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District Superintendent

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May 8, 2025

Greetings to the clergy and lay members of the Hawaii District Conference!

Welcome to the 2025 Virtual Hawaii District Conference on our Zoom Webinar. As in previous years, the Hawaii United Methodist Union (HUMU) Annual Meeting, and the annual District Conference session will be convened together.

You will find attached 1 which includes the following:

1. HUMU Packet
2. The Action Packet which includes those items that need the District Conference to vote on. Please download and review these attachments.
3. District Leadership Team (DLT) & Task Force Reports

The voting poll will be done on Meeting Pulse. Please make sure to register for District Conference (and for Annual Conference if you are a delegate) at this link below if you have not done so: [AC2025 & DC2025 Registration - Formstack](#)

2025 HUMU Annual Meeting & District Conference

May 10, 2025

Agenda and Schedule on Zoom Webinar

1:00 pm **HUMU Annual Meeting:** Rev. Joy Yun

- Greetings, approval of agenda, and election of the HUMU secretary
- Review and approval of 2024 annual minutes
- Election of HUMU Board of Directors members
- Review and acceptance of 2024 Financial Reports and 2025 District Budget
- Review 2025 President's Report

1:30 pm **Worship & District Conference**

- Welcome: DS Tom Choi
- Voting Procedure: Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
- Opening Prayer
- Scripture Lesson: John 13:34-35 (NRSVue)
- Update on Acts of Repentance Video: Rev. Amy Wake & Susan Gorman-Chang
- Call to Order: DS Tom Choi
- Election of the District Conference Secretary
- Adoption of the 2024 Minutes
- Reports:
 - District Nominating Report: DS Tom Choi
 - Motion to authorize the HUMU Board to approve nominations in-between regular sessions of the District Conference
 - Motion to consolidate District Personnel Committee w/ District Superintendency Committee
 - Vote on Acts of Repentance Task Force Resolution

- Hawaii Committee on Ordained Ministry Report: Rev. Fran Wiebenga
 - Approved as Local Pastors
 - Approved as Certified Candidates
 - Certified Lay Ministers
 - Declared Candidates
 - Inquiring Candidates
- Celebration of Pastors: DS Tom Choi
 - Retirees Recognized
 - New Appointments
 - Aloha to Pastors Leaving their Appointment
 - Bishop's Award Honoree from the Hawai'i District
 - Announcement of Conference Lay Person of the Year from the Hawaii District
- Election of Annual Conf. District Representatives: DS Tom Choi
 - District-At-Large Lay Members (10):
 - Sonya Lee (First UMC, Hawaii District Office)
 - Becky Choi (Parker UMC)
 - Judy Cramer (Parker UMC)
 - Lorraine Kadooka (Harris UMC)
 - Marcia Sipinga (Hilo UMC)
 - Menorah Taumalolo (First Tongan UMC)
 - Sophiya Taumalolo (First Tongan UMC)
 - Sierra Choi (Parker UMC)
 - Uinise "Mau" Ikahihifo (First UMC)
 - Siosifa Taukolo (Kahuku UMC)
 - Youth Lay Members (5):
 - Kyria S. Lim (Guam UMC)
 - Lilly Rose Kahanu (First UMC)
 - Jonathan Moala (First UMC)
 - Linita Malakai Tu`ifua (Kona UMC)
 - Finau Serenity Lolohea Matiaki (Kona UMC)
 - Young Adult Lay Members (5):
 - Valerie Hungalu (Hilo UMC)
 - Berlinda Sipinga (Hilo UMC)
 - Elenoa Tatafu (First Tongan UMC)
 - Timothy Lee (Christ UMC)
 - Penisimani "Benji" Taufa (First UMC)
- Intro to Annual Conference & Conference Budget Video
- Announcements: DS Tom Choi
- Closing Remarks and Closing Prayer: DS Tom Choi

HUMU Annual Report

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Agenda

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2025 President's Report

2024-2025 Overview

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This past year has been one of steady effort, ongoing discernment, and hopeful progress for the Hawai‘i District Union. As we move beyond the season of disaffiliation discernment, our focus is returning to the heart of our calling—ministry and the life-giving work Christ is doing in and through our churches and communities. This past year we created a formal partnership with Camp Mokulē‘ia. Several of our churches have already participated in youth retreats and summer camps through this partnership. Additionally, Camp Mokulē‘ia has generously extended an offer to provide a free two-night midweek stay for clergy, a gift of rest and renewal that several of our clergy have gratefully received. We are hopeful that this collaboration will continue to grow and bear fruit in the years ahead. This year, HUMU extended a conditional grant to the Wesley Foundation at the University of Hawai‘i after they discovered critical structural issues in their building. This support allowed them to reroof the facility and address structural concerns, ensuring that this vital ministry to college students can continue safely and sustainably.

I am especially grateful to our District Superintendent the Rev. Tom Choi for his faithful leadership in identifying needs, fostering partnerships for ministry, and helping to carry out the mission of our church in both broad and practical ways.

HUMU Operating Budget

I am pleased to report that the HUMU operating budget continues to sustain and support the ministry of the Hawai‘i District. In 2024, our total revenue was approximately \$1,981,871, a slight decrease from the previous year's \$2,049,525. However, our total expenditures also decreased, coming in at \$1,972,284, down from \$2,112,711 in 2023. This resulted in a net operating income of \$9,587.

In addition to operating income, our investments performed well, yielding \$154,652 in realized gains and \$132,671 in unrealized gains, alongside other forms of revenue, such as property rentals. After accounting for additional expenditures, including necessary property repairs and program-specific expenses, our net revenue for 2024 totaled \$213,667.

In November HUMU Board passed a balanced budget for 2025. Projected total revenues are approximately \$2,291,080, with projected expenditures closely matching at \$2,290,776. This

balanced approach reflects our continued commitment to faithful stewardship, adaptability, and strategic investment in ministry opportunities throughout the district.

I remain deeply grateful for the wise leadership of the HUMU Board and to Rosie Jacinto, our dedicated HUMU accountant, whose diligence and attention to detail make this ongoing stewardship possible.

Camp Mekokiko

Last year after many years of discernment, prayer and conversations, our district voted to sell Camp Mekokiko. We had the property professionally appraised. After consultation with our realtors and reviewing comparable listings, we chose to list the property at **\$2.3 million**. Since listing it in January the listing continues to generate interest online. In just a few months our realtors have done numerous showings from prospective buyers with various interests and visions for the space. Since Camp Mekokiko is 36 acres there are no comparables on the market offering that scope of land at that value. Our realtors believe that it may take longer than usual to find the right buyer—but remain confident that it is appropriately priced and will draw the right interest.

We are especially grateful to Louie Haddad, the property's caretaker, for his proactive efforts in preparing the site for listing and for his continued vigilance in maintaining the peace and protection of the land during this transitional period.

West Kaua'i UMC

The district was also able to make important property upgrades at West Kaua'i United Methodist Church, thanks to the newly negotiated lease signed with Child Family Services (Headstart preschool) in 2023. These improvements included significant electrical upgrades and mold remediation in the sanctuary at the Kekaha location. This thankfully addressed a safety concern as the preschool is in close vicinity to the church. Unfortunately due to the roof and mold issues, West Kauai UMC is worshipping solely at their Kaumakani location. We will be looking to renegotiate the preschool lease again at the end of 2025.

