



## 2013 Annual Britt Lectures welcomes

### Reverend Anna Carter Florence

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, February 15-18, 2013, 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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Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale College and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.). Before joining the Columbia faculty in 1998, Anna served as an associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. Her books include *Preaching as Testimony* and *Inscribing the Word*, and she is a frequent teacher and lecturer in this country and abroad. In the fall of 2012, she delivered the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School; her next book is based on those lectures. Anna and her husband, the Rev. David Carter Florence, have two lacrosse-playing sons, Caleb (Kenyon College 2014) and Jonah (Decatur High School 2014). They also have three dogs, two cats, two sheep and a flock of chickens.

*P. S. Dr. Mark Britt, son of Mrs. Britt, was hospitalized recently. We pray for his full recovery.*



Professor Anna Carter Florence  
2013 Britt Lecturer



## **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

### **BISHOP'S VISIT ALMOST HERE!!**

For the complete itinerary, please go to our district website, [hawaiidistrictumc.org](http://hawaiidistrictumc.org), and click on the link for the bishop's visit. Here's a brief outline of some of the major events:

December 16—Big Island gathering at Honoka'a at about 11:00 a.m. and Hilo at 4:00 p.m.

December 17—Clergy Advent Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Wesley UMC

December 19—Maui—5-7 p.m. at Ala Lani

December 20—Kauai—5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lihue United

December 22—Oahu 9-11 a.m. at First UMC Honolulu

### **DISTRICT CHRISTMAS GIVING LIST**

My thanks to those who have already given to the Christmas Giving. Just a reminder in case you wish to contribute to the gift: STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY CAMP; FIRST LAP; and HAWAII DISTRICT PROGRAMMING.

Please make checks payable to HUMU and note in the memo section "District Christmas Giving" or you may designate gifts specifically. Thank you for your generosity!!

### **CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS ARE DUE!!**

Our district has a proud tradition of 100% apportionment giving. I hope that we can achieve this again. The absolute, in their hands (NOT postmarked) is January 10. If you bring your checks to the district office by Friday, January 4, I will be happy to hand deliver your 2012 apportionments to the conference center.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA STARTS AND RESTARTS**

In an effort to reach a larger number of people, including younger people, I have tried to use different social media outlets: Twitter @dshawaiiunc, and I've created a Facebook just for my blog (you don't have to be on Facebook to access this page): <https://www.facebook.com/FoodForThoughtBodyAndSoul>

My is called Food for Thought, Body and Soul, and the original form was to talk about restaurants, cooking and food related issues, with a P. S. about spiritual matters. There is a link to the old blog. The newer posts are more general topics. Recent posts include "Hokey Pokey Theology," Gangnam Style Theology, Airport Worship, and the \$100 Guitar Project.

### **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. While I would not say that the office of district superintendent is easy, but it has been a blessed experience to have been your pastoral leader these past 2 1/2 years. Thanks to our clergy and our laypeople for leading 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*

Here is the last month of 2012, ALMIGHTY GOD OF LOVE AND MERCY, THANKS FOR ALL YOUR GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP OF HAWAII DISTRICT RIGHT TO THE END OF 2012. AND EVERYBODY SAY "PRAISE THE LORD" AND THANKS FOR HIS ALMIGHTY POWER AND ALMIGHTY HANDS. FOR ALL OUR LOCAL CHURCHES WE HAVE A COMMITMENT TO OUR LORD BY WORK, VOLUNTEERING, DONATING MONEY, AND GIVING OUR TIME. FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST THE BIBLE TOLD US THESE IN DEUTRONOMY 28: 45: "Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee til thou be destroyed because thou harkened not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded thee."

I AM RELEASING FROM MY HANDS...SO GOD WILL RELEASE FROM HIS HANDS INTO MY LIFE WHAT I NEED. The Logic of the natural mind says that if you give what you have there is less left...but that's not true with God... YOU GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE AND...You see...Logic will analyze... FAITH WILL ACT...Logic demands an explanation...FAITH MERELY NEEDS MOTIVATION.

IF YOU WILL PERMIT GOD...HE WILL USE THIS KEY TO UNLOCK...THIS NEW WAVE OF HIS ANOINTING AND USE IT TO RELEASE AND ANOINTING THAT WILL TOUCH YOUR LOVED ONES...HEAL SICKNESS...DELIVER YOU FROM BONDAGE...AND GIVE YOU...TOTAL FINANCIAL RESTORATION!

