

# 2026 HUMU ANNUAL MEETING & HAWAII DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MAY 9 AT 1:00 PM HST VIA ZOOM



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**Resident Bishop**

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

**Hawaii District Superintendent**

Rev. Dr. Tom Choi

**Administrative Assistant**

Sonya Lee

**HUMU Financial Officer**

Rosie Jacinto

**District Chancellor**

Tyler Pottenger

**2026 HUMU Annual Meeting & Hawaii District Conference**  
May 9, 2026  
Agenda and Schedule on Zoom Webinar

**1:00 PM      HUMU Annual Meeting: Rev. Joy Yun (Presider)**

- Welcome
- Call to Order
- Voting Procedures Overview: Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
- Election of the HUMU Secretary
- Review of the Agenda
- Adoption of the 2025 Annual Minutes ✓
- Election of the HUMU Board of Directors Members ✓
- Review & Acceptance of the 2025 HUMU Financial Reports ✓
- Review and Approval of the 2026 District Budget ✓
- Presentation of the 2026 HUMU President's Report

**1:30 PM      Worship & District Conference: DS Tom Choi (Presider)**

- Welcome
- Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:5-8 (NRSVue): Judy Cramer, District Associate Lay Leader
- Prayer: Tupouseini Kelemeni, District Co-Lay Leader
- Message: "Astonished by the Unexpected" by DS Tom Choi
- Call to Order
- Voting Procedure Overview: Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
- Election of the District Conference Secretary
- Adoption of the 2025 District Conference Minutes ✓
- Election of the Annual Conference District Representatives ✓
- Election of the District Nominations Report ✓
- Motions:
  - Motion to change the "District Disaster Preparedness & Response Task Force" name to the "Hawaii District Resilience Team." ✓
  - Motion to authorize the HUMU Board to bring the HUMU Employee Handbook into compliance with local and state laws. ✓
- Hawaii Committee on Ordained Ministry Report: Rev. Fran Wiebenga
  - Approved as Local Pastors
  - Approved as Certified Candidates
  - Certified Lay Ministers
  - Declared Candidates

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- **Celebration of Pastors & Laity: DS Tom Choi**
  - **Retiring Clergy:**
    - Rev. Dohmin Kim
  - **New Appointments:**
    - Kazuto Enoch Yamada at Wesley UMC as LPA (July 2026)
    - Pastor Hwal “Paul” Joo at Kam Nam UMC (July 2026)
  - **To be Commissioned as a Provisional Elder:**
    - Pastor Ongo Koli (Trinity UMC)
  - **Bishop’s Award Recipients:**
    - Rev. Alan & Kara Mark (Kilohana UMC)
    - Robert Lopaka Mansfield (Wesley UMC)
  - **District Lay Person of the Year:**
    - Lynn Owan (Ewa Beach UMC)
- **Announcements: DS Tom Choi**
  - Closure of Bethany UMC
  - Information about Elections of General & Jurisdictional Nominations
- **Conference Videos**
  - Astonish Introduction
  - CFA Update
- **Closing Remarks & Prayer: DS Tom Choi**
- **Adjournment**

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# 2026 HAWAII UNITED METHODIST UNION ANNUAL MEETING

May 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm

Zoom Webinar

## The voting membership of the corporation shall consist of:

- All ministers duly appointed to a charge or an agency of the Hawaii District of the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.
- One lay representative for each minister appointed from each charge elected by the Charge/Church Conference of such charge.
- One lay representative for each minister appointed to an agency of the Hawaii District.
- The District Superintendent and District Lay Leader of the Hawaii District.



**Hawaii United Methodist Union**  
Annual Meeting - Online Zoom Webinar Meeting  
May 10, 2025

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"> <li>• Membership requirements were reviewed</li> <li>• Instructions for accessing and using the Meeting Pulse tabs at the right were reviewed</li> <li>• Directions and practice were given for voting.</li> </ul>	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The Agenda was distributed electronically prior to the meeting.</li> <li>•There were no corrections or additions.</li> </ul>	There were no objections to accepting the Agenda as presented.
Election of a Secretary	Nominations were opened for Secretary of the Annual Meeting.	Judy Cramer 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"> <li>• There was no objection to calling for the vote.</li> <li>• The Minutes were accepted as presented.</li> </ul>
Election of HUMU Board of Director members	<p>A list of nominees was distributed electronically prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Collison was removed from the board because he has moved to the mainland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DS Tom Choi moved the nomination of the slate on behalf of the Nominating Committee.</li> <li>• The amended slate was approved.</li> </ul>
Review and acceptance of 2024 Financial Reports and 2025 District Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Financial Reports were distributed electronically prior to the meeting.</li> <li>• President Yun reported that in 2024, revenue covered expenses.</li> <li>• Total revenue was approximately \$1,981,871 and expenses \$1,972,284.</li> <li>• Investments net revenue for 2024 totaled \$213,667.</li> <li>•In November 2024, HUMU board passed a balanced budget for 2025</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The reports were accepted.</li> </ul>
President's Report, 2024 Joy Yun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report was distributed electronically prior to the meeting.</li> <li>• We have formed a partnership with Camp Mokuleia for the usage of the property</li> <li>•Camp Mekokiko was listed for sale at \$2.3 million. It may take some time to sell because of the size of the property</li> <li>•.West Kauai UMC - important upgrades were done that included electrical upgrade and mold remediation. The board is looking to renegotiate the preschool lease in 2025</li> </ul> <p>Joy thanked the board for their hard work Jim Monk corrected a mistake on his CLM report that the Wesley Foundation in Manoa belongs to the Wesley Foundation governed by its Board of Directors.</p>	
Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm.</li> </ul> <p>Rev. Yun gave the closing prayer.</p>