Pāhala Preschool

Due to the rising costs of property insurance, we were required to adjust the rent for Pāhala Preschool. While this was not an easy decision, it was necessary to ensure the continued maintenance and protection of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Joy Yun,
Hawaii United Methodist Union (HUMU) Board President

Hawaii United Methodist Union

20 South Vineyard Boulevard

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Annual Meeting

Online Zoom Webinar Meeting

May 11, 2024

In Attendance: 12 panelists (speakers, staff, media team), 75 attendees

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Call to Order	President Joy Yun welcomed the group	The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.
House Rules/Policies How to Vote	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Membership requirements were reviewedInstructions for accessing and using the VPoll system were reviewedDirections and practice were given for voting.	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Agenda was distributed electronically prior to the meeting.There were no corrections or additions.	There were no objections to accepting the Agenda as presented.
Election of a Secretary	Nominations were opened for Secretary of the Annual Meeting.	Grace Omura was nominated and elected.
Minutes of Annual Meeting 5/6/2023	Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were distributed electronically prior to the meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There was no objection to calling for the vote.The Minutes were accepted as presented.
Election of HUMU Board of Director members	A list of nominees was distributed electronically prior to the meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DS Tom Choi moved the nomination of the slate on behalf of the Nominating Committee.There was no objection to calling for the vote.The slate was approved.
Review and acceptance of 2023 Financial Reports and 2024 District Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Financial Reports were distributed electronically prior to the meeting.President Yun reported that revenue covered expenses. Operating expenses exceeded budget by approximately \$197,000 but due to investments the net income was \$234,000. The Board passed a balanced 2024 Budget.Question was raised by Son Hye Kim (Ala Lani UMC, clergy) about line 1959 Kapolei UMM Leftover Funds. Rosie Jacinto explained that funds were given to HUMU when Kapolei UMM closed and has been used for emergencies. DS Choi explained that Kapolei Korean UMM funds were transferred to Ewa Beach UMC.Question was raised by Son Hye Kim about line 6600 Support Expense. Rosie reported that the bulk went to the Annual Conference for the Boy Scout insurance claim and to churches that needed help at the time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M/S Jim Monk/Bob Ritchie to accept the 2023 HUMU Financial Reports and 2024 District Budget.The reports were accepted.
House Rules review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pastor Won-Seok Yuh reviewed instructions for asking questions and requesting the opportunity to speak.	
President's Report, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The report was distributed electronically prior	

Joy Yun	<p>to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leases were renewed for the Kekaha property at West Kauai UMC and Kaumakani UMC. • \$10,000 grant was provided to the Acts of Repentance Task Force that went to General Conference. • Camp Mekokiko task force was re-formed • She thanked DS Choi, the DS staff, the HUMU board and the re-formed Camp Mekokiko task force. 	
Camp Mekokiko Joy Yun	<p>The report was distributed electronically prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The re-formed Camp Mekokiko task force met quarterly. The HUMU board brings forth the motion to recommend HUMU to start the process of the sale of Camp Mekokiko. As the motion comes from the Board of Directors it doesn't require a second. • Question was raised by Bob Isip (Kilohana UMC, clergy) where proceeds of the sale will be directed to. The response was that where proceeds would go is another matter of business and not related to this motion • Jim Monk (Kona UMC, lay) spoke in favor of the motion. • Blake Vance (Aiea UMC, lay) requested a correction to the spelling of the Mitchel family name. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion to recommend HUMU to start the process of the sale of Camp Mekokiko was accepted. • According to the Book of Discipline paragraph 25.16 a vote will be needed at the District Conference to sell Camp Mekokiko as HUMU is the legal entity that owns the camp.
Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 1:37pm. Rev. Yun gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Omura

HAWAII UNITED METHODIST UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (HUMU)

	Members	Email Address	Phone Number	Address
	<i>Chairperson:</i>			
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	<i>Class of 2026:</i>			
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4	Joy Yun (23-Keolumana)	joy.kwon@gmail.com	262-7979	1425 Keolu Dr, Kailua, HI 96734
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7	Russell Langas (24-Aldersgate)	rlangas808@yahoo.com	778-9373	1352 Liliha Street, Honolulu, HI 96817
8	Vera Tom (22-Kilohana)	veratomumw@gmail.com	373-3373	5829 Mahimahi Street, Honolulu, HI 96821
9	Vacant			
	<i>Class of 2029:</i>			
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12	Ralph Hale (22-Keolumana)	ralphwh178@gmail.com	262-7979	1425 Keolu Dr, Kailua, HI 96734
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16	<i>Church Location & Building:</i> Jim Monk	jimmonk@alum.mit.edu	329-5842	74-4960 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
	<i>EX-OFFICIO WITH VOTE:</i>			
17	<i>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</i> Tom Choi	dshawaii@calpacumc.org	536-1864	20 S. Vineyard Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813

Hawaii United Methodist Union

Statement of Activity Comparison

January - December 2024

		TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2024	JAN - DEC 2023 (PY)	CHANGE
Revenue			
4004 Dividend	85,794.88	83,695.35	2,099.53
4120 Facility Use	12,850.00	12,700.00	150.00
4130 Other/Miscellaneous	170.00		170.00
4200 Support	279,634.32	255,564.40	24,069.92
4400 Registration & Program Support	3,731.42	226,670.09	-222,938.67
4500 Billing	1,495,108.12	1,374,919.83	120,188.29
4600 Finance Charges	147.49	611.58	-464.09
4700 Administrative Cost	104,434.90	95,363.32	9,071.58
Total Revenue	\$1,981,871.13	\$2,049,524.57	\$ -67,653.44
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,981,871.13	\$2,049,524.57	\$ -67,653.44
Expenditures			
6000 Salary	222,808.80	198,313.41	24,495.39
6001 Accrued Vacation	7,810.84	3,359.41	4,451.43
6100 Payroll Taxes	11,451.53	11,679.62	-228.09
6200 Housing Allowance	36,000.00	42,000.00	-6,000.00
6205 Pension	7,976.28	7,849.92	126.36
6210 Workers' Comp. & TDI	56,995.28	41,069.00	15,926.28
6215 Medical & Dental	818,668.71	812,652.35	6,016.36
6220 Geographical & Cont. Education	1,200.00	250.00	950.00
6300 Contract & Professional Svcs.	12,656.36	13,784.08	-1,127.72
6350 Discretionary Fund	4,111.56	4,720.64	-609.08
6355 Appreciation Gathering	3,929.17	4,997.62	-1,068.45
6400 Liability Property Ins.	679,494.96	568,785.39	110,709.57
6405 Auto Insurance	12,410.19	12,754.00	-343.81
6410 Property and GE Tax	4,806.30	5,155.34	-349.04
6411 Dues/Membership/License/Permit	297.50	454.50	-157.00
6415 Postage	1,067.13	929.09	138.04
6420 Advertising/Books/Subscription	2,888.60	930.81	1,957.79
6425 Automobile/Mileage Reim.	3.55	59.17	-55.62
6427 Truck Operation and Maint.	832.58	819.41	13.17
6430 Furnishing, Equipment, Tools	634.74	187.40	447.34
6432 Bank and Other Fees	118.81	1,079.60	-960.79
6436 Miscellaneous	3,992.80	442.68	3,550.12
6440 Rent/Lease	29,883.96	29,668.17	215.79
6450 Utilities	3,058.04	2,245.25	812.79
6460 Supplies	1,770.11	2,105.75	-335.64
6470 Repair & Maintenance	24,936.64	17,514.29	7,422.35
6500 Event and Meeting Cost	18,587.82	19,711.33	-1,123.51
6600 Support Expense	81,926.95		-81,926.95

