



2012 CHARGE CONFERENCES

By now churches have received information on the 2012 charge conferences. As before, the practice of charge conferences will be focused strictly on business matters; not only on the required Book of Discipline action items, but also the compliances, information on real property (such as leases), finances, trustee issues, etc. In other words, the District Superintendent wishes—as much as possible—to continue to get each church's administrative "house" in order.

To that end, churches are requested to have the following ready at their charge conferences:

- A. Completed required forms—necessary forms are available on the conference web site: <http://www.cal-pac.org/pages/detail/2009>.
- B. Completed Congregational Assessment Tool—You may continue to use the assessment tool you have already begun (Covenant for Vital Ministry or the Integrated Pastor/Congregation Assessment Tool) or the new CDMLF (Connection, Discipleship, Ministry, Leadership, Fruitfulness) document that will be available soon on the district website, www.HawaiiDistrictUMC.org.
- C. Financial Audit—Please have an audit report ready for the charge conference. The District Audit Team is willing to serve your church by sending a team to do an informal audit of the church finances at your request. Contact Alvin at the District Office.

Other considerations:

1. All other reports need to be written, signed and turned in at least one week before the meeting for the District Superintendent to review. In some cases, where meetings are set up soon, at least 5 working days are needed.
 2. The District Superintendent will need to meet with the SPRC/PPRC before the charge conference. An agenda for that meeting will need to be sent directly to the SPRC chairperson.
 3. Several churches will hold joint charge conferences.
 4. A "church conference" may be held in place of a charge conference. A charge conference is the elected leaders of the congregation; the church conference is the total membership of the church. Notify the district superintendent in writing for permission if the church decides to hold a church conference.
 5. The charge conference must be in the language of the majority with adequate provision made for translation.
 6. Please reserve a parking space for the District Superintendent so meetings will not be delayed. Provide nametags for the SPRC meeting, it will be helpful for the charge conference to have them.
- Rev. Tom Choi

The Charge Conference will begin in November. The schedule is on the district website. Please confirm your CC date by calling: 536-1864 (Neighbor Islands (1-800-246-1134)). Forms are available at www.HawaiiDistrictUMC click RESOURCES

Training Event to focus on Immigration/Global Migration and Indigenous/Native Peoples

The Hawai'i District Division on Church and Society is organizing a three-day training session on **Monday-Wednesday, November 12 -14, 2012** at St. Stephen Diocesan Center on Oahu's Pali Hwy. The training is co-sponsored and led by the UMC General Board of Church and Society and our ecumenical partners in Hawai'i. There will be a total of 30 participants, half of whom will be from Hawai'i.

Airfare, meals, and overnight accommodation will be provided for at least three neighbor islanders. Oahu participants are requested to commute except for hardship situations; lunch will be provided.

The Monday and Tuesday sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. The Wednesday session is 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. All participants are expected to be full time. Hawai'i District clergy and laity are invited to apply by stating your interest and background in one or both of the topics described below. To apply, contact Rev. Stan Bain by e-mail stan-bain@facehawaii.org or Rev. Rona Mangayayam by e-mail rona@harrisumc.org by **Saturday, October 20th**.

The training will focus on community organizing at the local and global levels (*glocal*) from two perspectives: 1)Immigration and Global Migration and 2)Indigenous peoples and Native peoples. Exploration will be made in the dynamics of interaction between the two themes. Invitees are expected to be conversant with at least one of the two.

This training will allow us to share experiences and insights on organizing at the local/grassroots/national and at the regional/global/ transnational levels. These insights and experiences will be documented into an inventory of skills and tools needed for *glocal* organizing. Within the next two years these insights will be assembled into a manual to guide us in our public witness and advocacy in the public square. So, virtual participation will extend beyond the 2.5 days we spend together.



Saipan's Immanuel UMC Graduates of Lay Speaking Advanced Class

Debbie and John Wise of Guam UMC led an Advanced Class in September on "Lay Speakers Lead Small Groups". Sorry, we do not have the names of the graduates pictured here. John Wise is on the far right in the back row.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

MESSAGE FROM S LILO VAKAUTA, District Lay Leader

This month October, we all say "Praise the Lord, and thanks to the Almighty God who plans and guides our daily life."

Our dry season in 2012 is coming to an abrupt end!

We are even now at the beginning of a new season of extreme good fortune and blessing.

Throughout the rest of 2012 and into 2013 we will come across some God-sent opportunities to see tremendous blessing and financial windfalls. We must work closely in agreement during this crucial time. With God's guidance and our prayers of agreement with you everything you've longed for, dreamed of—the desires of your heart— can be yours in this short period of from now until the first few weeks of 2013.