## HAWAII UNITED METHODIST UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (HUMU)

	Members	Email Address	Phone Number	Church Address
	<b>Chairperson:</b>			
	Joy Yun (23-Keolumana)	joy.kwon@gmail.com	262-7979	1425 Keolu Dr, Kailua, HI 96734
	<b>Class of 2027:</b>			
1	Joy Yun (23-Keolumana)	joy.kwon@gmail.com	262-7979	1425 Keolu Dr, Kailua, HI 96734
2	Robert Ritchie (21-Kailua)	kailuabob@yahoo.com	261-6238	1110 Kailua Road, Kailua, HI 96734
3	Moseses Taufalele (23-Wahiawa)	taufalelemoseses@gmail.com	622-4361	1445 California Ave., Wahiawa HI 96786
	<b>Class of 2028:</b>			
4	Russell Langas (24-Aldersgate)	rlangas808@yahoo.com	778-9373	1352 Liliha Street, Honolulu, HI 96817
5	Vera Tom (22-Kilohana)	veratomumw@gmail.com	373-3373	5829 Mahimahi Street, Honolulu, HI 96821
6	<b>Laurie Fifita (26-Honolua)</b>	<b>fifitalaurie@yahoo.com</b>	<b>895-9006</b>	<b>5110 Kohi Street, Lahaina, HI 96761</b>
	<b>Class of 2029:</b>			
7	Teo Caasi (23-Ewa Beach)	teocaasi@hotmail.com	689-0153	91-660 Pohakupuna Road, Ewa Beach, HI 96706
8	Ralph Hale (22-Keolumana)	ralphwh178@gmail.com	262-7979	1425 Keolu Dr, Kailua, HI 96734
9	<b>Vacant</b>			
	<b>Class of 2030:</b>			
10	Jim Monk (24-Kona)	travelin_monk@yahoo.com	329-5842	74-4960 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
11	Robert Isip (25-Kilohana)	bobisip@gmail.com	373-3373	5829 Mahimahi Street, Honolulu, HI 96821
12	John Crewe (22-Lahaina)	john.crewe@cst.edu	661-3320	988 Front St, Lahaina, HI 96761
	<b>EX-OFFICIO WITHOUT VOTE:</b>			
14	DPAS: John Finau (26-Parker)	revjfinau@gmail.com	247-3250	45-211 Waikalua Rd, Kaneohe, HI 96744
15	Tyler Pottenger, HUMU Atty	tyler@tylerpottenger.com	545-1600	841 Bishop St., Ste. 1710, Honolulu, HI 96813
	<b>Church Location &amp; Building:</b>			
16	Jim Monk	travelin_monk@yahoo.com	329-5842	74-4960 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
	<b>EX-OFFICIO WITH VOTE:</b>			
	<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</b>			
17	Tom Choi	dshawaii@calpacumc.org	536-1864	20 S. Vineyard Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813

**Hawaii United Methodist Union  
Statement of Financial Position**

As of December 31, 2025

	Total		
	As of Dec 31, 2025	As of Dec 31, 2024 (PY)	Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
1000 HUMU Checking	696,546.47	478,352.68	218,193.79
1005 Tongan Checking	69,940.48	51,940.48	18,000.00
1006 Mekokiko Checking	15,123.48	7,456.73	7,666.75
1010 DS Discretionary Checking	26,470.54	29,403.45	-2,932.91
1015 Petty Cash	100.00	100.00	0.00
1020 Foundation Investments			0.00
1021 Humu Endowment	1,399,026.59	1,297,936.78	101,089.81
1022 ROH Gift Fund	1,651,496.43	1,746,838.77	-95,342.34
1030 Camp Mekokiko Endowment	0.00	32,948.64	-32,948.64
<b>Total 1020 Foundation Investments</b>	<b>\$ 3,050,523.02</b>	<b>\$ 3,077,724.19</b>	<b>-\$ 27,201.17</b>
1100 Britt Investment			0.00
1101 Britt Lectures	408,904.50	365,050.20	43,854.30
1102 Pastoral Education	63,757.11	61,622.05	2,135.06
1103 Britt Church Land	131,813.20	115,956.06	15,857.14
1104 Britt Scholarship	290,418.04	255,479.52	34,938.52
<b>Total 1100 Britt Investment</b>	<b>\$ 894,892.85</b>	<b>\$ 798,107.83</b>	<b>\$ 96,785.02</b>
1110 Goto Memorial Scholarship	474,632.09		474,632.09
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 5,228,228.93</b>	<b>\$ 4,443,085.36</b>	<b>\$ 785,143.57</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
1120 Accounts Receivable-Billing	114,787.17	131,880.87	-17,093.70
1130 Accounts Receivable-Other	3,840.56	2,976.81	863.75
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$ 118,627.73</b>	<b>\$ 134,857.68</b>	<b>-\$ 16,229.95</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
1310 Reserve for Doubtful Account	-45,000.00	-45,000.00	0.00
1450 Prepaid-Others	1,198.02	1,208.00	-9.98
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>-\$ 43,801.98</b>	<b>-\$ 43,792.00</b>	<b>-\$ 9.98</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,303,054.68</b>	<b>\$ 4,534,151.04</b>	<b>\$ 768,903.64</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
<b>1500 Land</b>			0.00
1501 Center Street	23,986.00	23,986.00	0.00
1502 Land-Mekokiko	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
1503 Land-Kekaha	19,780.00	19,780.00	0.00
1504 Land-Naalehu	11,640.00	11,640.00	0.00
1505 Land-Pahala	8,965.00	8,965.00	0.00
1506 Land-Waimanalo	198,000.00	198,000.00	0.00
1507 Land-Vacant	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
<b>Total 1500 Land</b>	<b>\$ 293,871.00</b>	<b>\$ 293,871.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>1600 Building</b>			0.00
1601 Building-Center Street	221,894.62	221,894.62	0.00