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January - December 2024

	TOTAL		
	JAN - DEC 2024	JAN - DEC 2023 (PY)	CHANGE
6700 DLT Program	3,891.50	227,266.11	-223,374.61
Total Expenditures	\$1,972,283.76	\$2,112,711.29	\$ -140,427.53
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$9,587.37	\$ -63,186.72	\$72,774.09
Other Revenue			
4901 Realized Gain (Loss)	154,651.94	249,432.55	-94,780.61
4902 Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	132,671.11	113,104.07	19,567.04
4915 Walk to Emmaus Scholarship	3,402.60	2,876.82	525.78
4920 DS Discretionary Account	1,500.00	28,463.48	-26,963.48
4923 West Kauai preschool rental	29,312.30		29,312.30
4930 Wesley F. Parsonage Maintenance	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$326,337.95	\$398,676.92	\$ -72,338.97
Other Expenditures			
6805 Investment Fee	22,747.16	20,324.72	2,422.44
6810 Depreciation	58,142.40	57,020.92	1,121.48
6815 Bad Debts	3,116.38		3,116.38
6818 Walk to Emmaus Scholarship Exp.		6,027.98	-6,027.98
6819 ROH/HOPE Distribution/Other Fee		15,415.79	-15,415.79
6826 West Kauai Rental Expenses	21,037.86		21,037.86
6830 Wesley Foundation Repair	16,570.68		16,570.68
6840 DS Discretionary Account	643.72	14,407.26	-13,763.54
Total Other Expenditures	\$122,258.20	\$113,196.67	\$9,061.53
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$204,079.75	\$285,480.25	\$ -81,400.50
NET REVENUE	\$213,667.12	\$222,293.53	\$ -8,626.41

Hawaii United Methodist Union

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024

		TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2024	AS OF DEC 31, 2023 (PY)	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 HUMU Checking	478,352.68	489,851.76	-11,499.08
1005 Tongan Checking	51,940.48	55,566.42	-3,625.94
1006 Mekokiko Checking	7,456.73	26,232.10	-18,775.37
1010 DS Discretionary Checking	29,403.45	29,853.45	-450.00
1015 Petty Cash	100.00	100.00	0.00
1020 Foundation Investments	3,077,724.19	2,795,401.03	282,323.16
1100 Britt Investment	798,107.83	733,634.26	64,473.57
Total Bank Accounts	\$4,443,085.36	\$4,130,639.02	\$312,446.34
Accounts Receivable			
1120 Accounts Receivable-Billing	132,591.44	77,637.34	54,954.10
1130 Accounts Receivable-Other	2,976.81	34,401.70	-31,424.89
Total Accounts Receivable	\$135,568.25	\$112,039.04	\$23,529.21
Other Current Assets			
1310 Reserve for Doubtful Account	-45,000.00	-45,000.00	0.00
1450 Prepaid-Others	1,208.00	15,044.37	-13,836.37
Total Other Current Assets	\$ -43,792.00	\$ -29,955.63	\$ -13,836.37
Total Current Assets	\$4,534,861.61	\$4,212,722.43	\$322,139.18
Fixed Assets			
1500 Land	293,871.00	293,871.00	0.00
1600 Building	1,988,765.05	1,988,765.05	0.00
1650 Furnishing & Equipment	174,400.69	174,400.69	0.00
1700 Accumulated Depreciation	-1,133,119.93	-1,074,977.53	-58,142.40
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,323,916.81	\$1,382,059.21	\$ -58,142.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,858,778.42	\$5,594,781.64	\$263,996.78
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
1800 Accounts Payable	241,571.37	202,966.69	38,604.68
Total Accounts Payable	\$241,571.37	\$202,966.69	\$38,604.68
Other Current Liabilities			
1830 Payroll Liabilities	17,368.20	8,509.24	8,858.96
1850 Invested Funds Held	70,771.37	64,279.41	6,491.96
1900 Custodial Account	53,140.48	56,766.42	-3,625.94
1950 Designated Funds	9,224.20	9,224.20	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$150,504.25	\$138,779.27	\$11,724.98

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As of December 31, 2024

		TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2024	AS OF DEC 31, 2023 (PY)	CHANGE
Total Current Liabilities	\$392,075.62	\$341,745.96	\$50,329.66
Total Liabilities	\$392,075.62	\$341,745.96	\$50,329.66
Equity			
3005 Unrestricted Net Assets	4,191,458.00	4,191,458.00	0.00
3015 Temp. Restricted Net Assets	567,352.15	567,352.15	0.00
3020 Perm. Restricted Net Assets	271,932.00	271,932.00	0.00
32000 Retained Earnings	222,293.53	0.00	222,293.53
Net Revenue	213,667.12	222,293.53	-8,626.41
Total Equity	\$5,466,702.80	\$5,253,035.68	\$213,667.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$5,858,778.42	\$5,594,781.64	\$263,996.78

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY		100	200	300	500	600	700	900	901	
Acct. #	Acct. Name	Humu	Cal-Pac	Mekoki.	Britt	DLT	Pass	Pahala	Pahala	Total
	Oper.			Camp	Lect.	Prog.	Through	Presch.	House	
4000	Bank Interest									
4004	Dividend Income		110,000			16,500				126,500
4100	Donation/Grant									
4120	Facility Use							6,000	6,600	12,600
4130	Miscellaneous Income	50				100				150
4200	Support Income									
4202	Salary Support & Benefits			170,171						170,171
4203	Salary Support & Benefits			87,577						87,577
4204	Annual Conference Travel						1,000			1,000
4206	Retired Health Subsidy									-
4216	Office Rent			28,000						28,000
4217	Other Support			25,439						25,439
4400	DLT Program Income									
4401	Discipleship & Education									-
4403	Youth & Young Adults									-
4404	Justice & Compassion									-
4406	Lay Servant Ministry									-
4409	Strength for the Journey (SFTJ)									-
4410	Walk to Emmaus					14,725				14,725
4500	Insurance Billing									
4501	Health Insurance						720,000			720,000
4502	Dental Insurance						49,608			49,608
4503	Workers Comp. / TDI						55,806			55,806
4504	Liability/ Property Insurance						863,991			863,991
4505	Auto Insurance						14,490			14,490
4507	Property Tax						1,500			1,500
4600	Finance Charge									
4602	Late Payment Interest	250								250
4700	Other Charges									
4701	Billing Administrative Cost	119,273								119,273
4703	District Conference									-
	Total Revenue	229,573	311,187	0	16,600	14,725	1,706,395	6,000	6,600	2,291,080

6000	Salary	69,128	169,882							239,010
6001	Accrued Vacation	5,317	5,495							10,812
6100	Payroll Taxes									
6101	Social Security	4,286	4,429							8,715
6102	Medicare	1,002	1,036							2,038
6103	Unemployment (SUI)	422	547							969
6200	Housing Allowance		36,000							36,000
6205	Pension	8,295								8,295
6210	Workers Comp./TDI	809	2,516			55,806				59,131
6215	Health & Dental Insurance	20,161	43,332			769,608				833,101
6220	Geographical Variant		2,000							2,000
6300	Contract & Services/Other									
6301	Financial Audit or Review	4,000								4,000
6302	Legal/Consultant	250	1,000							1,250
6303	Honorarium	500	500		6,000					7,000
6305	Website/Cable/Computer		1,200							1,200
6306	Other Service	250	1,000		1,000			300	300	2,850
6350	Discretionary Fund	5,000								5,000
6355	Appreciation Event	5,500								5,500
6400	Liability & Property Ins.	2,290		5,562		375	863,991	6,846	1,114	880,178
6405	Auto Insurance			1,262			14,490			15,752
6410	Property/GE Taxes	225		200			1,500	470	2,800	5,195
6411	Dues/License & Permit	100						250		350
6415	Postage		500		100					600
6420	Software & Subscription	2,000	1,750							3,750
6425	Mileage /Vehicle Expense		50							50
6427	Truck Operation & Maint.			1,500						1,500
6430	Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment									-
6432	Bank & Insurance Loan fee	2,500		25						2,525
6436	Miscellaneous Expense	250	1,000		500					1,750
6440	Rent/Lease									
6441	Lease/Rent Property		28,000							28,000
6442	Rental Equipment		4,000							4,000
6450	Utilities									
6451	Electricity			900						900
6452	Telephone			650						650

