



STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
ANNUAL MEETING
Central Union Church (9:00a – 2:00p)

JUNE 13, 2024

202nd. ‘Aha Pae`aina

June 15, 2024

(SCHCC)

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

‘Aha Iki - *Annual Meeting*

June 15, 2024

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION



**State Council of
Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)**

WELCOME LETTER

June 13, 2024

Aloha and Welcome,

It has been a few years since we were able to meet “in person” at the Annual Meeting of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC), also known as the Aha Iki portion of the Aha Pae’aina. As a matter of fact, 2019 was the last time we met “in person” at Kaumakapili Church.

2019 was also the beginning of what was called COVID 19, an unexpected challenge that became a Pandemic which affected everyone, world-wide. Because of the COVID Pandemic, discussion and alternate plans had to be considered regarding the scheduling of the Aha Pae’aina for 2020 and it was determined that because of the Pandemic and for the safety and protection of all, the Aha Pae’aina would be rescheduled to October 2020 and the meetings would be held virtually or more commonly called “Zoom”

This year, 2024, we will meet “in person” and I personally, am quite excited about our upcoming meeting and I hope you all are, as well.

Mahalo to Central Union Church at 1660 South Beretania Street, in Honolulu, for hosting our Annual Meeting for the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, on June 13, 2024.

I look forward to seeing you all on June 13 and wish we all a productive and successful annual meeting.

May Ke Akua continue to bless us all,

Sharon Matsuyama

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President, SCHCC

202nd ‘Aha Pae‘āina
Hawai‘i Conference, United Church of Christ

“Ho‘āla Hou: To Make New, Renew”
Isaiah 43:18-19

Thursday-Saturday, June 13-15, 2024
Central Union Church
Honolulu, O‘ahu, Hawai‘i



‘Aha‘Aine Wai Maka – Feast of Tears
A Service of Remembrance

‘Aha‘Aine Wai Maka – Feast of Tears
State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Thursday, June 13, 2024

KA WEHE ‘ANA
The Call.

(Adapted from *Hawaiian Antiquities*, David Malo)
Uluwehi Sai & Laurie Kauleinamoku

Uluwehi: *Nā ‘Aumākua mai ka lā hiki a ka lā kau
Mai ka ho‘oku‘i a ka halawai
Nā ‘Aumākua iā Kahinakua iā Kahina‘alo
Iā ka‘a ‘ākau i ka lani
O kīhā i ka lani
‘Owē i ka lani
Nunulu i ka lani
Kāholo i ka lani*

Laurie: Ancestors from the rising to the setting sun
From the zenith to the horizon
Ancestors who stand at our back and front
You who stand at our right hand
A breathing in the heavens
An utterance in the heavens
A clear ringing voice in the heavens
A voice reverberating in the heavens.

Uluwehi: *Eia nā pulapula a ‘oukou ‘o ka po‘e Hawai‘i
E mālama ‘oukou ia mākou
E ulu i ka lani
E ulu i ka honua
E ulu i ka pae ‘āina o Hawai‘i*

Laurie: Here are your descendants, the people of Hawai‘i
Safeguard us
That we may flourish in the heavens
That we may flourish on earth
That we may flourish throughout Hawai‘i

Uluwehi: *E hō mai i ka ‘ike
E hō mai i ka ikaika
E hō mai i ke akamai
E hō mai i ka maopopo pono
E hō mai i ka ‘ike pāpālua
E hō mai i ka mana*

Laurie: Grant us knowledge
Grant us strength
Grant us intelligence
Grant us understanding
Grant us insight
Grant us power

KA KĀHEA
GREETING

Sharon Matsuyama

We gather this day as God's people
aware of those who have died
and of how fragile our existence is here on earth.
We come to this moment
to comfort and to support one another
in our common loss.
We gather to hear God's word of hope
that can drive away our despair
and move us to offer God our praise.
We commend to God with thanksgiving
the lives of those who have gone before us,
for whether we live or whether we die
we belong to Christ who is Lord
both of the dead and of the living.

It is God who has made us.
We are God's people
and the sheep of God's pasture.