	As of Dec 31, 2025	As of Dec 31, 2024 (PY)	Change
1602 Building-Mekokiko Camp	1,208,901.95	1,208,901.95	0.00
1603 Building-Kekaha	26,220.00	26,220.00	0.00
1604 Building-Naalehu	46,560.00	46,560.00	0.00
1605 Building-Pahala	82,935.00	82,935.00	0.00
1606 Building-Waimanalo	402,253.48	402,253.48	0.00
<b>Total 1600 Building</b>	<b>\$ 1,988,765.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,988,765.05</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
1650 Furnishing & Equipment			0.00
1651 F&E District Office	40,137.03	40,137.03	0.00
1652 F&E Mekokiko	134,263.66	134,263.66	0.00
<b>Total 1650 Furnishing &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 174,400.69</b>	<b>\$ 174,400.69</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
1700 Accumulated Depreciation			0.00
1705 Acc. Dep. HUMU Building	-630,459.49	-614,891.14	-15,568.35
1707 Acc. Dep. Mekokiko Building	-390,895.98	-368,764.29	-22,131.69
1710 Acc. Dep. F&E District Office	-35,565.20	-34,269.50	-1,295.70
1715 Acc. Dep. F&E Mekokiko	-119,134.15	-115,195.00	-3,939.15
<b>Total 1700 Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>-\$ 1,176,054.82</b>	<b>-\$ 1,133,119.93</b>	<b>-\$ 42,934.89</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,280,981.92</b>	<b>\$ 1,323,916.81</b>	<b>-\$ 42,934.89</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,584,036.60</b>	<b>\$ 5,858,067.85</b>	<b>\$ 725,968.75</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
1800 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
1810 A/P Others	312,834.09	241,071.37	71,762.72
1820 Deferred Revenue	500.00	500.00	0.00
<b>Total 1800 Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$ 313,334.09</b>	<b>\$ 241,571.37</b>	<b>\$ 71,762.72</b>
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$ 313,334.09</b>	<b>\$ 241,571.37</b>	<b>\$ 71,762.72</b>
Other Current Liabilities			
1830 Payroll Liabilities			0.00
1833 Federal Taxes	4,552.63	4,943.26	-390.63
1834 State Taxes	900.55	1,216.86	-316.31
1836 Accrued Vacation	5,935.72	10,776.40	-4,840.68
<b>Total 1830 Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 11,388.90</b>	<b>\$ 16,936.52</b>	<b>-\$ 5,547.62</b>
1850 Invested Funds Held			0.00
1851 Goto Fund	3,492.93	3,086.12	406.81
1852 Guam Fund	13,520.71	11,946.02	1,574.69
1853 Kailua Foundation	1,235.79	1,091.86	143.93
1855 Waianae UMC	3,118.94	2,755.70	363.24
1856 Waianae Tongan	20,185.49	17,834.60	2,350.89
1857 Tongan Ministerial Fund	38,546.36	34,057.07	4,489.29
<b>Total 1850 Invested Funds Held</b>	<b>\$ 80,100.22</b>	<b>\$ 70,771.37</b>	<b>\$ 9,328.85</b>
1900 Custodial Account			0.00
1910 Tongan Operating	598.81	1,048.81	-450.00
1911 Tongan Ministerial	37,643.00	16,469.39	21,173.61
1912 Tongan Women	6,207.53	6,754.14	-546.61
1913 Tongan Youth and Young Adult	10,341.68	13,718.68	-3,377.00
1914 Hawaii Pulenga	15,055.00	15,055.00	0.00

	As of Dec 31, 2025	As of Dec 31, 2024 (PY)	Change
1915 Youth & YA Camp	94.46	94.46	0.00
<b>Total 1900 Custodial Account</b>	<b>\$ 69,940.48</b>	<b>\$ 53,140.48</b>	<b>\$ 16,800.00</b>
1950 Designated Funds			0.00
1953 Strength for the Journey	2,047.82	2,047.82	0.00
1956 Ripple Scholarship	1,027.00	1,027.00	0.00
1958 Program Support	27,997.24	2,475.30	25,521.94
1959 Kapolei UMM Leftover Fund	3,674.08	3,674.08	0.00
<b>Total 1950 Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 34,746.14</b>	<b>\$ 9,224.20</b>	<b>\$ 25,521.94</b>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 196,175.74</b>	<b>\$ 150,072.57</b>	<b>\$ 46,103.17</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 509,509.83</b>	<b>\$ 391,643.94</b>	<b>\$ 117,865.89</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 509,509.83</b>	<b>\$ 391,643.94</b>	<b>\$ 117,865.89</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
3000 Opening Balance Equity	417,530.11	0.00	417,530.11
3005 Unrestricted Net Assets			0.00
3010 Undesignated	4,207,445.53	4,207,445.53	0.00
3011 Designated for Various Programs	152,314.00	152,314.00	0.00
<b>Total 3005 Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,359,759.53</b>	<b>\$ 4,359,759.53</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
3015 Temp. Restricted Net Assets	621,344.15	621,344.15	0.00
3020 Perm. Restricted Net Assets	271,932.00	271,932.00	0.00
32000 Retained Earnings	213,388.23	0.00	213,388.23
Net Revenue	190,572.75	213,388.23	-22,815.48
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 6,074,526.77</b>	<b>\$ 5,466,423.91</b>	<b>\$ 608,102.86</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 6,584,036.60</b>	<b>\$ 5,858,067.85</b>	<b>\$ 725,968.75</b>

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**Hawaii United Methodist Union**  
**Statement of Activity Comparison**