6453	Water			180						180
6454	Gas/Propane			500						500
6460	Supplies									
6461	Office/Printing Supply		1,700		400					2,100
6462	Food & Meal/Kitchen Supply	100	250		600	200				1,150
6463	Cleaning & Other Supply	50		250						300
6470	Repair & Maintenance									
6471	Equipment Maintenance			500						500
6472	Building Maintenance			5,000						5,000
6473	Landscaping Maintenance			25,150						25,150
6500	Travel and Meeting									
6501	Annual Conference	10,000	1,000				1,000			12,000
6502	District Conference	1,000								1,000
6503	Clergy Meeting	100								100
6504	HUMU Board of Director	1,000								1,000
6505	District Planning-DPAS	5,000								5,000
6506	District Superintendency	2,500								2,500
6507	District Audit Team	500								500
6509	Meeting and Event Expenses		4,000		8,000	500				12,500
6511	Hawaii Committee-HCOM	1,000								1,000
6604	Grant or Support	30,000								30,000
6700	DLT Program Expense									
6710	Justice & Compassion									-
6720	Discipleship & Education									-
6750	Lay Servant Ministry					2,000				2,000
6760	Religion & Race/Global Mnsty									-
6790	United Women if Faith					1,500				1,500
6795	Youth & Young Adult Ministry									-
6796	United Methodist Men									-
6797	Disaster Relief									-
6798	Strength for the Journey (SFTJ)									-
6799	Walk to Emmaus					14,725				14,725
	Total Expenses	183,535	311,187	41,679	16,600	19,300	1,706,395	7,866	4,214	2,290,776
	Excess (Deficit)	46,038	0	-41,679	0	-4,575	0	-1,866	2,386	304

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HAWAII DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Online Zoom Webinar Meeting
May 11, 2024

In attendance: 11 panelists (speakers, staff, media team), 84 attendees

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome DS Tom Choi		DS Choi welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 1:42 pm.
Procedural Instructions Rev. Won-Seok Yuh	Ways to access VPoll and how to use the Q&A function were explained.	
Update from Lahaina UMC (video)	Pastor John Crewe narrated a video showing the church property and shared plans for the campus.	
Opening Prayer		District Lay Leader Tupou Seini Kelemen gave the prayer.
Acts of Repentance for the Overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom (video)	The video shared the work of the Acts of Repentance task force.	
Scripture and Update on Acts of Repentance (AOR) Rev. Amy Wake	Apology resolution to Hawaiians was overwhelmingly passed by 2020-24 General Conference. We now have the backing of the entire UMC as we seek repentance, reparations and reconciliation for Hawaiians.	We need to follow Micah 6:8. The next steps require uncomfortable conversations, open-hearted listening and the hard work of justice. The AOR task force will work to make this apology more than mere words. Hope to have a repentance ceremony in the near future but this is a lifelong process.
Election of a Secretary		Grace Omura was elected as secretary.
Adoption of 2023 District Conference Minutes		The minutes were accepted as presented.
HUMU: Camp Mekokiko Matters Rev. Joy Yun	Motion passed in HUMU Annual meeting to recommend to the District Conference to authorize HUMU to start the process of the sale of Camp Mekokiko. Book of Discipline paragraph 25.16 states that the sale of any district camp must be authorized at District Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rev. Yun brought the motion that the District Conference authorize HUMU to begin the process of the sale of Camp Mekokiko. The motion passed. DS Choi thanked the task force for their good work. Comment from Piula Ala'ilima (Wesley UMC, clergy) to express gratitude and commendation for those who had the vision to establish Camp Mekokiko. DS Choi acknowledged the Mitchel family, Ted and Sissy Lesnett. None of this is done with any joy but being faithful to our mission and ministry. He is grateful to all who contributed and worked hard.
District Nominating Committee DS Choi	The report was distributed electronically prior to the meeting. The following were noted: District Co-Lay Leader: Simon Sansano District Statistician: Barbara Meguro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections to report: Lynn Bowesox's email address: Lynnbowesox@gmail.com Simon Sansano's phone number:

	<p>District Personnel Committee: Simon Sansano (ex officio)</p> <p>District Superintendency Committee: Simon Sansano</p> <p>Committee on District Leadership: Simon Sansano</p> <p>DLT: Brian Belting (chairperson), Simon Sansano</p> <p>Lay Servant Ministry Director: Lynn Bowersox</p> <p>Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Joe Yun</p> <p>Britt Lectures: Won-Seok Yuh (chairperson), Lynn Bowersox</p> <p>Board of Ordained Ministry Liaison: Suzana Kim</p>	<p>808-258-1057</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The slate of nominations to district leadership positions was approved.
Hawaii Committee on Ordained Ministry Rev. Fran Wiebenga	<p>Approved as Local Pastors: John Crewe, Ongo Koli, Panepasa Fifita, Ana Koli Hungalu, Pauline Taumalolo Katoanga, Joyce Latu, Olivia Latu, Lavaka Malakai, Tevita Moa, Tevita "Leni" Namo, Hee Kyun "Steve" Noh, Mosese Taufalele, Sione Nukonuka Taukolo.</p> <p>Certified Candidate: Darlene Rodrigues.</p> <p>Certified Lay Minister: Lynn Bowersox</p> <p>Declared Candidates: Samiuela Haeane, Brianna Higa, Valerie Hungalu, Afioaga Malagaoma Leui, Peasipa Namo, Sunia Nau, Joey Sika, Lavinia Taukolo, Ana Lupe Tupou, Luseane "Lucy" Uluave.</p> <p>Inquiring: Falefa Iosua</p>	<p>She asked for prayers and gave thanks for their continued ministry as lay people. Please contact her at the district office if interested in ministry. Her report was closed with prayer.</p>
Celebration of Pastors DS Choi	<p>Retirees Recognized: Rev. Piula Ala'ilima, Pastor Kyu Woo Nam</p> <p>Ordained as Elder in Full Connection: Rev. Hongyun "Brandon" Won</p> <p>New Appointments in the District: Rev. Amy Wake to Wesley UMC, Pastor Ongo Koli to Trinity UMC full time, Rev. Suzana Kim to Aiea UMC, Rev. Sangyong Jung to Aiea Korean UMC, Rev. Sam Domingo and Rev. Piula Ala'ilima as co-pastors to Wahiawa UMC</p> <p>Leaving the District: Rev. Sam Nam to Kardia UMC, Pastor Malakai Pahulu to Mesquite UMC in the Desert/SW District.</p> <p>Conference Lay Person from Hawaii</p> <p>District: Tessie Layugan from Ala Lani UMC</p> <p>Bishop's Award Honoree: Natividad "Naty" Lagaso from Aldersgate UMC.</p>	
Election of Annual Conference District Representatives DS Lee	<p>District-At-Large Lay Members: Minhee Cho, Becky Choi, Judy Cramer, Marlou Isip, Ellary Kim, Haengok Lee, Sonya Lee, Cynthia Sinclair</p> <p>Youth Lay Members: Kyria S. Lim, Paea Fae, Taisia Tafea, Linita Tu'ifua, Joey Yun.</p> <p>Young Adult Lay Members: Miki Fifita, Nathanael Friday, Valerie Hungalu, Lavinia Tuitofa, Zacariah George Tupu Scanlan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Names were presented for discussion. All were elected.
General Conference	Highlights of the recently completed 2024	

