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So, What Happened? Elections, Budget, and a Resolution

Eric Anderson, Chair of the Conference Council, called the 202nd 'Aha Makua session to order at Central Union Church on Thursday, June 13, to adopt rules, procedures, and the agenda for the session on Saturday.

The Saturday's business session started with elections, and since there were no nominations from the floor, the Chair instructed the Council Secretary to enter a vote for each candidate. A full list of the candidates elected can be found on the final page of this issue of *The Friend*.

or advocating for legislative action concerning a ceasefire, humanitarian and permanent; as well as the allowance of desperately needed aid in the form of food and medical supplies.”

There were concerns expressed that this resolution was too one-sided. But after a healthy debate, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. It was resolved that our Conference, our Associations, our churches, and our members “take a public stand and begin working for a lasting peace between Palestine and Israel;” and... “that the Two-Hundred and Second 'Aha Pae'aina of the HCUCC calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and Palestine;” and that “this 'Aha Pae'aina of the HCUCC calls upon its churches and members to urgently and publicly pray and call for a permanent ceasefire;” and... that “this 'Aha Pae'aina calls for a Day of Prayer and Public Witness to be organized for our churches.”

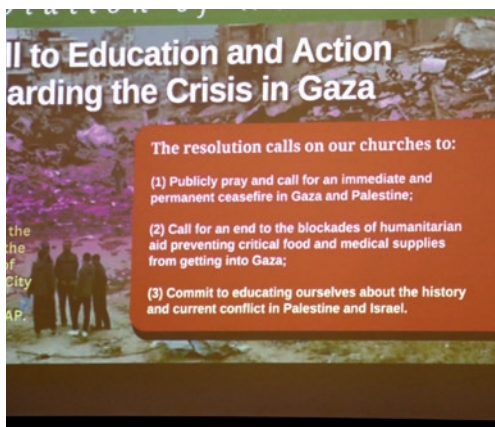
The last major item on the business agenda was the budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. For the third year in a row, a motion was made regarding the funding for the Papa Makua. The motion was made by Brain Welsh, Luna Ho'omalulu of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, to provide \$24,000 of support for the Papa Makua position in the grant application for funds from the Titus Coan Trust.

During the debate, Wayne Higa of Ka'ahumanu Church made the point

that this wasn't about the money; rather, it was about reconciliation, while other delegates such as Alan Akana of Kōloa Union Church made the point that this was about the process. After an emotional debate, in which everyone who wanted to speak was able to share for two minutes, the delegates voted 59 to 48 against the motion with two ballots being judged invalid because they checked both yes and no. Finally, in another vote, the budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 was approved as submitted.



Conference Council Chair Eric Anderson presides over the 'Aha Makua



Discussion was wide-ranging during the presentation on the Resolution regarding the crisis in Gaza

Next, the delegates considered a resolution, “A Call to Education and Action Regarding the Crisis in Gaza.” This resolution calls on the Hawai'i Conference and its member churches “to engage in meaningful action to address the need for education and action regarding the crisis in Gaza... Actions that seek to respond to the crisis include but are not limited to: participating in raising awareness and fostering education concerning the history of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict; praying for peace; organizing/attending peaceful protests; and/



God is still speaking

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Manini Details Are Important for Clarity

DAVID K. POPHAM, CONFERENCE MINISTER

There were many good takeaways from this year's 'Aha Pae'āina, yet I fear one of those takeaways might be confusion and misunderstanding. Amid the labyrinthian titles and structures which the congregational governance model of the United Church of Christ allows for, it is easy to become confused on the role and purpose of various positions within our Conference. As a regional body made up of 115 active congregations, the Hawai'i Conference is not immune to misstatements born out of misunderstandings as positions and responsibilities often look similar until the manini details can be seen in clarity. I trust this article will provide an easy reference to help anyone confused by statements made in our annual gathering.

The Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ is led by a Conference Minister. Per our by-laws, this position "is the Conference's spiritual leader, its chief executive and administrative officer, and registrar. The Conference Minister shall give general supervision over the work of the Conference and shall be directly accountable to the Conference Council." In the division of work among the Conference Staff this position also serves as liaison to the Kaua'i Association Leadership Team and its Committee on Ministry; the 'Aha O Nā Mokupuni 'O Maui, Moloka'i, A Me Lāna'i Leadership Team and its Committee on Ministry; the O'ahu Association Leadership Team and its Committee on Ministry; the Administration Missional Team; and the Formation Missional Team. The Conference Minister also works with local churches, members, and ministers, and represents the Conference

in the wider UCC, ecumenical, and other settings.

Further, the Hawai'i Conference enjoys the ministry abilities of one Associate Conference Minister, who supports the Conference in assisting with church vitality, leadership development, search and call processes, and advocacy for community needs. This position also collaborates with churches, pastors, and committees to enhance ministry effectiveness. This Conference Staff position serves as



liaison to Hawai'i Island Association Leadership Team and Committee on Ministry; the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) Board of Directors and Committee on Ministry; as well as the Justice and Witness and the Innovation and Engagement Missional Teams. This position also works with the Pastoral Leaders Retreat Planning Team and Community of Practice development. I've heard it said Jonathan Roach is the Associate Conference minister "for Hawai'i Island." This is a misunderstanding as Jonathan is the one Associate Conference Minister for the Conference – not just a particular island or association within the Conference.

AHEC enjoys the leadership of the position of the Papa Makua. As

outlined in the AHEC by-laws, this position is the CEO of the Association and involves providing spiritual leadership and guidance to AHEC churches, cultural preservation and integration of Hawaiian values and traditions into the Christian faith, advocacy for community needs and the fostering of aloha, and is accountable to the Association. According to the Relational Covenant approved by the Conference Council in the Spring of 2023 and the AHEC Board of Directors in the Fall of 2023: "The Papa Makua is the spiritual leader, chief executive, and administrative officer of AHEC, with duties outlined by the AHEC bylaws and further defined by the AHEC Board of Directors.

The AHEC Board of Directors calls and supervises the Papa Makua. AHEC serves as the calling and compensating setting of the church for the Papa Makua."

It has been misstated that the position of Papa Makua is the position of Conference Minister. Both the AHEC by-laws and the Relational Covenant clearly state the Papa Makua position is the head of an Association within the Hawai'i Conference but is not head of the Hawai'i Conference nor is a position on Conference Staff.

I hope this rather dry look at by-laws and role explanations will help clarify any confusion you might have experienced due to the labyrinthian titles and structures which the congregational governance model of the United Church of Christ allows for.



God Is Doing Something New Among Us

At the recent 'Aha Pae'aina, Julie Buto and Jonathan Roach had the opportunity to talk story with Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, around the issue of the emerging church. Here is some of the wisdom she shared:

As you are coming up on your one-year anniversary as General Minister and President, what has been the most surprising to you?

“People, I think, have been very supportive, very hopeful...People want to know what other churches are doing, what other communities are doing. There is this desire to learn and grow together. There is this sense that given some of my background and my experiences, that I understand the wider church in a different kind of way, even beyond the United Church of Christ.”

What does the future of both the UCC and the global church look like to you?

“There is a lot more light and truth to break forth for the church. The church is changing because people are changing. Yet somehow, the church is still experienced as very Western and White and if the church is going to be something different and the church is going to grow, then we have to lean into how the church becomes reflective, not only of where the church is growing but of those who are coming to be a part of the church.”

“We have used ‘emerging church’ as a particular thing; ‘the emerging church looks this way.’ When I think about the emerging church I think about this text: ‘Do you not perceive it?’ There’s a thing that’s out there. What’s emerging in the church right now is a post-pandemic response that continues to evolve and be shaped.”

“What is emerging is for us to figure out how to sustain.”



Please talk about your vision for the church.

“I have a vision for the church. I’ve spent the last year talking about that in a variety of ways but listening to people has been more important for me.”

