional information about the program, please contact me. If you are inquiring next week, please contact Heather Winfield-Smith at 586-8348.

—Kit Uyeda

THE BISHOP MARY ANN SWENSON

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH ENDOWMENT

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson is the only known United Methodist Bishop throughout the UMC connection who has dedicated peace poles to promote peace in her conference. Since September 11, 2001, she has dedicated peace poles at the Islamic Center of Los Angeles, United Methodist Center in Pasadena, University of Redlands, Aldersgate Retreat Center and many churches around the Conference.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson will retire in September and to honor her retirement, Trinity United Methodist Church invites Cal-Pac local churches to apply for a grant from The Bishop Mary Ann Swenson May Peace Prevail on Earth Endowment.

Trinity United Methodist Church will offer \$200.00 grants to help purchase a peace pole. There will be ten grants given each calendar year beginning immediately. No application is required; however, churches are asked to write a letter sharing why their church should receive this grant for promoting peace. Churches may send their letters to Trinity United Methodist Church, 1716 Komo Mai Drive, Pearl City, HI 96782.

For churches wishing more information on purchasing a peace pole from Peace Pole Makers USA, may go to their web-Site: info@peacepoles.com. For further information, please contact JoAnn Yoon Fukumoto, Outreach and Mission of TUMC at joumc@aol.com, or PH: 808-371-7694.

Blessed are the
peacemakers for they
shall be called the chil-
dren of God.

Matthew 5:9

Open Doors, Open Hearts

Date: Saturday August 25, 2012

Place: Harris United Methodist Church

20 S. Vineyard Blvd.

Honolulu, HI 96813

Time: 12:30—3:30pm

The topics are:

Poverty, Immigration and the Bible, and Haiti

with Dr. DS Tom Choi as facilitator. Other speakers will touch
base on Hawaii and growth in

United Methodist Churches resulting from
diversity of immigrants

All are welcome: men, women, and children

Contacts for further details:

Myrna Medina (Ph) 351-2951

Minja Choe (Ph) 222-7882

(Email) MinjaKimChoe@yahoo.com

Stewardship Training Opportunity: **CREATING CONGREGATIONAL CULTURES OF GENEROSITY****DATES:**

Clergy Session: Friday, September 14, 2012

Congregational Team Session: Saturday, September 15, 2012

TIME:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLACE

Honolulu First United Methodist Church

1020 S. Beretania St.

Honolulu, HI

The California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation and the Hawaii District are pleased to offer a unique training event on financial stewardship. Leadership comes from the Lake Family Institute on Faith and Giving, part of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. Former participants rated the training as *“excellent, one of the best I’ve ever attended”*.

Clergy will attend both days; laity will attend on Saturday only. The training is designed to assist congregational teams in sharing the message of giving as a response to God’s generosity to us. We encourage congregations to send a team consisting of the pastor, the Finance Chairperson and one other—perhaps the Lay Leader—to the Saturday session. The fee for the two days is \$50 per congregation.

Leadership:

Aimee A. Laramore, Associate Director of Lake Institute, is an experienced non-profit executive: a community organizer, program manager, development director and executive director at a variety of mission driven agencies throughout the Midwest in the health, human services and community development fields.



A graduate of Purdue University, Aimee is passionate in her drive for excellence and finds fulfillment in building organizational capacity to accomplish extraordinary dreams.

Her most important accomplishments include a successful marriage and motherhood. Currently Aimee leads Youth Ministries at New Horizons Church and serves the greater Indianapolis community through various non-profit entities.

Dave Crittenden currently serves as Director of Stewardship for the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He has been pastor for three congregations in Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana over a period of twenty years. For sixteen years he served on the staff of the Synod of Lincoln Trails of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Dave has always had a passion for stewardship which has been the central in all of his areas of service. Dave and his wife enjoy sharing life with two grown children and four grandsons.

**REGISTRATION****Deadline: August 15, 2012****Fee: \$50.00 per team** (includes the training, materials and lunch both days)**Team Members from** _____

(Name of Church, City)

TitleNameE-mail address

Pastor (required) _____

Lay Leader _____

Finance Chairperson _____

Please call in your reservations to the District Office (808-536-1864), then mail the completed Registration Form and a check for the registration fee to the Hawaii District Office, 20 S. Vineyard Blvd., Honolulu HI 96813-2317.

ANNOUNCING FALL LAY SERVANT¹ MINISTRIES CLASSES:

Two Basic Lay Speaking Courses: September 7-9, 2012 and October 5-6, 2012

Advanced: Lay Pastoral Care Giving: September 13-15 & 21, 2012

Basic Lay Speaking (Servant) Course

This course is the foundation for all other Lay Servant courses. In this course you are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Topics are servant leadership, caring and communication skills as well as developing future leaders and be rooted in spiritual practices. September Class will be led by Jesse and Jailu Navarrete. October Class will be led Rev. J.T. Greenleaf.

September Class: Friday, 9/7, 6-9 PM, Saturday, 9/8, 8 AM-12 PM, Sunday, 9/9, 1-4 PM

Place:TBA – Email Jailu Navarrete: globalnursinginterchange@gmail.com

October Class: Friday, 10/5, 6-9 PM, Saturday, 10/6, 8 AM to 4 PM

Place: Kailua Methodist Church, 1110 Kailua Road, Kailua 96734, Phone: 261-6238

Cost: \$10.00 includes registration and book: Lay Speaking (Servant) Ministries by Sand and Brian Jackson

Lay Pastoral Care Giving

Expressing care to someone in need — whether within the community of faith or beyond — may seem the most natural thing in the world. For some, it is; for others, it's less so. All can improve.