KA HĪMĒNI
The Hymn

"Iesū No Ke Kahuhipa"
SCHCC Officers

*Ie - sū no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa maika 'i e,
E - ia mā - kou ka 'o - ha - na, Ke ho 'o - lo - he a ha - hai;
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, A - la - ka 'i a hā - nai mai.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, A - la - ka 'i a hā - nai mai.*

*Ka 'i mā - li - e 'ia mākou la, Ma na ka- ha - wai ma - ka 'i
Ma na ku - la u - li - u - li, Kahi ma-lu e malu ai;
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ki - a 'i a ho 'o ma - lu mai,
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ki - a 'i a ho 'o ma - lu mai.*

*Mai ho 'o - ku 'u i kou 'o - ha - na, 'O 'au - wa - na i o i 'a ne 'i,
Ma na wa - hi ho 'o - hi - hi - a, Ma na wao -na - he - le e.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ho 'o - pa 'a mā - kou pa mai ka 'i.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ho 'o - pa 'a mā - kou pa mai ka 'i.*

HO‘OHALI‘A

Keoki Kiwaha

Service of Remembrance

The “‘Aha ‘Āina Wai Maka” or “Feast of Tears” was traditionally celebrated by our *kupuna* to mark the first anniversary of a person’s death. It was the understanding of our *kupuna* That tears were initially shed at the time of a person’s death because of the sorrow of losing a loved one.

Tears were also shed during the “‘Aha ‘Āina Wai Maka.” However, the tears that were shed were tears primarily of joy – joy because for loved ones, there is no more pain or suffering, even death itself has passed. But there is still the grief of the loss we all share.

HALI‘A ALOHA

Cherished Memories

Wendy Garcia, Lorna Motas, Uluwehi Sai, Aileen Trout,
Rollin Rabara, Frank Mulec, Joanne Kishimori & Haunani Pacheco

Wendy: We come to this moment holding within our hearts and minds cherished memories of those who have gone before us. We give thanks that *Ke Akua* knows each one by name as we have known them.

Bishop William W. How was born in England in 1823. He died in Ireland in 1897. He was three years old when the first mission company of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions arrived in Kailua, Kona. He was called both the “poor man’s bishop” and “the children’s bishop” for his work among the poor and among factory workers. He wrote the lyrics to the hymn, “For all the Saints, who from their labors rest.”

Lorna: **For all the saints, who from their labors rest
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless’d. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Aileen: **From the island of Maui:**

Ka‘ahumanu Church, Wailuku

Pamela Leilani Shaw February 15, 2024
Bruce Campbell February 20, 2024

Keawala‘i Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Mākena

Carol Burdick March 10, 2023
Louise Brown March 17, 2023
Pauline Mitterhammer July 1, 2023
Laurie Chang July 9, 2023
Beverly Gruman October 8, 2023
Catherine Hobson November 15, 2023
“Del” Delfin Adlawan March 16, 2024

Uluwehi:

From the island of Moloka'i

Ho'olehua Congregational Church, Ho'olehua

Baron Howard Okimoto	May 26, 2023
Kaili Lautalatoa Levi	October 13, 2023
Ilona Fay Chillingworth Kini	September 8, 2023

Kala'iakamanu Hou Congregational Church, Kaunakakai

Marie Yamashita	March 30, 2023
Helen Apana	October 4, 2023
Violet Rodrigues	December 12, 2023
Diane Misaki	December 15, 2023

Kalua'aha Congregational Church, Pūko'o

Ruby Kaupu Hirata	January 3, 2024
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Lorna:

**Thou wast their rock, their refuge and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Joanne:

From the island of O'ahu:

Kahikuonālani Church, Pearl City

Laura M. Hashimoto	April 18, 2024
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Kalihi & Moanalua Church, Kalihi

Testa Ku	November 3, 2023
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Kaumakapili Church, Honolulu

Gwendolyn Mae Keonaona Kamanu	March 3, 2024
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Kawaiaha'o Church, Honolulu

Peter Galuteria	December 6, 2023
Kaipo Akaka	April 22, 2024
Margaret Perez	April 24, 2024