January - December 2025

	Total		
	Jan - Dec 2025	Jan - Dec 2024 (PY)	Change
<b>Revenue</b>			
4004 Dividend	97,474.51	85,794.88	11,679.63
4120 Facility Use	15,100.00	12,850.00	2,250.00
4130 Other/Miscellaneous		170.00	-170.00
4200 Support			0.00
4202 DS Salary Package	168,046.63	157,023.72	11,022.91
4203 Admin. Secretary Salary Package	87,850.93	84,637.69	3,213.24
4216 Office Rent	26,580.00	26,580.00	0.00
4217 Other Support	15,239.47	11,392.91	3,846.56
<b>Total 4200 Support</b>	<b>\$ 297,717.03</b>	<b>\$ 279,634.32</b>	<b>\$ 18,082.71</b>
4400 Registration & Program Support			0.00
4403 Youth & Young Adult Ministry	320.00		320.00
4408 Disaster Relief	2,535.00	500.00	2,035.00
4410 Walk to Emmaus	11,722.07	3,231.42	8,490.65
<b>Total 4400 Registration &amp; Program Support</b>	<b>\$ 14,577.07</b>	<b>\$ 3,731.42</b>	<b>\$ 10,845.65</b>
4500 Billing			0.00
4501 Medical	703,026.69	714,449.61	-11,422.92
4502 Dental	43,498.57	46,228.55	-2,729.98
4503 WC/TDI	40,236.00	53,661.00	-13,425.00
4504 Liability/Property	701,729.14	667,226.88	34,502.26
4505 Auto Insurance	12,052.00	11,496.00	556.00
4507 Property Tax	1,382.00	1,382.00	0.00
<b>Total 4500 Billing</b>	<b>\$ 1,501,924.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,444.04</b>	<b>\$ 7,480.36</b>
4600 Finance Charges			0.00
4602 Overdue Interest		147.49	-147.49
<b>Total 4600 Finance Charges</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 147.49</b>	<b>-\$ 147.49</b>
4700 Administrative Cost			0.00
4701 Billing administrative cost	104,931.87	104,388.41	543.46
<b>Total 4700 Administrative Cost</b>	<b>\$ 104,931.87</b>	<b>\$ 104,388.41</b>	<b>\$ 543.46</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,031,724.88</b>	<b>\$ 1,981,160.56</b>	<b>\$ 50,564.32</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 2,031,724.88</b>	<b>\$ 1,981,160.56</b>	<b>\$ 50,564.32</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
6000 Salary	236,955.28	222,808.80	14,146.48
6001 Accrued Vacation	9,939.00	7,379.16	2,559.84
6100 Payroll Taxes			0.00
6101 Social Security	9,689.79	8,696.61	993.18
6102 Medicare	2,266.16	2,033.89	232.27
6103 Unemployment(Sui)	136.41	721.03	-584.62
<b>Total 6100 Payroll Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 12,092.36</b>	<b>\$ 11,451.53</b>	<b>\$ 640.83</b>
6200 Housing Allowance	39,000.00	36,000.00	3,000.00
6205 Pension	9,648.96	7,976.28	1,672.68
6210 Workers' Comp. & TDI	42,398.72	56,995.28	-14,596.56

	Jan - Dec 2025	Jan - Dec 2024 (PY)	Change
6215 Medical & Dental	794,188.47	818,668.71	-24,480.24
6220 Geographical & Cont. Education	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
6300 Contract & Professional Svs.			0.00
6301 Accounting/Audit	4,397.90	4,397.90	0.00
6302 Legal & Consultant	1,000.00		1,000.00
6303 Honorarium	7,797.50	5,500.00	2,297.50
6305 Website/Cable/Computer	1,485.34	1,264.28	221.06
6306 Other Service	1,110.00	1,494.18	-384.18
<b>Total 6300 Contract &amp; Professional Svs.</b>	<b>\$ 15,790.74</b>	<b>\$ 12,656.36</b>	<b>\$ 3,134.38</b>
6350 Discretionary Fund	2,818.39	4,111.56	-1,293.17
6355 Appreciation Gathering	1,822.07	3,929.17	-2,107.10
6400 Liability Property Ins.	716,395.50	679,494.96	36,900.54
6405 Auto Insurance	13,149.04	12,600.00	549.04
6410 Property and GE Tax	5,336.13	4,806.30	529.83
6411 Dues/Membership/License/Permit	302.50	297.50	5.00
6415 Postage	497.70	1,067.13	-569.43
6420 Advertising/Books/Subscription	3,070.41	2,888.60	181.81
6425 Autobile/Mileage Reim.	5.04	3.55	1.49
6427 Truck Operation and Maint.		832.58	-832.58
6430 Furnishing, Equipment, Tools		634.74	-634.74
6432 Bank and Other Fees	71.88	118.81	-46.93
6436 Miscellaneous	220.23	3,992.80	-3,772.57
6440 Rent/Lease			0.00
6441 Office Rent	26,580.00	26,580.00	0.00
6442 Equipment	3,089.04	3,303.96	-214.92
<b>Total 6440 Rent/Lease</b>	<b>\$ 29,669.04</b>	<b>\$ 29,883.96</b>	<b>-\$ 214.92</b>
6450 Utilities			0.00
6451 Electricity	797.01	788.07	8.94
6452 Telephone	705.21	581.30	123.91
6453 Water	573.41	506.63	66.78
6454 Gas	568.57	1,182.04	-613.47
<b>Total 6450 Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,644.20</b>	<b>\$ 3,058.04</b>	<b>-\$ 413.84</b>
6460 Supplies			0.00
6461 Office Supplies/Printing	1,865.01	890.33	974.68
6462 Food & Kitchen Supplies	990.63	795.71	194.92
6463 Cleaning and Other Supplies	144.00	84.07	59.93
<b>Total 6460 Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 2,999.64</b>	<b>\$ 1,770.11</b>	<b>\$ 1,229.53</b>
6470 Repair & Maintenance			0.00
6472 Building		1,900.00	-1,900.00
6473 Landscaping Maintenance	15,706.80	23,036.64	-7,329.84
<b>Total 6470 Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 15,706.80</b>	<b>\$ 24,936.64</b>	<b>-\$ 9,229.84</b>
6500 Event and Meeting Cost			0.00
6501 Annual Conference	12,383.70	4,592.03	7,791.67
6502 District Conference	173.64	641.99	-468.35
6503 Clergy Meeting (Hui)	48.13		48.13
6504 HUMU Board Meeting	144.83		144.83
6505 District Planning & Strategy	2,343.16	0.00	2,343.16