Here is the word God gave us about our loved ones; BEHOLD, THIS FEELING OF INADEQUACY AND INABILITY DOES NOT COME FROM ME, SAITH THE LORD. I HAVE GIVEN YOU MY HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS IN YOU AND WORKS THROUGH YOU. AS YOU YIELD YOURSELF UNTO ME, MY ABILITY, MY POWER, MY WISDOM, AND KNOWLEDGE WILL OPERATE IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU AS YOU HOLD YOUR LOVED ONES UP IN FAITH. DON'T DEPEND UPON YOUR OWN ABILITY OR RESOURCES, BUT DEPEND ON ME AND MY SPIRIT. I WILL GIVE YOU WISDOM TO DEAL WITH YOUR LOVED ONES AND I WILL DRAW THEM UNTO MYSELF.

Last month's Mekokiko page 6, "FOR YEA, MY SON, AND DAUGHTER IN HAWAII DISTRICT, THIS SHALL BE A NEW BEGINNING, BEHOLD I WILL DO A NEW THING, AND THE REST OF THIS YEAR AND EVEN 2013 SHALL BRING GREAT REWARDS AND BLESSINGS INTO THY LIFE. BE NOT AFRAID TO LET GO OF WHAT I HAVE BLESSED THEE WITH...FOR THIS IS THE SEED THAT I SHALL PRESS DOWN, SHAKE TOGETHER AND CAUSE TO RUN OVER AS I RETURN IT TO THEE MANYFOLD...PROVE ME NOW AND SEE MY POWER WORK FOR THEE...SAITH GOD.

QUESTIONS?

What are the main things in our life?

First is God, Second is our family and loved ones, and Third is our Hawaii District and local church. We are coming close to the end of this year so we stand together and ask the Almighty God. We work together in our prayers, fasts, and commitments to our God of love and mercy, Amen.

From Sione Lilo Vakauta, Servant of God

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Gifts given in honor of Bishop Mary Ann Swenson’s Retirement

Several more donations to Bishop Swenson’s Retirement gift have been received since the list of acknowledgment was printed in last month’s Ka Leo Mekokiko. This brings the total up to a little over \$10,000. They are: First UMC, Kailua UMC Foundation, Rev. Linita and Mr. Tevita Moa, Naa-lehu UMC, and Wahiawa UMC.

Thank you to all the churches and individuals who gave generously!



DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM IN HAWAII

Drew Theological School is offering an innovative Doctor of Ministry track with attention to a narrative methodology. The concentration is carefully designed to assist pastors and others engaged in ministry in assessing their context of ministry and employing new insights for growth and development in their settings. Students will engage in a new narrative approach to research in ministry and enjoy new insights for conducting ministry in the 21st century. The program requires only a few weeks of residence per year in Hawaii and on the Drew campus. More information is available at this link: <http://www.drew.edu/theological/academics/doctor-of-ministry/hawaii>



Waianae UMC & Kapolei UMM Lay Speaker Basic Class

Seated from left to right: Mele Ulu’ave, Leilani Carrero, Ma’u Ulu’ave, and Lorna Aquino.
Standing from left to right: Franklin Petalver, Jeremy Roberts, Michael Castellano, and Ernesto Espanol



Volunteers In Mission:

“Serving Christ through serving others...”

Aloha to all my United Methodist brothers and sisters. This year Waianae United Methodist Church was host to the Holy Spirit in action. It came in the form of the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Team.

The team was organized by Revered Debra and UMVIM Western Jurisdiction coordinator ; Heather Wilson. Heather Wilson and her husband; Reverend Andre Wilson, the Pastor of Pacoima First UMC, brought 14 volunteers in mission to Hawaii including their two children, Dylan (9) and Eden (3). The VIM team volunteers were: Bree Howard, Lindsay Brown, Brittnye Boyd, Katerina De Pano, Feng Zhu, Nicole Williams, Shanel Prudholme, Kimberly Green, Kay Nguyen, and Jayne Palmer. Jane was the only non-Californian. Jane came all the way from Iowa.