Lili'uokalani Protestant Church, Hale'iwa

Vanderlyn (Enoka) Anana	January 22, 2024
Douglas N. Gilman Sr.	February 2, 2024
Emily (Cipriano) Chun	March 3, 2024

Lorna: **Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Rollin: **From the island of Hawai'i, West Hawai'i**

Hau'oli Kamana'o Church, Miloli'i

Caleb Kekoa Nazara

June 24, 2023

Frank: **From the island of Hawai'i, East Hawai'i**

Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church, Laupāhoehoe

Leslie K. Malani

February 12, 2024

Haunani: **From the island of Kaua'i:**

Wai'oli Hui'ia Church, Hanalei

Elizabeth "Bette" Layton

November 28, 2023

Ko'olau Hui'a Church, Anahola

William "Billy" Kalaukahiki Lemm

September 22, 2023

Hanapēpē Hawaiian Congregational Church, Hanapēpē

Thomas Kaila Ah Nee

October 28, 2023

Aletha Kawelukawahineholoolimaloa

April 9, 2024

Goodwin Kaohi

HO'OKUPU

A Tribute

Keoki Kiwaha

HĀMAU

A Moment of Silence

Boyd Matsuyama

In a moment of silence, we remember our ancestors who stand in back and in front of us – from the rising to the setting sun – we remember all the days and months and years in between when babies were born and children grew up; when others committed themselves to one another and when loved ones and friends among us came to the end of their earthly lives; when others moved away to new places and others returned home.

We recognize and we celebrate these times of passage, of endings and new beginnings even now as we share this time of *aloha* and give thanks for the many ways in which we were able to become a part of each other's lives. We give thanks that we have been able to discern God's path through the community of the faithful who have gone before us.

KA HĪMENI
The Hymn

“Pomaika‘i Wale”
SCHCC Officers

*Po – mai – ka ‘i wa - le, Ie – sū no ko ‘u
He a – ka no nei o ka ka na – ni ma – o!
Na Ko – na ‘U – ha – ne ho ‘o – ha -nau hou,
A li – lo no ‘u ke o – la ma - ‘o,*

Hui: *Kē – ia ku ‘u lo – no, ku ‘u me – le nei,
E ho ‘o – na – ni a – na i ku ‘u. Ie – sū
Kē – ia ku ‘u lono, ku ‘u me – le nei,
E. ho ‘o – na – ni a – na i ku ‘u Iesū.*

*Ma – lu – hia la – ni, hau – oli e,
I – kē – ia a ‘e la ka na – ni ma – ‘o
Pa na – he mai la nā leo la ‘i e
Ho ‘o – pu – ni mau. kou lo – ko mai - ka ‘i,*

Hui

*Ma – lu – hia la – ni, ma – ha mau no,
Ma o Ie – sū la ku ‘u po – mai - ka ‘i mau;
E – ia ke ki – a ‘i, a ka – li nei au,
No Ko – na alo – ha e ho ‘o - po – mai – ka ‘i,*

Hui

KA PULE
A Prayer

Minta Nishimura

E pule kākou. Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for your steadfast *aloha* for those who have gone before us, for all the days of their earthly lives. God of our ancestors, we give thanks for those who have lived amongst us. We lift our prayer of thanksgiving to you.

Grant us your peace and keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge of your love made known to us in Christ Jesus, our risen Savior. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” (*Hebrews 12:1-2*)

Mahalo ke Akua. Thanks be to God. Amen.

KA HO‘OPU ‘ANA

The Postlude

“Aloha ‘Oe” – Lili‘uokalani

SCHCC Officers

*Ha‘aheo ka ua i nā pali
Ke nihi a‘ela i ka nahele
E hahai (uhai) ana paha i ka liko
Pua ‘āhihi lehua o uka*

Hui: *Aloha ‘oe, aloha ‘oe
E ke onaona noho i ka lipo
One fond embrace
A ho‘i a‘e au
Until we meet again*

KA PULE HO‘OKU‘U

Benediction

Kealahou Alika

*I mau aku ka lokomaika‘i o ka Haku ‘o Iesū Kristo, me ke aloha o ke Akua,
a me ka launa pū ‘ana o ka ‘Uhane Hemolele me mākou apau.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen. *Aloha.*