Faith is always stronger than failure...GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON YOU... HE IS ALWAYS TRYING TO MOTIVATE YOU TO USE YOUR FAITH...SO WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE UP ON YOURSELF? If you have failed as I have...it means we are human...but IF YOU WILL USE YOUR FAITH WITH ME AS I AM ABOUT TO...It will move us forward with jet propulsion power...

If you choose to OPERATE AT THIS NEXT LEVEL OF FAITH...IF YOU CHOOSE TO EXPERIENCE ABOVE-AVERAGE LIVING...

Pray with me now..."OUR HEAVENLY FATHER..IT SEEMS AT THE DIFFICULT TIMES OF LIFE...THE OBSTACLES SEEM BIGGER AND MORE THREATENING THAT EVER...BY NOW, OH GOD, GIVE US THAT TRANSFUSION OF DIVINE POWER...let them use their Faith...MOVE OUT OF THE AVERAGE into ABOVE-AVERAGE LIFE...in Jesus' Name, Our Lord and our Savior AMEN."

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013.

MY LOVE TO YOU ALL!

Sione Lilo Vakauta

Servant of God

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# CAMP MEKOKIKO

Christmas came early for Camp Mekokiko when Wayne and Dona Kiefer, VIMers from Wisconsin, were moved to donate the chapel building. This gift, in memory of Wayne's father will provide the camp with a future home to worship. Ted Lesnett, Camp Director, and others are moving through with the building permit process, and will share the drawings and plans for the chapel when things are final.



The fundraiser for the first bunk house and that level of occupancy availability has reached donations of \$4,402. The sales of the CD

“Christmas Notes” is going well. Thanks for all those who have bought tapes or helped with the construction, weeding, shoveling dirt, painting, cooking, and raising funds for the camp!



## SAVE THIS DATE:

*ANNUAL HAWAII DISTRICT CONFERENCE—SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013*



*DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL  
Martin Luther King, jr Day Parade*

*On Monday, January 21*

*Beginning on Magic Island parking lot*

*at 8:30 a.m. and ending at Kapiolani Park Bandstand.*

*Look for the Methodist Group led by Roman Leverenz!*





**Laity Council**  
**CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**The United Methodist Church**  
**2013 LAYPERSON OF THE YEAR**  
**Nomination Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(Indicate one)** a.) Lay Young Adult b.) Lay Woman c.) Lay Man

**(Please Print All)**

**Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**A Member of (Local Church)** \_\_\_\_\_

**District** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mission Area** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsements** (signatures of the **Pastor** and at least **two laypersons** of Nominee's Local Church are required)

**Pastor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Laypersons:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines** (more detail on reverse side):

- Nominee must be an active member of the congregation submitting the application.
- Nominee should exemplify strong leadership skills within the congregation
- Nominee should be active in service or evangelism beyond the local church
- If Nominee is paid staff include a copy of job description with the nomination form.

(Please provide comments about current activities indicating why this person should be the Lay Young Adult, Lay Man or Lay Woman of the Year. Limit your comments to two pages. Electronic Submission is encouraged.)

**Nomination forms must be received no later than **March 1, 2013.****

Send to: California-Pacific Annual Conference

Attn: Pam Allen- Lay Person of Year

P.O. Box 6006, Pasadena, CA 91102-6006

Pam Allen - **pallen@cal-pac.org**

## **NEW CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS**

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Willard "Buzz" Stevens to the position of South District Superintendent of the California-Pacific Conference of The UMC, effective January 22, 2013. Dr. Stevens will serve as the interim district superintendent through the end of the 2012-2013 conference year.

Rev. Myron Wingfield, South District Superintendent, has been selected for the position of Assistant General Secretary for Clergy Life with The United Methodist Church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. His portfolio will include designing and implementing resources and training and support systems for bishops and district superintendents, Staff Parish Relations Committees and clergy families. Rev. Wingfield served a San Diego District Superintendent in February 2006.

Rev. Gregory Batson has been named by the Board of Directors of the California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation, Inc., as its new President and CEO. He was Chairperson of the Conference Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2009, and has served on the Foundation Board of Directors.. Current Director, Jan Berentsen, will retire at the end of March 2013.