Here were a few highlights:

Daily devotions

Daily Prayer walks and love note distributions throughout the community

Painting Waianae church exterior campus buildings

Weeding and cultivating the community garden at Pai'olu Kaianulu Civic Center Waianae homeless shelter

Feeding and ministering to the homeless at the Boat Harbor during our 2nd site Sunday ministry

Building relationships, learning new cultures, languages and making diverse friendships

Utilizing the Wesley Foundation's kitchen to prepare meals for H5's Evans Project

Collaborating with Wesley Foundation to feed families at the Ronald McDonald house and make welcoming bags for the Wesley White House students

Culture day

We also found time for stand-up paddling, hula dancing, lei making, a luau at Paradise Cove, and more cultural exchange and fellowship. We will miss the team but, we will see them again soon. We are planning a mission trip from Hawaii to California next year. And hopefully can coordinate a yearly mission trip to Hawaii. None of this could be possible without the magnanimous generosity of transportation from Reverend Son Hye Kim and Kapolei Korean United Methodist Church, UMVIM Western Jurisdiction Heather Wilson for her seamless, expert coordination, Reverend Kelvin Sauls for his vision, our D.S. Reverend Dr. Tom Choi's blessings and of course Waianae United Methodist Church congregants for their love, prayers and delicious meal preparations. A special thank you to Dember Toli for the pick up and drop off of the team's luggage. Thank you all for giving to the Lord. May God continue to bless us to do greater works. Thank you Jesus for the opportunity to work with you to bless your people with your love. Submitted by Joe Carrero & Reverend Debra Murray.



The VIM Team from L-R, (Back row) Heather Wilson, Feng, Kay, Rev Debra, Jane, Kat, Leilani, Bree, Lindsay, Rev Andre, (Front row) Shanel, Kimberly, Dylan, Nicole and Brittnye. Mahalo Nui Loa my friends and family may God bless you and keep you always.

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS



1. The Aldersgate UMC's Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Health Fair for the Mayor Wrights Community on October 27 from 12:30pm to 4:00pm. There will be free blood pressure checks, free physical and dental examinations. Health care professionals will also be providing free medical, dental and mental health education and counseling. Prayers and spiritual counseling will also be available for those who are interested.
2. Harris United Methodist Church will hold its 50th Anniversary Bazaar on Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Profits from the Bazaar will go to mission effort around the globe and locally. It is a good opportunity to buy the FAMOUS Pies and other local flavored goodies. Chairing the event is Norma Kehrberg. If you wish to participate, please contact her at 594-0459.
3. Kapolei United Methodist Church is holding a major fundraiser entitled "Food Fest and Dance Under the Stars – A November Affair" on Saturday, November 3rd at the Kapolei High School. The event will be held from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and will feature (a) food booths from the area restaurants, (b) live entertainment and (c) DJ dancing. Cost: \$25 (pre-sale); \$30 at the door. Child care is provided for a fee of \$10. This is a great opportunity for our churches to fellowship and support each other. If you'd like to participate, please contact Sinita Uluave at 808-382-9217. Mahalo for your support and may God bless you!
4. Aldersgate UMC Centennial Thanksgiving Worship will be held on November 18, 2012 at 10:30am. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Tom Choi. This event is a part of our year-long celebration of Aldersgate's 100 years in ministry. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with us. Aloha time (refreshments and fellowship time) will follow after the service at the church lanai.

51ST Annual Nu`uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

"Spirit of Giving"

Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Temple Emanu-el on Pali Highway

Speaker: Tulsi Gabbard

Harris UMC continues to provide leadership in planning and participating in this service. Everyone is welcome! —Diane Matsuura

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2012

Sun. Oct. 7: *World Communion Sunday*
Sat., Oct. 13: **District Conference - it has been POSTPONED.** *Will be scheduled on Spring 2013.*
Sat., Oct. 13; 8:30 am-1:30 pm: DPAS mtg; Aiea
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 Leadership Training**; St. Anthony's RCtr.
Sun., Nov. 11: *Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday*
Mon., Nov. 12: *Veterans' Day Observance*; Dist. Ofc. closed
Tue., Nov. 13; 10:00 am: Church Location & Bldg.
Thu., Nov. 15; 7:00 pm: Aiea Korean UMC Ch. C.
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

Sat., Dec. 1; 8:30 am: DLT meeting; Aiea UMC

Sun., Dec. 2: *First Sunday of Advent*

Wed., Dec. 5: First UMC Charge Conference

Sun., Dec. 16: Hilo UMC Charge Conference

Mon.-Sat., Dec. 17-22: Bishop Carcaño's visit

Mon., Dec. 17: **Clergy Advent Dinner**

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

“ ” “ : **MLK Parade March**

Sat., Jan. 26: UMW Local Leadership Training

Mon., Jan. 28: Deadline for Feb.-Mar. Ka Leo Mekokiko