“What I want to have present among us is a vision that is not Karen Georgia Thompson’s vision, but it is a vision that the people, that we the people have for the church and that we together can build the church and that we the people manifest what church needs to be about.”

“The vision that I have is really, one, how do we see ourselves; a scarcity model doesn’t leave a whole lot of room for us to see ourselves with the possibility of thriving. The second is how do we make room for the Spirit at work in us and among us?”

“If we could focus around who we are as spiritual people... The church’s ability to grow is not because the church is a building, it’s because people are equipped to lead, they can tell their stories, they have something to talk about, they have something they are excited about. That becomes meaningful to people who are also seeking and searching.”

What models of ministry do you see fulfilling the needs of a searching, experimenting people?

“I think we have to be willing to be responsive to what is emerging and be willing to experiment with what we see, rather than feeling that we have to be prescriptive to what is coming.”

“Focus instead on impact—that is what’s reshaping the church. People talking about the ways in which the church is doing all these positive things and impacting the community.”

What guidance would you give us on measuring success?

“Success has to be rooted in impact.”

“Any issue that we have here in our local community is reflected globally. The church ought to understand itself as a more *glocal* entity—globally attuned and locally rooted.”

What gives you hope?

“Lots of things. We are finding hope in people’s ability to be creative and responsive to the needs that they see around them. Sometimes it is more evident in some of our global siblings than it is among us.”

“It is not about abundance but about giving out of what one has. We’ve given out of what we have and allowed God to multiply that.”

“That keeps me going—the possibilities. The possibility of being more as church, not because we have more people, but we understand God to be more than who we are.”

Insights about Island People

“Island culture is a particular thing. It is not just about sand and seashells, because most of our island culture is also steeped in woundedness, it’s the collision of people and mission and colonialism, and when people are coming in, they are coming in to fix, they are coming in to change, and sometimes without an appreciation for what is.”

“When coming to Hawai‘i, one of the things is the massive diversity. People see this as a certain thing, as a certain way. Why can’t you do it a different kind of way? They are not trying to hear, ‘this is who we are, and this is what we do.’ They are trying to say, ‘this is how you should be,’ and ‘I need for you to be this way.’ There is something disrespectful about that.”

On the topic of religious multiplicity: (From a Q & A session during the 'Aha)

“People are raising their children across more than one [faith] tradition.

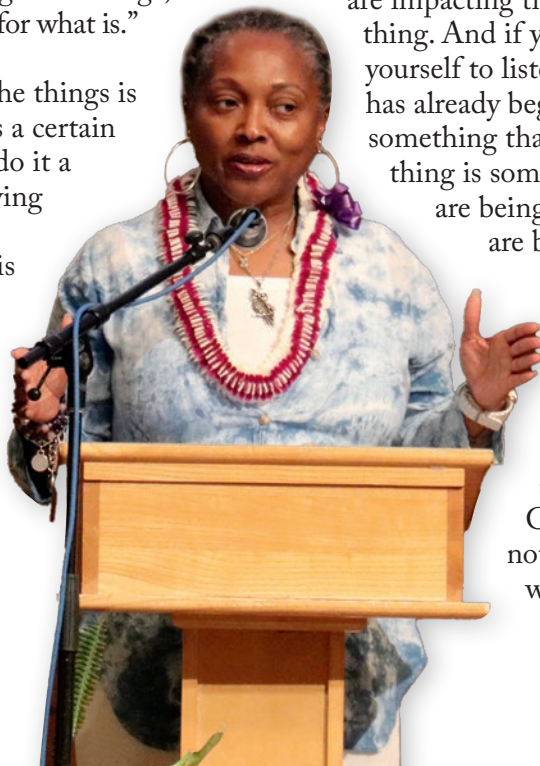
So, you have a generation that’s coming who are already steeped in a multiple understanding of their faith and have the ability to live that out.”

“I would say that has been present in many of our Indigenous communities for a long time, that there are spiritual practices that accompany Christian practices and that communities have accepted that as a part of who they are.”