## **ANNOUNCING WINTER 2013 LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CLASSES**

**Basic Lay Speaking Courses**

**Advanced: Lay Pastoral Preaching**

**Time: Both classes will be held simultaneously for 5 weeks every Saturday from**

**9 AM to 11 AM, January 12, 19, 26 and February 2 & 9**

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



### **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. Lead by Winnie Ching

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

### **Lay Pastoral Preaching**

This course is designed for lay servants, lay speakers, student pastors who have not completed a formal preaching training as well as those seeking a basic refresher course and those who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Reverend J.T. Greenleaf will be teaching this class.

Cost: \$15.00 includes registration and book: Go Preach! By John P. Gilbert

Registration: Send form with your registration fees to :Lay Servant Ministries, c/o Hawaii District Office, 20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96813-2317 by **Monday, January 7, 2013**

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

**\* \* \* PERSONAL \* \* \***

### **With deepest sympathy to...**

...Pastor Sam Cox and family upon the passing of his spouse, Rima Cox on November 19, 2012. Her memorial service will be on Saturday, December 15 beginning with visitation at 3:30 p.m. It will be held at Kailua UMC where Pastor Sam serves as the Visitation Pastor. The family requests "No flowers" and donations to the family are optional. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Rev. Cox at: 1216 Keolu Dr., Kailua, HI 96734.

...retired Pastor Roby Correa whose sister, June, died on December 5, 2012. Pastor Roby will be traveling to be with the family for the services. Notes of condolences can be sent to Pastor Roby at: P.O. Box 974, Waianae, HI 96792.

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

...Mr. Mark Britt, the adult son of Mrs. Caroline Britt, benefactor of the annual Britt Lectures. Mr. Britt is recovering from a heart attack in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He usually visits Hawaii with his mother to attend the lectures.

...Joshua "Siua" Nisa, son of Mrs. Leola Nisa of Trinity UMC (who was the Hawaii District UMW Vice-President and Coordinator for Spiritual Growth & Mission). Joshua Siua was in a moped accident on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in Ewa Beach. He is suffering from extensive head and facial injuries, and had major surgery on Sunday. Please pray for his healing and complete recovery.

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

...Mr. Dick Englar of Waianae UMC, our past District Lay Leader; Mrs. Dot Bloom of Keolumana UMC and former District Camp Secretary; retired Pastor Misipati Karapani; and Rev. Colleen Chun and Rev. Kana Shimasaki who are both on Incapacity Leave.

**\* \* \* CLASSIFIED \* \* \***

**Risograph RP 3700 available:** The Hawaii District Office wants to give any church or school their Risograph printing machine. It is basically a mimeograph machine which "burns" the master using a similar process like photocopying a document. In addition to the black ink drum, there are six colors drums - blue, red, green, purple, brown and burgundy. This printing machine is good for high volume printing jobs; it is very dependable and the cost per copy is very low because it does not consume electricity as much as a photocopier. There is no charge for the machine and color ink drums. However, you will be responsible for moving arrangements and moving costs. For more information, call the Hawaii District Office at PH: 536-1864 - ask for Leilani.

**Used Dryer available:** Kapolei Korean UM Mission has a used Whirlpool dryer that it wants to give to a family in need. If you know of a deserving family, please e-mail Pastor SonHye Kim at: <[pastorsonhye@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorsonhye@yahoo.com)> . There is no charge, but the recipient is responsible for picking up and moving the dryer.

## ***CALL FOR DISTRICT-WIDE PRAYER***

At its December meeting, the District Leadership Team [DLT] approved something that can have a DRAMATIC effect on our District. They are asking churches and their members to be in prayer for two specific district concerns every quarter. To start the year 2013, we've highlighted these two:

**The Ewa Plain...** to discern what God would want us as United Methodists to do in the Ewa Plain area. Churches affected: Ewa Beach UMC, Kapolei UM Mission, and Kapolei Korean UM Mission.

Currently, Ewa Beach UMC is without a senior pastor, but it has a part-time Tongan Local Pastor for the Tongan members.

Kapolei UM Mission, which worships at Kapolei High School, is also without an appointed pastor.

