

**Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ
187th Aha Pae'aina
Community Church of Honolulu**

Workshop: Twenty-Seventh General Synod

I. What is General Synod?

The General Synod is the representative body of the United Church of Christ and is composed of delegates chosen by the Conferences, voting members of Boards of Directors of Covenanted Ministries who have been elected by General Synod, as described in the Bylaws of the United Church of Christ, and of ex officio delegates; these shall constitute the voting delegates. (*UCC Constitution*, Para.53).

The General Synod has the following powers, provided, however, that no power vested in the General Synod shall invade the autonomy of Conferences, Associations, and Local Churches, or impair their right to acquire, own, manage, and dispose of property and funds:

a) To carry on, directly and through its Executive Council, as well as through the Covenanted, Affiliated, and Associated Ministries and other bodies, the work of the United Church of Christ, and to provide for the financial support of this work; (*UCC Constitution*, Para.54).

II. Who is going to General Synod?

A. Delegates (see *Friend*)

B. Associate Delegates (*Friend*)

C. Covenanted Board Members

1. Kamaiki Anakalea—Executive Council
2. Eleanore Chong—Office of General Ministries
3. Richard Kamanu—Local Church Ministries
4. Joy Lacanienta—Wider Church Ministries
5. Dan Hatch—Justice Witness Ministries
6. Ann Ito—UCC Disabilities Ministries to Executive Council
7. Ron Fujiyoshi—Council on Racial Ethnic Ministries to JWM

D. GS Youth Participants: 10 youth and 6 adults

E. Workshop Participant: Joyclynn Costa

F. Honored Laywomen: Eleanore Chong, Lila Vailuu, Madeline Jumawan (deceased)

G. Former Executive: David Hirano (United Church Board for World Ministries)

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III. What is happening at General Synod?

A. Resolutions (handout)

How does a resolution get to Synod? (Meeting Practices Resolution)

B. Elections

1. Caroline Belsom—Assistant Moderator of 28th General Synod (Tampa)
2. Lana Kaopua—Executive Council (6 year term)
3. Jeannie Thompson—Justice Witness Ministries (6 year term)

C. Big Topics

1. Ministries Proposal
 - a. Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministries
 - b. Constitution and Bylaws Amendments
2. Single Governance

D. Lots of Other Things

1. Workshops, Sponsored Meals, Exhibits
2. River City Saturday
3. Worship

IV. How can I follow what happens at Synod?

A. Website: ***ucc.org/synod***

B. Live Streaming on website

C. July Edition of *The Friend*