Wrap-up (video)	General Conference were shared.	
General Conference Comments Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is lots of work to do to understand the impact of the legislation that has changed our social principles, our Book of Discipline and our course of ministry. There will be opportunities to be informed and to get as involved as one is able, • The 2025 General Budget was just set at General Conference so there's no Conference Budget to present today. The hope is to have the 2025 Budget at Annual Conference but if that's not possible, a special Fall virtual Annual Conference will be called. 	
Welcome to Annual Conference (video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flourish is this year's theme. 	
Closing Remarks and Benediction DS Choi		DS Choi thanked everyone for their participation and acknowledged our wonderful district staff. Closed with prayer.
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Omura

HAWAII DISTRICT 2025

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(BOD ¶ 669)

(Recommend that a clergy spouse serve on this committee)

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RESOLUTION TO: The 2025 California-Pacific Annual Conference Of The United Methodist Church

SUBJECT: No Renewal Of Military Leases On O‘ahu

SUBMITTED BY: Hawai‘i District United Methodist Church Acts of Repentance Task Force

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

SOURCE OF STAFF TIME: None

WHEREAS, on January 17, 1893 American businessmen and leaders orchestrated the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom and Queen Lili‘uokalani. In spite of five treaties signed by the U.S. Government with the Hawaiian Kingdom, and the fact that sixteen other nations maintained official diplomatic ties with Honolulu, resident businessmen – some of whom were descended from the original missionaries – calling themselves “the Committee of Safety” seized power by illegally occupying the government building, with the assistance of 162 U.S. Marines and Navy sailors;

WHEREAS, according to newspaper articles and church archival documents, the Rev. Dr. Harcourt W. Peck supported the illegal overthrow and served as sharpshooter and acting adjutant for Colonel J. H. Fisher, commander of the forces who dethroned Queen Lili‘uokalani. When he returned to Hawai‘i a year later to serve as pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church, he rejoined the sharpshooter company and served as chaplain of the new forcibly established Republic of Hawai‘i. Rev. Peck’s armed participation against the legal and internationally recognized indigenous government of Hawai‘i, as well as his continued solidarity with those who orchestrated the overthrow, solidified First Methodist Episcopal Church’s establishment in Honolulu and ensured the continuation of Methodism in Hawai‘i;

WHEREAS, the 2020/2024 United Methodist Church General Conference passed a resolution to acknowledge the history of racism and imposed colonial rule in Hawai‘i from the illegal overthrow to the present, and initiated an apology on behalf of the United Methodist Church for the church’s role and complicity in the overthrow;¹

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i District Acts of Repentance Task Force was established to nurture authentic community with Native Hawaiians and make the church’s apology meaningful;²

WHEREAS, in 1964 the U.S. Army signed 65-year leases for \$1 per lease with the State of Hawai‘i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, for 782 acres at Makua Military Reservation (MMR), 1,150 acres of land at Kahuku Training Area (KTA), and 4,390 acres at Kawailoa-Poamoho Training Area (Poamoho);

WHEREAS, the US Army leases of lands of “State of Hawai‘i” lands at MMR, KTA, and Poamoho totaling 6,322 acres on the island of O‘ahu are set to expire in 2029;

WHEREAS, one hundred percent of the 6,322 acres the US Army leases from the State of Hawai‘i at MMR, KTA, and Poamoho are Hawaiian Kingdom Crown and Government lands which were seized by the US Government and transferred to the State of Hawai‘i without the

consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii or their sovereign government;³

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2024, the US Army released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and opened a public comment period which ended on August 7, 2024 to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with retaining these lands O‘ahu and continue military use of the State lands at these three installations on O‘ahu.

WHEREAS, in the Draft EIS, the US Army admits that there will be “significant adverse impacts” on land use (land tenure) and environmental justice with the retention of any lands at Kahuku, Poamoho, and Mākua.⁴

WHEREAS, MMR, Poamoho, and KTA are home to dozens of endangered native organisms and fragile ecosystem and the US military has not always been good caretakers of Hawai‘i’s natural resources, lands, and water (e.g. Red Hill fuel spill);

WHEREAS, Furthermore, for decades the US Army has been responsible for the desecration of ancient Hawaiian sites and burials and limiting Native Hawaiian cultural access in Mākua, Poamoho, and Kahuku.

WHEREAS, the US Army training areas pose a threat to nearby adjacent communities with toxic emissions, noise pollution, and fire risks while perpetuating an ongoing legacy of unexploded ordinance, invasive species, and the contamination of water sources and soil.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the United Methodist Church ally with and advocate on behalf of Native Hawaiians on interconnected justice issues on an ongoing basis. This includes but is not limited to the issues of land theft and reclamation, environmental justice, and protection of cultural resources.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i District and the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church strongly urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) take no action on the US Army leases of 6,322 acres at MMR, KTA, and Poamoho, and that they be allowed to expire.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Hawai‘i District and the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church strongly urges that the US military clean up, restore, and return the lands they occupy to the rightful owners, the Native Hawaiian people.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai‘i State Governor, the Hawai‘i State House Speaker; the Hawai‘i State President of the Senate; the U.S. Army Garrison Command, Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Members of the U.S. Congress; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

¹ 2020/2024 General Conference Resolution #3225

² 2018 California-Pacific Annual Conference Resolution #

³ Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration. (1993, November 25). 107 Stat. 1510 – Joint resolution to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the January 17, 1893 overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, and to offer an apology to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii. [Government]. U.S. Government Printing Office. <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/STATUTE-107/STATUTE-107-Pg1510>

⁴U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 2024. “Army Training Land Retention of State Lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, Mākua Military Reservation Island of O’ahu.” Honolulu, HI.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: HAWAII DISTRICT

Grace and peace to you in the sovereign name of Jesus Christ. It continues to be a great blessing and honor to serve as the Hawaii District Superintendent. We have had many landmark events to celebrate and I am personally grateful to the pastors and laypeople of our Hawaii District churches for their faithfulness and graciousness.

One of the proudest moments for our Hawaii District was when the 2024 General Conference passed legislation to apologize formally for the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893, with participation from Methodists, leading to the subsequent occupation and annexation of Hawaii by the United States. The AOR Taskforce continues to do work on awareness about and justice for Native Hawaiians.

One of the most inspiring events during this past year was the first all-district young adult retreat to be held since before the COVID pandemic. Over 50 participants from several churches and different ethnicities gathered at a camp on the North Shore of Oahu. The Rev. Ken Suhr, our conference director of leadership and congregational vitality, was the keynote speaker, and the Rev. Joe Yun was the camp director. The success of the camp has inspired much enthusiasm and more district events for youth and young adults are being planned.

We are nurturing and developing great younger clergy. We have a dynamic group of younger clergy in appointments, as well as several candidates for ministry who are moving toward certification.