	Jan - Dec 2025	Jan - Dec 2024 (PY)	Change
6506 DS Committee		147.01	-147.01
6507 Audit team	488.02		488.02
6509 Event and Travel	6,277.94	6,914.85	-636.91
6511 HI Comm. on Ordained Mnsty-HCOM	759.34	487.53	271.81
<b>Total 6500 Event and Meeting Cost</b>	<b>\$ 22,618.76</b>	<b>\$ 12,783.41</b>	<b>\$ 9,835.35</b>
6700 DLT Program			0.00
6710 Justice & Compassion Ministry	1,296.51		1,296.51
6720 Discipleship & Education	1,007.69		1,007.69
6750 Lay Servant Ministry	675.39		675.39
6790 United Methodist Women-UMW	176.90	160.08	16.82
6795 Youth & Young Adult Ministry	4,000.00		4,000.00
6797 Disaster Relief		500.00	-500.00
6799 Walk to Emmaus	11,722.07	3,231.42	8,490.65
<b>Total 6700 DLT Program</b>	<b>\$ 18,878.56</b>	<b>\$ 3,891.50</b>	<b>\$ 14,987.06</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,997,419.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,966,237.48</b>	<b>\$ 31,181.94</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 34,305.46</b>	<b>\$ 14,923.08</b>	<b>\$ 19,382.38</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
4901 Realized Gain (Loss)	300,906.96	154,651.94	146,255.02
4902 Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	160,794.84	132,671.11	28,123.73
4915 Walk to Emmaus Scholarship	2,511.47	3,402.60	-891.13
4920 DS Discretionary Account			0.00
4921 DS Disrectionary income	1,000.00	1,500.00	-500.00
4922 DS District Training Support	5,000.00		5,000.00
<b>Total 4920 DS Discretionary Account</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>
4923 West Kauai preschool rental	31,361.24	29,312.30	2,048.94
4930 Wesley F. Parsonage Maintenance	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 506,374.51</b>	<b>\$ 326,337.95</b>	<b>\$ 180,036.56</b>
<b>Other Expenditures</b>			
6805 Investment Fee	25,530.86	22,747.16	2,783.70
6810 Depreciation	42,934.89	58,142.40	-15,207.51
6815 Bad Debts		3,116.38	-3,116.38
6818 Walk to Emmaus Scholrship Exp.	4,302.07		4,302.07
6819 ROH/HOPE Distribution/Other Fee			0.00
6823 HOPE-DPAS for Mnstry Program		5,614.60	-5,614.60
<b>Total 6819 ROH/HOPE Distribution/Other Fee</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,614.60</b>	<b>-\$ 5,614.60</b>
6826 West Kauai Rental Expenses	24,633.50	22,608.54	2,024.96
6830 Wesley Foundation Repair	190,107.81	15,000.00	175,107.81
6831 Wesley Parsonage Repair	53,665.18		53,665.18
6840 DS Discretionary Account			0.00
6841 DS Discretionary Expense	300.00	193.72	106.28
6842 DS District Training Expense	8,632.91	450.00	8,182.91
<b>Total 6840 DS Discretionary Account</b>	<b>\$ 8,932.91</b>	<b>\$ 643.72</b>	<b>\$ 8,289.19</b>
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 350,107.22</b>	<b>\$ 127,872.80</b>	<b>\$ 222,234.42</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 156,267.29</b>	<b>\$ 198,465.15</b>	<b>-\$ 42,197.86</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 190,572.75</b>	<b>\$ 213,388.23</b>	<b>-\$ 22,815.48</b>

<b>HAWAII UNITED METHODIST UNION</b>										
<b>2026 APPROVED BUDGET</b>										
		<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>901</b>	
<b>Acct. #</b>	<b>Acct. Name</b>	<b>Humu</b>	<b>Cal-Pac</b>	<b>Mekoki.</b>	<b>Britt</b>	<b>DLT</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Pahala</b>	<b>Pahala</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>Oper.</b>		<b>Camp</b>	<b>Lect.</b>	<b>Prog.</b>	<b>Through</b>	<b>Presch.</b>	<b>House</b>	
<b>4000</b>	<b>Bank Interest</b>									
4004	Dividend Income	75,000			16,500					91,500
4120	Facility Use							9,000	7,200	16,200
4130	Miscellaneous Income				100					100
<b>4200</b>	<b>Support Income</b>									
4202	Salary Support & Benefits		174,337							174,337
4203	Salary Support & Benefits		92,080							92,080
4204	Annual Conference Travel						500			500
4216	Office Rent		28,164							28,164
4217	Other Support		22,812							22,812
<b>4400</b>	<b>DLT Program Income</b>									
4410	Walk to Emmaus					14,725				14,725
<b>4500</b>	<b>Insurance Billing</b>									
4501	Health Insurance						700,157			700,157
4502	Dental Insurance						41,890			41,890
4503	Workers Comp. / TDI						46,454			46,454
4504	Liability/ Property Insurance						806,374			806,374
4505	Auto Insurance						14,166			14,166
4507	Property Tax						1,500			1,500
<b>4700</b>	<b>Other Charges</b>									
4701	Billing Administrative Cost	112,633								112,633
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>187,633</b>	<b>317,393</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>14,725</b>	<b>1,611,041</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>2,163,592</b>
<b>6000</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>71,202</b>	<b>173,234</b>							<b>244,436</b>
<b>6001</b>	<b>Accrued Vacation</b>	<b>5,477</b>	<b>5,660</b>							<b>11,137</b>
<b>6100</b>	<b>Payroll Taxes</b>									
6101	Social Security	4,415	4,562							8,977
6102	Medicare	1,032	1,066							2,098
6103	Unemployment (SUI)	434	548							982
6200	Housing Allowance		39,000							39,000
6205	Pension	8,544	6,179							14,723