“One of the essentials of the church is definitely how we afford people the opportunity to engage in their spirituality in a way that draws them closer to God. I believe that everything else is an outgrowth of that. We could talk about justice, but justice is built on a foundation of a spiritual self-understanding. We could talk about church growth, but church growth is dependent on our own ability to be able to sustain ourselves spiritually and to talk about how we make meaning and connection to the divine. How do we equip people to grow spiritually and to be able to share their way of being connected to God?”

We leave you with the prophetic words of Karen Georgia Thompson delivered during her sermon at the Opening Worship:

“God is doing something new among us. Do you not perceive it? Talk to each other. It’s in your churches. Listen to the things that are happening. Listening to the ways that our churches are embracing and moving and living and serving community, listening to the ways that we’re doing worship. Listen to the ways that we are impacting the world. God is doing a new thing. And if you stop for a moment and allow yourself to listen, you will find that a new thing has already begun in you. The new thing is not something that’s happening out there. The new thing is something that’s happening here. *We* are being transformed. And because *we* are being transformed, *we* have the ability to transform the world. It is coming. *We* are the people that God is using to make a difference in the world. If, and only if, we are willing to be the vessels that God needs present and active in the world around us. God is doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it? Look around and watch it spring forth.”



WE GATHER TOGETHER IN JOY



Cara Ann Maeda leads morning 'Ohana devotion



Youth lead singing in Opening Worship



Wayne Higa opens the 'Aha Makua with an oli



James Fother Jr. presents stewardship awards to churches



Jonathan Roach, Brianna Lloyd, Manu Naeole, Heather Barfield, Ben Sheets

Mai'i Movement Hawai'i picks up donations



Pacific School of Religion recognizes recent and former graduates



Introduction to the Capital Campaign



Introduction of Conference staff



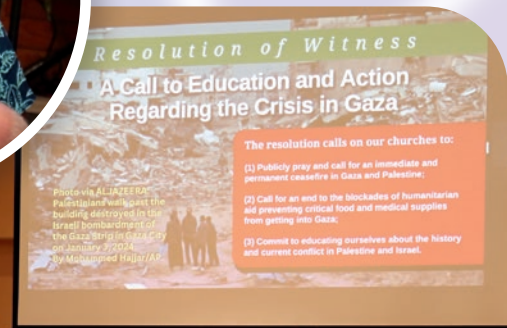
Connecting with friends



Youth in a plenary discussion



Aileen Trout discusses aftermath of fires on Maui



Resolution of Witness
A Call to Education and Action
Regarding the Crisis in Gaza

The resolution calls on our churches to:

- (1) Publicly pray and call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and Palestine;
- (2) Call for an end to the blockades of humanitarian aid preventing critical food and medical supplies from getting into Gaza;
- (3) Commit to educating ourselves about the history and current conflict in Palestine and Israel.



Irene Willis Hassan talks about Resolution on crisis in Gaza



James Fother Jr. recognizes stewardship award recipients



Workshop on Resolution on Gaza



Kimo Keaulana offers a welcoming chant to begin the Opening Worship



Having a Café Conversation



Communion, A. Rushan Sinnaduray, Central Union Church



Members of the Samoan Church of Hawai'i, LMS, Nanakuli [PHOTO CREDIT: LORI YAMASHIRO]



James Fother Jr. at the Closing Worship

An ‘Aha Five Years in the Making Is Over in a Flash

An event five years in the making. Expectations were high. The level of anticipation of seeing friends not framed in a black border on a computer screen was great. Finally, an in-person ‘Aha Pae‘āina!

Entering the Parish Hall of Central Union Church, one could feel the excitement of being together. Having 40 youth from across the Conference in attendance added to the charged atmosphere. Joanne Kishimori of Kahikuonalani Church put it this way, “from the beginning, the youth infused the gathering with their exuberance, with their loud cheers and affirmations, which were fun to hear and even set the tone for the successful ‘Aha Makua.”