I am grateful to our retired clergy who have stepped in and have done marvelous ministry during times of transition: the Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga at Harris UMC; the Rev. Piula Ala‘ilima and the Rev. Sam Domingo at Wahiawa UMC. The Rev. Woodley White (a retired Presbyterian pastor) has served the Na‘alehu UMC for 10 years. Their steady, competent, and experienced leadership have been true blessings for those churches.

There are still challenges that some of our congregations and ministries are facing, but they are also taking a positive outlook and looking to ways to vitalize and envision ministry for the future.

Finally, I could not end without thanking our superlative staff: Sonya Lee, our administrative assistant, whose thorough and outstanding work continues to bless the district in countless ways; Rosie Jacinto, our faithful accountant, whose amazing knowledge and excellence keeps the district running smoothly on the financial end; and our regular volunteer, Leilani Zukemura, who fills in wherever and whenever we need her.

I am indebted to the leaders of the Hawaii District: our co-lay leaders, Tupou Seini Kelemen and Simon Sansano; our Hawaii United Methodist Union (HUMU), chaired by the Rev. Joy Yun; our District Leadership Team, chaired by the Rev. Brian Belting; our District Superintendency Committee, chaired by Dorinda Dunlap; our District Planning and Strategy Committee and Acts of Repentance Task Force (both led by the Rev. Amy Wake); our young adult coordinator, the Rev. Joe Yun; our youth coordinator, Pastor Pauline Katoanga; the Building and Location Committee, chaired by Jim Monk, and many others.

May God continue to bless our district and conference!

Grace and aloha,
Rev. Tom Choi

Co-District Lay Leader's Report

It's been an eventful, but a good year. I am thankful that our churches are still intact, even with some of the movements of members and the disaffiliation of some churches. However, the majority of our laity is holding steady in their faith and their belief that the God we worship, loves us unconditionally.

I am very appreciative of our esteemed District Superintendent, Dr. Tom Choi, for giving me a District Co-Lay Leader in Simon Sansano, to begin my second term in this office. It has taken a load off my shoulders, as Simon has capably picked up some of the responsibilities of a district lay leader. Thank you, Simon!

Besides from attending meetings, visiting churches, working for United Women in Faith and writing reports and articles for newsletters, it's been pretty calm. The most exciting thing we've had this year was our Lay Leaders' Retreat, which was held in January. We invited our Cal-Pac Conference Lay Leader, Mele Maka, to be our special guest, and she came and spoke about "The Beloved Community." She encouraged us to be bold and proactive in our work as lay leaders, but most of all, to seek God's guidance and strength in all that we do. We are planning to include all the laity of the district in our next planned activity, and not just for the lay leaders. It's coming soon, so stay tuned!

Thank you to each and every one of you for entrusting me with this position. With God's help, I pray that I am worthy of your trust.

In Christ,

Tupou Seini Kelemen
District Co-Lay Leader

**Church Location and Building Subcommittee
of the Hawaii United Methodist Union
Report for May 2024 to April 2025**

This year the Church Location and Building Subcommittee has worked with a number of items for its review and approval. Each will be discussed below.

This is a reminder to all churches in our district that there is a mandatory requirement that when a church plans to construct, purchase or remodel a church, educational building or parsonage and if the remodel cost will exceed 25% of the value of that building, such church must submit their project plan/proposal to the Church Location and Building Subcommittee for its review, discussion, recommendations and approval.*

The first work of the Committee this year was a combined review of the repairs of the Wesley Foundation facilities and the associated Center Street parsonage. The parsonage is having substantial problems due to foundation issues and internal defects. The DS agreed to bring in an engineer to determine how to fix the foundation issues. A contractor has been selected to work on the interior issues. The Wesley Foundation issues are to be resolved under the direction of its pastor in charge. Both issues are to be paid for by the District since all those facilities are the property of the District.

The Subcommittee is also reviewing the status of Camp Mekokiko, the Pahala church property and the Britt's lot in Puna on a regular basis.

Another matter that came to the Subcommittee was the proposed sale of a portion of the Trinity UMC property to the City and County of Honolulu. The church plans to use the sales proceeds to complete repairs to its sanctuary roof and, potentially, purchase a new parsonage. The Subcommittee recommended proceeding with the sale.

We are currently reviewing some major repairs and improvements to the Hilo UMC. Some of its driveways need to be replaced and a convenience walkway is to be constructed around the front of the church sanctuary building. This process is underway at the moment.

I appreciate and give thanks to all the members of the Subcommittee for their commitment, to Sonya Lee for her support and to District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Tom Choi for his leadership. On behalf of the board, I appreciate the pastors and laity for their willingness to comply with the Book of Discipline and their cooperation in following the process in maintaining and utilizing sanctuaries, facilities and parsonages to continue our witness of Jesus Christ and the Good News in the world. Mahalo and Blessings!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Monk
Chair, Church Location and Building Subcommittee of HUMU

*See Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016 (BOD) Paragraph 2521. BOD Paragraph 2541 also requires a local church to submit its proposal for a sale, transfer, lease or mortgage of property/buildings to this board for review, full discussion, and approval. And BOD Paragraph 2544 provides the steps or rules for the planning process. Please review paragraphs 2521, 2541, 2544 and other paragraphs that relate to the church properties from BOD. The most common, forgotten thing is when a local church plans to rent/lease its parsonage and/or facilities. If it is for 30 days or more, a local church must have approval from this board with the written consents from the pastor of the local church and district superintendent according to Paragraph 2541. This required process has been forgotten or bypassed by some of the local churches.

District Conf HCOM Report
Hawaii Committee on Ordained Ministry
District Conference -- May 10, 2025

The Hawaii Committee on Ordained Ministry (HCOM) meets several times a year to interview local pastors to give them support and to renew their license to preach, to interview all those who are in the candidacy process as certified candidates, and to interview all those who are called to the ministry and are ready to enter the candidacy process. Every other year we interview any Certified Lay Ministers for re-certification. In August we meet with any local pastor or candidate who is eligible to apply to the Cal Pac Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for Commissioning, to approve them to apply. That is the first step at the conference level for ordination.

We want to thank each HCOM member for their time and expertise reading papers submitted by the candidates, and the care of local pastors and candidates at the interviews and through the year.

Mahalo nui loa: Rev. Fran Wiebenga and Rev. Sonhye Kim (Co-Chairs), Winnie Ching (Registrar), Rev. Brian Belting, Judy Cramer, Rev. Eugene Han, Rev. Bob Isip, Rev. Suzana Kim, Rev. Malakai Tatafu, Rev. Joe Yun, Rev. Amy Wake, Leilani Zukemura. DS Tom Choi is ex-officio, and we also want to thank our Hawaii District Administrator Sonya Lee.