Acct. #	Acct. Name	100 Humu Oper.	200 Cal-Pac	300 Mekoki. Camp	500 Britt Lect.	600 DLT Prog.	700 Pass Through	900 Pahala Presch.	901 Pahala House	Total
6210	Workers Comp./TDI	833					46,454			47,287
6215	Health & Dental Insurance	20,161	41,830				742,046			804,037
6220	Geographical Variant		1,200							1,200
<b>6300</b>	<b>Contract &amp; Services/Other</b>									
6301	Financial Audit or Review	4,400								4,400
6302	Legal/Consultant	250	500							750
6303	Honorarium		1,000		6,000					7,000
6305	Website/Cable/Computer		1,500							1,500
6306	Other Service	250	500		1,000			310	310	2,370
6350	Discretionary Fund	5,000								5,000
6355	Appreciation Event	5,000								5,000
6400	Liability & Property Ins.	2,415		4,000		375	806,374	5,500	1,300	819,964
6405	Auto Insurance			1,500			14,166			15,666
6410	Property/GE Taxes	225		350			1,500	470	3,100	5,645
6411	Dues/License & Permit	200						250		450
6415	Postage		500		100					600
6420	Software & Subscription		1,000							1,000
6425	Mileage /Vehicle Expense		50							50
6427	Truck Operation & Maint.			500						500
6430	Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment		1,000							1,000
6432	Bank & Insurance Loan fee	100								100
6436	Miscellaneous Expense	100	400		500					1,000
<b>6440</b>	<b>Rent/Lease</b>									
6441	Lease/Rent Property		28,164							28,164
6442	Rental Equipment		3,000							3,000
<b>6450</b>	<b>Utilities</b>									
6451	Electricity			800						800
6452	Telephone			500						500
6453	Water			500						500
6454	Gas/Propane			500						500
<b>6460</b>	<b>Supplies</b>									
6461	Office/Printing Supply		1,250		400					1,650
6462	Food & Meal/Kitchen Supply	100	250		600	200				1,150
6463	Cleaning & Other Supply	50		200						250
<b>6470</b>	<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>									

Acct. #	Acct. Name	100 Humu Oper.	200 Cal-Pac	300 Mekoki. Camp	500 Britt Lect.	600 DLT Prog.	700 Pass Through	900 Pahala Presch.	901 Pahala House	Total
6471	Equipment Maintenance			200						200
6472	Building Maintenance			2,000						2,000
6473	Landscaping Maintenance			25,000						25,000
<b>6500</b>	<b>Travel and Meeting</b>									
6501	Annual Conference	8,000	3,000				500			11,500
6502	District Conference	500								500
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	2,000								2,000
6509	Meeting and Event Expenses		2,000		8,000	500				10,500
6511	Hawaii Committee-HCOM	1,000								1,000
6604	Grant or Support	30,000								30,000
<b>6700</b>	<b>DLT Program Expense</b>									
6710	Justice & Compassion					1,500				1,500
6720	Discipleship & Education					700				700
6750	Lay Servant Ministry					4,000				4,000
6790	United Women if Faith					175				175
6795	Youth & Young Adult Ministry					13,000				13,000
6796	United Methodist Men					450				450
6797	Disaster Relief					100				100
6799	Walk to Emmaus					14,725				14,725
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>180,288</b>	<b>317,393</b>	<b>36,050</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>35,725</b>	<b>1,611,040</b>	<b>6,530</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>2,208,336</b>
	<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>7,345</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-36,050</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-21,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>-44,744</b>

## **2026 President's Report**

### **2025–2026 Overview**

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

This past year has been a season of completion, careful stewardship, and renewed possibility for the Hawai'i District. We closed a significant chapter with the sale of Camp Mekokiko, strengthened our partnership with West Kaua'i UMC, completed major property repairs at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Hawai'i, and continued the steady work of supporting our churches, our clergy, and our shared ministry. Even as we said goodbye to a sacred space, we have begun discerning how the proceeds will fund new opportunities for camping, retreat, leadership, and training ministries across the district.

I am especially grateful to our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Tom Choi, for his faithful leadership in guiding the Camp Mekokiko sale to completion, in envisioning long-term sustainable ministry for camping, retreats and district training, for supporting young adult ministries, and in carrying the day-to-day mission of our church with patience and grace. I am also deeply grateful to Rosie Jacinto, our HUMU accountant, whose meticulous attention to detail has once again kept our books, our reporting, and our compliance work in excellent order.

#### **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 2025, our total revenue was approximately \$2,031,725, an increase from the previous year's \$1,981,160. Total expenditures came in at \$1,997,419, up only modestly from \$1,966,237 in 2024. This produced a net operating revenue of \$34,305, more than double the prior year's \$14,923.

Our investments performed strongly, yielding \$300,907 in realized gains and \$160,795 in unrealized gains. Our net revenue for 2025 totaled \$190,573.

In November, the HUMU Board passed the 2026 budget. Projected total revenues are approximately \$2,163,592 with projected expenditures of \$2,208,336, producing a planned shortfall of \$44,744. This intentional deficit reflects two deliberate Board decisions: continued carrying costs for Camp Mekokiko while it remained on the market (subsequently resolved by the January sale, discussed below), and a near-doubling of District Leadership Team programming- in particular Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Lay Servant training, and Justice and Compassion ministries- funded from accumulated DLT designated reserves. The underlying HUMU operating budget as outlined above remains balanced with a small surplus.

I give thanks for the wise leadership of the HUMU Board and for Rosie Jacinto's ongoing diligence in keeping our financial stewardship strong, transparent, and trustworthy.

### **Camp Mekokiko**

After many years of discernment, prayer, and faithful conversation, on January 8, 2026 we officially closed escrow on the Camp Mekokiko property. We ultimately netted approximately \$1.5 million after realtor fees, taxes, and closing costs. The proceeds were transferred to the California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation in late March and are now held in a new Growth Fund account.

To begin the work of discerning how these funds can best serve the district's ministry, the HUMU Board has established a District Training and Retreat Ministries Task Force. The Task Force will work prayerfully on stewarding the proceeds toward camping and retreat ministries, leadership development, district events, and training opportunities, the long-term sustainability of spaces and experiences for renewal and spiritual growth. We will continue to keep the district informed as discernment continues. While this chapter has been challenging for some, we trust that God will bring new life and new possibilities through what lies ahead.

I remain deeply thankful to DS Tom Choi and to the HUMU Board for their steadfast leadership and faithful perseverance throughout this long and complex process.

### **West Kaua'i UMC**

Our partnership with Child & Family Services Headstart preschool at the Kekaha property continues to bear fruit. Headstart rents a section of the property known as Runes Hall and has been a steady, mission-aligned tenant since the lease was first signed in 2023. This past year we negotiated a renewal of the operational rent with a 13% increase. The adjustment reflects the church's ongoing responsibility for utilities serving both the parsonage and the preschool, including the cost of the air conditioning units the preschool installed and the electrical upgrades the church recently completed to support those installations and broader safety needs. Headstart accepted the revised terms and signed a three-year lease in March 2026.