Most of our clergy need assistance in the area of pastoral care and felt overwhelmed by their many, sometimes conflicting, responsibilities. Most of the churches did not train anyone in caring ministries. Today it is time for clergy and laity to partner in caring for one another. Rev. Roby Correa will be teaching.

Thursday, September 13, 7-9 PM

Friday, September 14, 7-9 PM

Saturday, September 15, 8AM-12PM

Friday, September 21, 7-9 PM

Place: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1352 Liliha Street, Honolulu

Cost: \$20 includes registration and book: Lay Pastoral Care Giving by Tim Farabaugh

*1 The name has changed from Lay Speaking Ministries to Lay **Servant** Ministries by the 2012 General Conference*

Registration: Send this form with your registration fees to :Lay Speaking Ministries, c/o Hawaii District Office, 20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96813-2317 by **Monday, September 3, 2012**

Name: _____ Church: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ **Basic Lay Speaking Course** Cost: \$10.00 _____

_____ **Lay Pastoral Care Giving** Cost : \$20.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Received by _____

California-Pacific Justice & Compassion Essential Ministry Team
Block Grant Funding Request for Calendar Year 2013
Individual Ministry and/or Project

The Justice and Compassion Essential Ministry Team supports a wide variety of new and ongoing programs and projects that are connected to the people of the United Methodist Church, **focusing on engaging in ministries with the poor and combating the diseases of poverty. Please identify how your project will help revitalize your congregation or develop leadership for the church.** The block grants given in 2013 will be less than \$3,000 per grant to organizations with annual budgets less than \$500,000 with priority given to smaller agencies.

The following requirements are designed to help in reducing costs and staff/volunteer time in completing the application. Proposals that do not adhere to the following requirements may be rejected.

- Submit one original and 3 complete copies of the proposal package to your District Office.
- All proposal materials must be submitted together; if not, the proposal may not be funded.
- Do not submit elaborately bound proposals; paper clips are adequate.
- Minimum font size: 12 point, with minimum 1-inch margins.

Most applications, including attachments, should not exceed 8 total pages.

Materials will not be returned. Please, no videos, newspaper articles, CD's, DVD's, or other information that is not requested.

The following is required to be completed with application:

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| __Cover Sheet | __Board Member List (separate sheet) |
| __Proposal Narrative (not to exceed 3 pages) | __Organization Balance Sheet (one page) |
| __Project or Organization Budget (one separate page) | |

The completed cover sheet must be signed. Applications submitted without two original signatures will not be considered. **Deadline:** This grant application must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2012, to your District Office. Late applications will not be considered.

For full copy of the application with cover letter is available in the District Office. If you have any questions about the completion of the application proposal, please contact your District Office or the interim Associate Director of the JCMT Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez at jgutierrez@cal-pac.org.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2012

Sat., Aug. 11; 10:00 a.m.: **Oahu's Aloha to Bishop Swenson**; Harris UMC
 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 meeting; Harris
 Sat., Aug. 25; 12:30 p.m.: **Mission Festival**; Harris
 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?
 Fri.-Sat., Sep. 14-15: **Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity**; First UMC
 Thu., Sep. 20; 8:30 a.m.: HCOM meeting; location?
 Sat., Sep. 22; 8:30 a.m.: Dist. UMW Annual Mtg; Trinity
 Mon., Sep. 24: Deadline for Oct.-Nov. Ka Leo Mekokiko

October 2012

Sat., Oct. 6; 9 am-3 pm: DPAS meeting; Aiea UMC
 Sun. Oct. 7: *World Communion Sunday*
 Sat., Oct. 13: **District Conference**; location and time to be announced later.
 Sun., Oct. 14: *Children's Sabbath*
 Sun., Oct. 21: *Laity Sunday*

Mon., Oct. 29: Deadline for Nov.-Dec. Ka Leo Mekokiko

November 2012

Tue., Nov. 6: *Election Day*; District Office closed
 Fri.-Sat., Nov. 9-10: **Walk To Emmaus Regional Training**; St. Anthony's Retreat Ctr.
 Sun., Nov. 11: *Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday*
 Mon., Nov. 12: *Veterans' Day Observ.*; Dist. Ofc. closed
 Sat., Nov. 17; 9:00 a.m.: HUMU Board mtg.; Harris
 Sun., Nov. 18: *Bible Sunday*
 Thu.-Fri. Nov. 22-23: *Thanksgiving holiday*; Dist.Ofc.closed
 Sun., Nov. 25: *United Methodist Student Day*
 Mon., Nov. 26: Deadline for Dec.-Jan. 2013 Ka Leo Mekokiko

December 2012

Sun., Dec. 2: *First Sunday of Advent*
 Mon., Dec. 24: *Christmas Eve*; Dist. Ofc. closed ½ day
 Tue., Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS**; District Office closed
 Mon., Dec. 31: Deadline for Jan.-Feb. Ka Leo Mekokiko

January 2013

Tue., Jan. 1: *New Year's Day*; District Office closed
 Mon., Jan 21: *Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Day*; Dist. Ofc. closed
 Sat., Jan. 26: UMW Local Leadership Training

February 2013

Fri.-Mon., Feb. 15-18: **Britt Lectures**; First UMC
 Sat., Feb. 16: **Welcome the New Bishop** [tentative]



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