Hawaii District United Methodist Church — HCOM Local Pastor & Candidate List May 2025

14 Local Pastors (* eligible to apply for provisional membership)

*John Crewe — Lahaina UMC
*Viliami “Ongo” Koli — Trinity UMC
Panepasa “Pasa” Fifita —Honolua UMC, Maui
Monalisa “Lupi” Halapua — Kauai
*Ana Koli Hungalu — Hilo UMC
*Pauline Taumalolo Katoanga — Ewa Beach UMC
Joyce Latu — Honokaa UMC
Olivia Latu — Waianae UMC
Lavaka Malakai — Kona UMC (Kailua Kona, Big Island)
Tevita Moa — Kilohana UMC
Tevita “Leni” Namoa — Lihue United
*Steve Hee Kyun Noh — Christ UMC
*Moses Taufalele — Kahalu’u UMC
Sione Nukonuka “Nuka” Taukolo — Kahuku UMC

Certified Candidate

Darlene Rodrigues — Harris UMC/Wahiawa UMC — Deacon Track (will grad. STC, M.Div. May 2025)

Certified Lay Minister

Lynn Bowersox — Ala Lani UMC, Maui

8 Declared Candidates

Samiuela "Sam" Haeane -- Kahuku UMC

Valerie Hungalu — Hilo UMC

Afioga Malagaoma Leui — Olive UMC

Peasipa Namoa — Lihue United

Sunia Nau — Hilo UMC

Joey Sika — Kilohana UMC

Lavinia "Nia" Taukolo — Kahuku UMC

Luseane "Lucy" Uluave — Honolulu First UMC

Inquiring

Falefa "Fa" Iosua — Aiea UMC

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Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga, Co-Chair

Hawaii District Board of Ordained Ministry

Hawaii District Lay Servant Director's Report

This year marks my first as Hawaii District Lay Servant Director, and it has been a period of learning and growth. I am especially grateful to Winnie Ching for her mentorship and for generously sharing her insights.

Each month, I participate in Zoom meetings with the Cal-Pac Conference Lay Servant Directors. These meetings focus on planning upcoming classes and identifying the needs across our districts. Several directors are also new to their roles, which has fostered a collaborative environment where we support and learn from one another.

A unique challenge for Hawaii is our geographic distance from California, which can make the timing and accessibility of classes offered on the mainland difficult for our members.

Additionally, the separation between islands adds another layer of complexity to our efforts.

Jennifer Gaylord maintains an updated spreadsheet of all Lay Servants and Certified Lay Ministers in the conference. I have been reviewing the status of Lay Servants in the Hawaii District and reaching out to those who are inactive; defined as not having submitted an annual report in the past 18 months. I contacted these people and I learned that one individual is no longer interested in serving, while about five others were unaware of the reporting requirement to maintain active status.

As of April 12, 2025, the Hawaii District has:

- 2 Certified Lay Speakers
- 23 Certified Lay Servants
- 1 Certified Lay Minister

On January 30 -31 I attended a conference on Lay Servant Ministry in Nashville, Tennessee with the other district directors. It was good to connect with the directors that I had only met through Zoom. The conference had many good speakers and talked about new classes to be offered in the future. As is often the case, some of the most meaningful learning took place during informal conversations with fellow attendees.

Looking ahead, my goals for the coming year are to increase awareness of Lay Servant Ministry and the opportunities it offers, and to encourage greater participation in classes. I am also committed to inspiring more individuals to pursue certification as Lay Ministers.

Lynn Bowersox,
District Lay Servant Ministry Director

WESLEY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR/CAMPUS PASTOR'S REPORT

Transforming Christian Leaders

Pastor Assistants – Sierra Choi (Parker UMC) and Miracle Vaiaga'e (Aiea UMC) served as pastor assistants for the Fall 2024 semester. In the Spring 2025 semester, Sierra Choi and Timothy Lee (Christ UMC) served as pastor assistants. They attended weekly meeting to review the schedules and the discussion questions. During the fall semester, Sierra and Miracle each led one of the Tuesday in-person small groups, guiding the students through the discussion questions. In the spring semester, Sierra continued leading an in-person small group, while Timothy observed and helped facilitate as I led the other group. to lead one of the in-person small groups while Timothy observed and helped facilitate while I led in another small group. All the assistants excelled in their roles.

Transforming Lives

Small Groups – For both the fall and spring semesters, we offered two in-person small groups and one Zoom small group. Discussion topics focused on the Epistle of James in the fall semester and on our 2025 theme, Cultivating Faith, in the spring semester, also incorporating our District Lenten Devotionals. Small groups played a vital role in supporting students' spiritual, emotional, and mental well-being, especially those serving in leadership position in their local churches.

Tuesday Fellowship Dinners – Dinner was provided each Tuesday for students attending-in-person small groups. This dinner fellowship became the highlight of our program. Kaleo Lum (Aiea KUMC Renew Ministry) was our main cook for both semesters, and Vik Johanson (Christ UMC) joined in the spring semester.

One to One Meetings – Accountability meetings were held mostly in-person, with some conducted via Zoom, FaceTime, or phone.

Special Events

Winter Retreat – The Wesley Foundation co-sponsored the District Young Adults Retreat held at Camp Mokuleia from February 7th – 9th. A total of 52 young adults and Wesley Foundation students attended the retreat. Rev. Ken Suhr, (Cal-Pac's Director of Leadership and Congregational Vitality) was the guest speaker and delivered powerful and relevant messages that connected with the young adults.

Thanksgiving Dinner – We hosted our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 26th, extending an invitation the First LAP (prison ministry).

End of the Semester Celebrations – Both celebrations were held at Shabuya Hot Pot in Ala Moana.

Wesley Foundation Renovation

The Wesley Foundation received a conditional loan from HUMU for much needed renovation and repairs. A new roof and gutters were installed at the Wesley Foundation Center, along with repairs to the lanai and the masonry wall. At the White House (student housing), we addressed water migration issues in one of the downstairs bedrooms, replaced damaged drywall, and installed new flooring. A new pipe system will be installed in the Wesley Foundation in June.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board members have continued to show their support of the ministry, especially raising funds during these difficult times. The current board members are Atina Pascua (Interim Chairperson), Grace Omura (Treasurer), Judy Cramer, Winnie Ching, Elliott Inamasu, Melfred Olson, Peasipa Namoa, and Joseph Shin.

FINANCIAL FUNDING

The Wesley Foundation is grateful for the generosity of our annual conference, local churches and individual donors for their financial support of this vital ministry on the campus of University of Hawaii at Manoa.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Snapshots of our ministry can be seen on our Facebook and Instagram accounts:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/wesleyfoundationhawaii

Instagram: @wesleyfoundationhawaii

Rev. Joe Yun,
Wesley Foundation Campus Director

Hawaii District Young Adults Report

Winter Retreat

The Hawaii District Young Adults Retreat took place from February 7-9 at Camp Mokule’ia, bringing together young adults from diverse backgrounds: Tongan, Korean, White, and Mixed Ethnicity. The retreat was aimed to offer spiritual rest and renewal. It also targeted to affirm the value of young adults in our local churches and remind them of the strength found in our Methodist connection. By God’s grace, the retreat was a success in providing a transformative experience for all who attended.

Throughout the retreat, the young adults deeply reconnected with God through worship services and small groups. Our guest speaker, Rev. Ken Suhr, delivered powerful and relevant messages that resonated with the young adults, who face daily challenges in living out their faith amidst conflicting values. His messages encouraged them to navigate these challenges by viewing the world through the lens of Kingdom values, offering practical and biblical guidance for their faith journey. The small group discussions created a space for openness and reflection, allowing them to share their faith journeys and encourage one another. The retreat fostered organic relationships through moments of fellowship during evening snacks and interactive games. These experiences reinforced the sense of belonging and support among the young adults.

A particularly significant moment occurred during the fellowship games, which were adapted from the popular Netflix series, Squid Game. Witnessing the genuine fun and enthusiasm of the young adults, I could sense a noticeable shift in the retreat atmosphere. The Holy Spirit was moving among them, revealing a deep longing for authentic connections. It became clear that these young adults were seeking a space where they could be themselves, vulnerable, and form genuine relationships centered on faith.