Kapolei Korean UM Mission has an appointed pastor, but it has gone through membership changes.

Bethany Korean UMC, which was worshipping in Waipahu, has moved to Pearl City.

**Hawaii District Young People...** the ministry for our young people. *[Shannon del Rosario, Hawaii District Young Adult Coordinator, writes, "As we prepare for a new year of ministry, our youth and young adult leadership teams would like to thank our UMC 'ohana for your support and aloha. We invite you to join us in giving thanks to God for all that He has blessed us with, and humbly ask that you lift up our young people's ministries and all the young people of our district. We pray that God will continue to guide our ministries, and be ever present in the lives of our young people.]*

The DLT commends all the churches who have been praying for a different UM church and its pastor(s) each week. It now asks churches and individuals to pray for these two concerns daily. Let us join together and be faithful to God who said "...For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations" [Isaiah 56:7b]

**DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS****December 2012**

Sun.-Sun., Dec. 16-23: Bishop Carcaño's visit  
 Sun., Dec. 16; 11:45 am: Hilo UMC Charge Conf.  
 Mon., Dec. 17: Oahu Clergy Advent Dinner; Wesley  
 Tue., Dec. 18; 7:00 pm: Christ UMC Charge Conf.  
 Sun., Dec. 23: Pacific Islanders UMC Charge Conf.  
 Mon., Dec. 24: *Christmas Eve*; Dist. Office 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  
 Thu., Jan. 3; 7:00 pm: Kilohana UMC Charge Conf.  
 Sat., Jan. 5; 10:00 am: Joint Charge Conference -  
 Kailua UMC and Keolumana UMC; Keolumana UMC  
 " " " ; 3:00 pm: Harris UMC Charge Conf.  
 Thu., Jan. 10: Absolute deadline for payment of  
 Cal-Pac 2012 Apportionments. (Check in-hand)  
 Sat., Jan. 12; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Sat., Jan. 12; 10:00 am: Joint Charge Conference –  
 Olive UMC and Wahiawa UMC; Olive UMC  
 Sun., Jan. 13; 11:00 am: Lahaina UMC Charge Conf.  
 " " " ;12:00 pm: Lihue United Church Ch. Conf.  
 " " " ;12:00 pm: Trinity UMC Charge Conf.  
 Mon., Jan. 14: Joint Charge Conference - Kahaluu UMC  
 and Parker UMC; Kahaluu UMC

Tue., Jan. 15; 12 noon: Britt Lectures Comm. Mtg.  
 Sat., Jan. 19; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Mon., Jan 21: *Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Day*; Dist. Ofc. closed  
 " " " ; 8:30 am: **MLK Parade March**  
 Wed., Jan. 23; 6:00 pm: Kahuku UMC Charge Conf.  
 Fri., Jan. 25; 7:00 pm: Aldersgate UMC Charge Conf.  
 Sat., Jan. 26: UMW Local Leadership Training  
 " " " ; 9:00 am: HUMU Board mtg; Dist. Ofc.  
 " " " ; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Sun., Jan. 27; 9:00 am: Naalehu UMC Charge Conf.  
 " " " : 6:00 pm: Kona UMC Charge Conf.  
 Mon., Jan. 28: Deadline for Feb.-Mar. Ka Leo Mekokiko  
 Tue., Jan. 29; 7:00 pm: Aiea UMC Charge Conf.

**February 2013**

Sat., Feb. 2; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Tue., Feb. 5; 7:00 pm: Wesley UMC Charge Conf.  
 Wed., Feb. 6; 8:00 pm: Bethany Korean UMC  
 Charge Conference  
 Thu., Feb. 7; 7:00 pm: Waianae UMC Charge Conf.  
 Sat., Feb. 9; 9:00: **Lay Servant classes**; Kailua  
 Fri.-Mon., Feb. 15-18: **Britt Lectures**; First UMC  
 Sat., Feb. 16; 8:30 am: Dist. UMW Mid-Winter Event  
 Mon., Feb. 18: *Presidents' Day* - District Ofc. closed  
 Mon., Feb. 25: Deadline for Mar.-Apr. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**March 2013**

Sat., Mar. 9; 9:00 am: HUMU Board mtg; Dist.Ofc.  
 Sat., Mar. 16: DPAS meeting [tentative]