This renewed lease provides important stability for both partners: it preserves an essential early-childhood ministry presence in Kekaha, and it gives the West Kauai UMC a dependable rental income stream that helps offset the operating costs of the property. We are grateful to the Headstart leadership for their willingness to work in partnership with us and for their continued commitment to serving West Kaua'i families.

### **Wesley Foundation at the University of Hawai'i**

Last year I reported on the conditional grant HUMU extended to the Wesley Foundation after critical structural and roofing issues were discovered in their building. I am pleased to share that the structural repairs, roof replacement, and a full renovation of the bathrooms were completed in October 2025, at a total cost of \$190,108. The Wesley Foundation continues to make ongoing repairs to ensure the building remains safe and usable for years to come.

The HUMU Board also approved work on long-deferred maintenance at the Center Street parsonage, including reroofing, new flooring, and minor bathroom renovations. All of those

repairs were completed in November 2025 at a total cost of \$53,665. By investing in these properties, the district is investing in both the present and the future of the Hawai'i District.

### **Pāhala Preschool and Pāhala House**

Both of our Pāhala properties continue to operate well. Pāhala Preschool generated \$8,400 in facility-use rent in 2025 against \$6,550 in expenses, and Pāhala House generated \$6,700 against \$4,068 in expenses. Together, these properties contributed a small but meaningful surplus to the district.

As I noted last year, the rising costs of property and liability insurance have made periodic rent adjustments necessary to ensure these properties remain protected and well-maintained. We have made another slight increase to the rent for both the Pāhala House and the Pāhala Preschool, with the adjustments taking effect in June. As before, this was not an easy decision, but it is a necessary one to keep these properties sustainable, as there may be maintenance issues that need to be addressed in the near future, and we wish to preserve their continued service to the community.

### **Camp Mokulei'a**

We continue to have a partnership with Camp Mokulei'a. Hawaii District Methodist Clergy are still able to enjoy a midweek getaway (Monday to Thursday) for three days and two nights. During the recent Kona Low storms the camp suffered over \$100,000 worth of damage and had to cancel over \$50,000 worth in programs. I am happy to report that according to the executive director, Darrell Whitaker, they are making great progress in hosting volunteer groups and are making strides in fixing and addressing the damage. We hope the Retreat Camping and District Training Taskforce will continue to support this relationship with the camp as one of its main options for church camping and retreat ministries on the island of Oahu.

### **Closing**

This year has carried both endings and beginnings. The sale of Camp Mekokiko closed a chapter that has been shaped by decades of love and labor. The funds now held in our new Foundation account, the District Training and Retreat Ministries Task Force's discernment work ahead, the renewed lease at West Kaua'i, the completed Wesley Foundation repairs, and the steady ministry across our churches and properties, all of these point toward a future full of new ministry possibilities.

I am thankful for each of you, for the witness of our churches, and for the faithful labor of those who serve quietly behind the scenes. May God continue to bless our work together in the year ahead.

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

# 2026 HAWAII DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 9, 2026 at 1:30 pm

Zoom Webinar

## The members of District Conference shall be:

- All clergy, diaconal ministers, and deaconesses living in the Hawaii District; lay pastors appointed to local churches
- District Lay Leaders and Associate Lay Leaders
- District Lay Members to Annual Conference
- The Presidents of District UMM, UWF, Youth & Young Adult Council
- Members of the District Union/Society Board of Trustees
- Members of the District Leadership Team and District Stewards
- From each local church: the lay leader(s), all local church officers who are chairpersons of boards, councils, committees, church school superintendents, etc.
- Lay members to Annual Conference and one youth.



**HAWAII DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
Online Zoom Webinar Meeting  
May 10, 2025**

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 1:35 pm.
Procedural Instructions Rev. Won-Seok Yuh	Voting procedures and Instructions for accessing and using the Meeting Pulse tabs at the right were reviewed • Directions and practice were given for voting.	
Opening Prayer		District Co-Lay Leader Simon Sansano gave the prayer.
Scripture Lesson: John 13:34-35 (NRSVue)	Is being used for our Annual Conference labeled, "Cherish".	Read by Tupouseini Kelemani
Update on Acts of Repentance Video(AOR) Rev. Amy Wake & Susan Gorman-Chang	The Acts of Repentance Video was shared by Susan Gorman-Chang, a member of the task force The video shared about the usage of the land by the US Army. The AOR to advocate no usage of land by US Arm and to clean up the land that was used	The AOR to advocate no usage of land by US Arm and to clean up the land that was used Urges
Call to Order: DS Tom Choi		
Election of a Secretary		Judy Cramer was elected as secretary.
Adoption of 2024 District Conference Minutes	No additions or corrections	The minutes were accepted as presented.
	Jim Monk - correction, center street parsonage belongs to HUMU and Wesley Foundation belongs to Wesley Foundation which is governed by their board of directors.	
District Nominating Committee DS Choi	The report was distributed electronically prior to the meeting. The following were noted: HUMU: Bob Isip District Superintendency Committee: Sheila Beckham and Mihae Kim Committee on District Leadership: Sione Finau and Russell Langas Communications Committee: Sonya Lee, Simon Sansano and Lea Booth District Audit Team: Ongo Koli Disaster Preparedness and Task Force: Kim Houff (Primary Contact)  Task forces as recorded may have to be revised	Delete Lorraine Kadooka from the Audit team The slate of nominations to district leadership positions was approved as corrected.