Members of Moanalua Community Church and Filipino UCC serve their special foods at Taste of O‘ahu

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From the opening oli by Wayne Higa and Kalani Wong, to the closing worship, the time was spent renewing relationships, raising awareness on issues, and being the church together.

Sprinkled throughout the ‘Aha Makua were Café Conversations led by Janice Ogoshi and Julianne Odo. Participants had one-on-one and small group conversations on various topics. Many enjoyed these conversations as it provided an opportunity to meet new people and to reconnect with old friends. Kealahou Alika of Wailuku Union Church shared, “like so many others, I appreciated the opportunity the ‘Aha Makua provided in bringing all of us together – ‘he alo a he alo, face-to-face’ - for the first time since

the COVID pandemic struck.”

Newcomer Cheri Dennis, who most recently served in North Carolina and is now at Lihue Christian Church, offered this reconnecting story: “The time that brought the greatest joy for me was reconnecting with a friend, Pualani Akaka, from Moloka‘i. We first met back in 2017 at the General Synod in Baltimore where we ‘struggled’ together in the UCC History & Polity class. Little did I know then that I’d one day be serving in Hawai‘i. God is full of surprises!”

Many said having UCC General Minister and President Karen Georgia Thompson as a keynoter and seeing both women and men lead worship was important. As Joanne Kishimori expressed, “this was also a great opportunity for the youth to witness the UCC practice of gender equality, to see a female President of the national UCC and to see male and female pastors deliver the messages for the worship service as a normal occurrence.”

In addition to the meeting, conversations and worship, was another important element—the food! And the O‘ahu Association did not disappoint with Friday night’s Taste of O‘ahu! There was lumpia and pancit, a variety of Samoan dishes, furikake salmon, kalua pig and cabbage, Chinese chicken salad and desserts. Oh, the desserts! But the evening would not have been complete without the music provided by Kahele. It was wonderful to hear songs offered by the



Cheri Dennis engages in Café Conversation

youth and to watch the graceful hula performed by some of the attendees.

By the end of our time together, we had worshiped, prayed, sung, eaten, shared, discussed, disagreed, voted, and best of all, hugged.

As outgoing Council Chair Eric Anderson so aptly shared, “I think an in-person ‘Aha reminded us of something that is precious: that we are collectively God’s people and the Body of Christ. We may not be of one mind, but we share the same Spirit, the same Hā. It did my soul good to breathe the same air with God’s people again.”

As we close the books on the 202nd ‘Aha Pae‘āina, we are grateful for the opportunity to be together. Thank you to Central Union Church for hosting, the O‘ahu Association churches who provided dinner at a Taste of O‘ahu, workshop leaders, worship teams and musicians. We appreciate the work of the ‘Aha Planning Team, the ‘Aha Youth Event Team and chaperones, and the Conference and Foundation Staff.

And we look forward to being together again for the 203rd ‘Aha Pae‘āina on Kaua‘i!



Youth at the ‘Aha Pae‘āina

Youth Are the Church... Today!

Youth are not just the church of *tomorrow*; they are the church *today*! This was evident by the youth presence which was very much felt at this year's 'Aha with 40 youth representing five islands and 13 churches! Youth led the invocation and helped give new meaning to The Lord's Prayer in the opening worship service; they joined their voices to make a joyful noise at E Himeni Kākou where Kosraean youth from Maui and Lāna'i also shared a song in their native tongue; they cheered from their seats in the gathering hall. When not sitting through plenary sessions, they were visiting with UCC General Minister and President Karen Georgia Thompson, participating in workshops on journaling, Godly Play storytelling and scripture, exploring faith through art, serving through 'āina at Hāmākua Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, and worshipping with Kaumakapili Church on Sunday.



Hāmākua March service project
PHOTO CREDIT: ANNA F.