This retreat was a testament to the power of belonging, the need for community, and the importance of providing young adults with spaces to grow spiritually and relationally. Moving forward, further ministry opportunities can be offered by providing leadership and discipleship training and gatherings for praise and worship, fellowship, and service projects to further strengthen these connections. As we move forward, the experience of this retreat serves as an encouragement to continue investing in the spiritual well-being of young adults, creating opportunities for them to encounter God and build lasting connections within our Hawaii District.

Rev. Joe Yun,
District Young Adult Coordinator

Youth Ministry Report 2025

The highlight of the year was our gathering for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade. We had a great turnout from the Hawaii district and representations of all age groups. On behalf of the Hawaii District office a trolley was rented to help assist those that can't walk the distances but would like to take part in the event. Overall, we had about 200+ UMC members with us on this special occasion. Following the parade many joined the Tongan district churches as they continued on to have a fellowship at the park filled with games, laughter, bbq and much more.

As the Cal-Pac Annual Conference 2025 is around the corner. I am happy to share that we had an overwhelming number of applications this year. Was the first time since I have held this position that more applications were received than the required takers. This speaks volumes and again a special shoutout to all the leaders of the local churches that continue to feed and nurture our young people.

Next year we are hopeful to arrange a summer camp event for our young people. This concludes my report. Malo!

Submitted by Pastor Pauline Katoanga,
District Youth Coordinator

2024-2025 Discipleship & Education Report

It continues to be my honor to serve as the Education/Discipleship facilitator for the Hawai'i District. This term, the Hawai'i District Lenten Reflection Booklet was resurrected. This edition was started in November 2024 when 47 Lenten scriptures to reflect on were chosen. Shortly thereafter, the call went out for writers. Although sign-ups were slow, eventually, writers chose their scriptures and their reflections were created. Contributors to this endeavor were from many of our churches in Hawaii. Reflections were deeply inspirational and moving. By the end of January 2025, reflections were in, and final edits and formatting of the booklet began. In a little over a week, with the help of the District's Administrative Assistant, Sonya Lee, (who also supplied the cover picture and its inspired explanation) the booklets went out for publication. Five hundred copies of the booklet were published and distributed at the end of February, just in time for the Lenten season. Feedback informed me that churches used the booklet as their Lenten study.

I again thank Sonya Lee for all her kokua with the edits and formatting and sending the booklet out to be published. Any mistakes and omissions were my doing and I apologize for them. I would also like to mahalo DS Tom Choi for his encouragement and leadership that helped make this happen. A big thank you to all the writers who opened their hearts, minds and spirits in the creation of the 2025 Hawai'i District Lenten Reflection booklet.

Judy Cramer
Discipleship & Education

2025 District Conference Report
District Planning and Strategy Committee

Our team hosted another Clergy Retreat on August 19-21, 2024 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Kalihi. 17 local clergy from 3 islands attended the retreat for rest and renewal with the theme: A New Thing! Clergy had time to share their ministry ideas, play games, get massages, hear from speakers, and be inspired by our DS Tom Choi. It was a great success. The District Leadership Team will be taking the lead for the next clergy retreat.

We also helped our District Lay Leaders coordinate the Lay Leader Retreat on January 25, 2025 titled: The Beloved Community. Conference Lay Leader Mele Maka was the guest speaker at the event held at Aiea UMC. 25 lay leaders from 3 islands attended this event.

And finally, we organized a Funding Seminar held at Wesley UMC on February 28, 2025. Speakers taught us about the State's Kauhale (tiny homes) Initiative, affordable housing, grant writing, and rules for leasing church facilities. 47 clergy and laity from 3 islands attended this event. Follow up meetings and interest groups are being developed.

DPAS would like to thank HUMU for providing us the budget needed for these three important events, including airfare scholarships for neighbor island attendees.

Rev. Amy Wake,
DPAS Chairperson

2025 District Conference Report **Hawai‘i Acts of Repentance Task Force**

After our Apology Resolution was passed at the 2020/2024 General Conference, we focused our energies on working with Native Hawaiians to restore crown lands. In 1964, the U.S. Army signed 65-year leases for \$1 per lease with the State of Hawai‘i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, for 782 acres at Makua Military Reservation (MMR), 1,150 acres of land at Kahuku Training Area (KTA), and 4,390 acres at Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area (Poamoho). The leases are set to expire in 2029 and the Army has requested renewal of all three leases. AOR sent testimony against the renewal of leases for the Environmental Impact Studies at KTA and Poamoho and testified in person at the MMR hearing n Wai‘anae. We later sent testimony supporting bills against the renewal of these leases to the 2025 Hawai‘i State Legislature. Finally, we drafted a resolution to our 2025 Cal-Pac Annual Conference addressing these leases and calling on the State of Hawaii. (see attached)

In September 2024, we wanted to inform the District about our work and so held a hybrid in-person and online presentation that included new information about Hawaiian history, the General Conference experience, and plans for the future. Several people from Hawai‘i UMCs attended.

Several AOR members participated in activism on January 17, 2025, the anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom. Some participated in the Onipa‘a March, others staffed information and water booths at Iolani Palace, and others attended a simplified version of the Ho‘okuikahi Worship Service led by Kahu Kaleo Patterson.

We also connected with Hawaiian artist Meleanna Meyer and collaborated with her to host the ‘Aina Aloha mural at United Methodist Churches. The mural went first to Wesley UMC from January to April 2025. A workshop for members of the church and members of AOR was held on March 15, 2025. The mural is now moving to Harris UMC for display and a workshop with Meleanna will be held there as well (details to come). If any other UMC would like to host the mural, please contact Amy Wake.

In February, we did a presentation for the Mission of Peace youth group from the North Eastern Jurisdictional Conference with Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi. We also hosted the Britt Lecturer Rev. Dr. Grace Kim for a tour of Iolani Palace and an informational meeting.

We have been working to connect with the UMC General Commission on Religion and Race to organize the apology to Native Hawaiians here in the islands and also at the next General Conference in 2028. There is a sub-committee from GCORR who will lead the work. The GCORR board will be coming to Hawai‘i in February 2027.

The AOR Task Force meets regularly to further UMC connections with Hawaiian leaders and activists and work towards a meaningful apology. If you would like to learn more about AOR, please contact Amy Wake.

Rev. Amy Wake,
AOR Task Force Chairperson

United Women in Faith

As I am approaching the end of my term as district president of the United Women in Faith organization, I am humbled by the knowledge that many a great and faithful women have come before me to serve and to lead our women to do mission.

In my three and a half years as president of UWF, we have accomplished many missional projects like collecting gift cards for the Lahaina fires as well as the more recent LA fires. This was over and above our regular pledges that is collected yearly and is distributed by our national organization, to our different missions all over the world.

Our strong ties to our National Mission Institution right here in our midst, Susannah Wesley Community Center, is a sure indication that our women are aware and are very committed to their mission work. With the women's donations and support, SWCC is still in the forefront with their advocacy and efforts on Human Trafficking.

Most of our district churches do have a women's local organization like it's stated in the Book of Discipline. However, the women can join other local organizations if their church doesn't have one. As you may have been told or have heard, we've lost many of our members to other religions due to the disaffiliations, but there are still great many of us who are committed to carry on Jesus' mission on this earth.

All women are welcome to join us at United Women in Faith. We need you to connect with us, so that we may help each other to inspire, influence and impact local and global communities to support the women, children and youth around the world. With God on our side, anything is possible 🙏

In Christ,
Tupou Seini Kelemen
District UWF President