Church, Change, and Challenge

O‘ahu Association Spring ‘Aha Mokupuni

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Luke 12:54-56 (NRSV)

Interpreting the Time

54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It
is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There
will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the
appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Discuss:

1. What kinds of “signs” do you see at your church and in the world? Are they scary? Interesting? Hopeful? Confusing?

2. Have your church leaders and members discussed plans for the future of the church in view of these “signs?” Do these plans tend to assume that the church of tomorrow should look like the church of today or yesterday?

3. The “500-Year Rummage Sale” idea is that the church holds many things in its history, including practices that have not been a part of recent church experience. Can you think of any new possibilities for our church today?

4. How might the sign of the cross shape or influence your church’s plans?