I learned that everyone has different opinions in a business meeting.
- Grace

... I saw God in the smiles of all the people around me. - Daxson

I've learned that showing love can be found in many different forms whether it be fellowship, familial, friendship, marriage, church, kindness, or respect. The ways we show love vary from person to person, but the best thing about it is that there's no right way to show love. However, the best kind of love is God's love. And that is forever. - Casey

I learned that you can accomplish anything with God. We saw God especially while we were singing. - Noelani, Kekoa, and Linfred

I am so grateful for being here. I learned about all the responsibilities of the church. They are important. I saw God through this whole event. - Nanea

What I learned is that nobody is perfect but God made us to be like this and that is good. - Shannielle

I am grateful for getting to know the youth and the church members. It's amazing. - Kalana

We learned how to get along with other kids. We made bonds and friendships, and we want to come next year because our experience was amazing. - Kavika, BMoore, Raynard, Dominic, and Paulino

We learned so much about ourselves, God, and other people. We learned God always has a plan for us even if we don't think he does. Even if we can't see him physically, he is still there. - Aria

We were able to learn about the HCUCC processes, like how being a delegate, voting, and meetings work, and how even as youth we can use our voices to spread God's love and strengthen our churches. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to make new friends and connect with other churches... we saw God at work in many ways - in our worship and devotional time together, in all the care and love exhibited toward us this week, and in all the memories we were able to make together.
- Yuzu, Carmela, and Kukui

One thing I learned was to pay attention to the business meeting because I needed to vote and listen. I am grateful for all of the new friends I made. - Sam



Ben Sheets serving communion to youth

Mahalo to the amazing team of clergy and lay volunteers who planned and led this year's youth event, to Kaumakapili Church for providing a place to stay, and to the sponsors who donated to help financially support youth participants - all affirming that our youth are the church... today!

Each, in your own way validate that our youth are the church... today!

News from our Associations and Affiliates



O'ahu Association

President – Irene Willis Hassan, Kailua Christian Church
Treasurer – Linn Garcia, Central Union Church
Secretary – Lori Yamashiro, Nu'uaniu Congregational Church
Committee on Ministry Chair – Kyle Lovett, Central Union Church

'Aha O Na Mokupuni

President – James Aaron, Keawala'i Congregational Church
Treasurer – Kailani Ross, Waiola Church
Secretary – Dennis Barger, Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church
Committee on Ministry Chair – Kimberly Fong, Po'okela Church

Kaua'i Association

President – Barry Mick, Kapa'a First Hawaiian Congregational Church
Vice President – Tiffany Marrotte, Kōloa Union Church
Treasurer – Aulii Herod, Kapa'a First Hawaiian Congregational Church
Committee on Ministry Chair – Helen Hoeckmann-Percival, Waimea UCC

Hawai'i Island Association (HIA)

President – Debra Wong Yuen, Kauaha'ao Congregational Church
Vice President – Wryen Keoki Kiwaha, Puka'ana Congregational Church
Secretary – Jihey Roach, Church of the Holy Cross
Treasurer – Frank Mulec, 'Opihikao Congregational Church
Committee on Ministry Chair – Eric Anderson, Church of the Holy Cross

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC)

Luna Ho'omalulu – Brian Welsh, Kalapana Mauna Kea First Hawaiian Congregational Church
Luna Ho'omalulu Hope – Anela Rosa, Waiola Church
Pu'ukū – Kerisa Carmelo, Kona Lanakila Congregational Church
Kakau 'Olelo – Margaret Kamanu, Kalapana Mauna Kea First Hawaiian Congregational Church
Committee on Ministry Chair – Michael Warren, Kalapana Mauna Kea First Hawaiian Congregational Church

Conference News and Highlights

Go to www.hcucc.org to learn more about these and many more stories from around the Conference.

Pastoral Transitions

Gwendolyn “Nani” Hill retired from her ministry with Hokuhoa UCC as their Designated Term Pastor on Sunday, May 26. She had served in that capacity since 2022.



His last Sunday was June 16. He and his family have returned to the Philippines.

Cassandra Chee ended her ministry as the Designated Term Pastor of Wahiawa United Church of Christ on O’ahu. Her last Sunday was June 30.



Miguel Morales retired as pastor of Maui Evangelical Church in Kahului.

Conference Calendar of Events

AUGUST 16

Statehood Day (Office Closed)

AUGUST 31

HCF BOD/Conference Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day (Office Closed)

SEPTEMBER 7, 21

Anti-Racism two-day training

SEPTEMBER 24 - 26

Pastoral Leaders Retreat, Honomū, Hawai‘i Island

In Memory

William Nagata, 91, retired ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, had passed away on March 14, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia, where he had been living. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1956 and was ordained in the UCC later that same year. Bill also received a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1973 and a Master of Social Work from Atlanta University in 1979. He was a Chaplain in the U.S. Army and retired in 1978 after 25 years of service with the rank of Colonel. He served several local churches in Hawai‘i, including Honomu Christian Church (now Hilo Coast UCC), Kalihi Union Church in Honolulu, and assisted with ministries of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church in Honolulu, where he held his membership until moving to Georgia. He was married to Frances Kansaki Nagata and they had two children, Michael and Janice.



William Kaina, 91, retired ordained minister, passed away on Sunday, June 16, at home surrounded by his ‘ohana. He served many of our churches on the islands of Maui, Kaua‘i, and O’ahu, as well as on the Conference

Staff as the interim Papa Makua from 2005 - 2006.

In 1997, Kahu Kaina retired from the pulpit following 14 years of service (1984 – 1997) at Kawaiiaha‘o Church on O’ahu. In 1999, he was conferred with the honorary title of “Paster Emeritus” of Kawaiiaha‘o Church. In 2005, Kahu received the Rotary Club of West Honolulu’s David Malo Award. This award “recognizes and honors a person of Hawaiian ancestry who has made a noteworthy contribution in their chosen field.”

This November, he and his wife Sandy would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary! They have four children: Debra Koanui, Joan Salazar, Sandra Sagawinit, and Allen Kaina.



Larry Walter, 77, retired ordained minister, died on May 29, 2024, at his home on Hawai‘i Island. He was a member of Hilo Coast UCC. He was serving as the Chairperson of the Hawai‘i Island Association Committee on Ministry and had attended General Synod 34 in Indianapolis as a Conference delegate in 2023. Larry previously served as the pastor of First United Protestant Church (2003 – 2013) and the interim pastor of Hilo Coast UCC (twice).

Larry is survived by his wife, Debbie; daughter Kristin, and two grandsons; son Erik and daughter-in-law Joyce.

Thanks to our friends, *The Friend* is free of charge to anyone who requests it. We offer our sincere mahalo to those who have generously given a monetary gift to help defray publication costs. A gift of \$15 will pay for one person’s subscription for one year. Gifts may be sent to the Hawai‘i Conference UCC, 700 Bishop Street, Suite 825, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

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Welcome!

During the 202nd 'Aha Pae'āina, delegates elected the slate presented by the Conference Nominating Committee, which is made up of Aileen Trout, Sam Masilamoney, Alan Akana, Susan Tengan, and Sugalu Timoteo.

The new chair of the Conference Council will be Roberta Jahrling, a lay leader from Kaumakapili Church in Honolulu. Roberta has previously served on the Foundation Board of Directors and the Pu'a Foundation Board of Directors.

Also elected was Mary Herbig as the chair of the Justice and Witness Missional Team. Mary serves as the associate pastor of Central Union Church. Eleanore Chong was elected to the Hawai'i Conference Foundation Board of Directions. She currently serves on the O'ahu Committee on



Installation of servant leaders

Ministry, the national United Church of Christ Board, and is a member of Central Union Church.

Those reelected to another term include Nathaniel Timoteo from Bethel of Amazing Grace as an At-Large Youth / Young Adult member of the Conference Council; Lorna Motas

from Kaumakapili Church as the Conference Council Secretary; and Sugalu Timoteo, pastor of Bethel of Amazing Grace, as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Thank you for your commitment to serve!