HUMU Board to approve nominations in-between regular sessions of the District Conference		Approved to authorize the HUMU Board to approve nominations in-between regular sessions of the District Conference
Motion to consolidate District Personnel Committee with District Superintendency Committee		Approved to consolidate District Personnel Committee with District Superintendency Committee
Acts of Repentance Task Force Resolution	Ending military leases of land for training in Hawaii Amy Wake - 3 training sites on Oahu, on conference package on page 34.	Approved the resolution "No Renewal of Military Leases on O'ahu" presented by the Hawai'i District Acts of Repentance Task Force
Hawaii Committee on Ordained Ministry Rev. Fran Wiebenga	Pastor Fran talked about the process of becoming pastors <b>Approved as Local Pastors:</b> John Crewe, Ongo Koli, Panepasa Fifita, Monalisa Lupu Halapua, Ana Koli Hungalu, Pauline Taumalolo Katoanga, Joyce Latu, Olivia Latu, Lavaka Malakai, Tevita Moa, Tevita "Leni" Namoa, Hee Kyun "Steve" Noh, Mosese Taufalele, Sione Nukonuka Taukolo. <b>Certified Candidate:</b> Darlene Rodrigues. <b>Certified Lay Minister:</b> Lynn Bowersox <b>Declared Candidates:</b> Samiuela Haeane, Valerie Hungalu, Afioga Malagaoma Leui, Peasipa Namoa, Sunia Nau, Joey Sika, Lavinia Taukolo, Luseane "Lucy" Uluave. <b>Inquiring:</b> Falefa Iosua	She asked to support these people and offer prayers. She gave thanks for their continued ministry as lay people.
Celebration of Pastors DS Choi	<b>Retirees Recognized:</b> Kana Shimasaki, Olivia Latu, <b>Appointments in the District:</b> Lavinia Taukolo, Mosese Taufalele, Lia Booth, Steve Noh, Lavaka Malakai, Joyce Latu, Seonbeen Kim <b>Leaving Interim Appointments:</b> Fran Wiebenga, Sam Domingo and Piula Alailima <b>Leaving the District:</b> Jinho Han, Sunny Ahn <b>Conference Lay Person from Hawaii District:</b> Judy Cramer <b>Bishop's Award Honoree:</b> Layperson - Collette Anderson, Clergy - Richard Matsushita	
Election of Annual Conference District Representatives DS Choi	<b>District-At-Large Lay Members:</b> Lorraine Kadooka, Becky Choi, Judy Cramer, Marcia Sipinga, Sonya Lee, Menorah Taumalolo, Sophiya Taumalolo, Sierra Choi, Uinise "Mau" Ikahihifo, Siosifa Taukolo <b>Youth Lay Members:</b> Kyria S. Lim, Liy Rose Kahanu, Jonathan Moala, Linita Malakai Tu'ifua, Finau Serenity Lolohea Matiaki <b>Young Adult Lay Members:</b> Valerie Hungalu, Berlinda Sipinga, Elenoa Tatafu, Timothy Lee, Penisimani "Benji" Taufa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Names were presented for discussion.</li> <li>All three groups were elected.</li> </ul> District-At-Large Members: first 5 are adults, second 5 are young adults/youth since we have more people for young adults

Intro to Annual Conference & Conference Budget (video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both videos were shown</li> <li>Cherish is this year's theme.</li> <li>Change from current rule (conference budget) to tithing based on local church budget - income, does not include missions, quests and gifts from endowment, or sale of church property. 10% tithing of local income from 2 years prior; Conference budget - 6.4% decrease; Learning lab on May20</li> </ul>	
Announcements - DS Choi	<p>Annual conference travel reimbursement- now will be reimbursed on the first day of Annual Conference, must submit requests and receipts by May 30.</p> <p>Looking for churches/individuals to write notes to be distributed at AC (about 100)</p>	
Closing Remarks and Benediction DS Choi		<p>DS Choi thanked everyone for tech team at First UMC, and the tech team on the mainland for their participation and acknowledged our wonderful district staff. Closed with prayer.</p>
Adjournment		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.</p>

Respectfully submitted by Judy Cramer

# 2026 DISTRICT NOMINATIONS REPORT

## 2026 Annual Conference District Representatives

### Lay Equalization Sheet

	Members	Church	Annual Conference Category
1	Sonya Lee	First UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
2	Lorraine Kadooka	Harris UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
3	Valerie Hungalu	Hilo UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
4	Laurie Fifita	Honolua UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
5	Cara Egami	Keolumana UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
6	Sioelinau "Joey" Sika	Kilohana UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
7	Kathy Reed	Na`alehu UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
8	Fusi Koli	Trinity UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
9	Teresa Banner	Wahiawa UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
10	Katherine Yamamoto	Wesley UMC	District Lay Member-at-Large
1	Lilly-Rose Kahanu	First UMC	District Youth Lay Member
2	Unise "Mau" Ikahihifo	First UMC	District Youth Lay Member
3	Finau Matiaki	Kona UMC	District Youth Lay Member
4	Ofa Koli	Wahiawa UMC	District Youth Lay Member
5	Linita Tuifua	Waianae UMC	District Youth Lay Member
1	Elenoa Tatafu	First Tongan UMC	District Young Adult Lay Member
2	Mehi Moa	First UMC	District Young Adult Lay Member
3	Ungatea Pahulu	First UMC	District Young Adult Lay Member
4	Akilles Irons	Kona UMC	District Young Adult Lay Member
5	Heikoro Talasinga	Kona UMC	District Young Adult Lay Member

# HAWAII DISTRICT 2026

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(BOD ¶ 669)

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## HAWAII COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY (HCOM)

(BOD ¶ 666)

(No action needed; **bold** = new members)

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## Celebration of Clergy & Laity

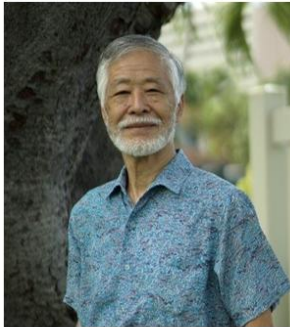
### Retiring Clergy:



**Rev. Dohmin Kim**

Retiring on 6/30/26

### New Appointments in the District:



**Kazuto Enoch Yamada**  
(LPA for Nichigo Ministry)  
Wesley UMC  
Effective July 1, 2026



**Pastor Hwal "Paul" Joo**  
Kam Nam UMC  
Effective July 1, 2026

### To Be Commissioned as a Provisional Elder:



**Pastor Viliami "Ongo" Koli**  
Trinity UMC

**Bishop's Award Recipients:**



**Kara & Rev. Alan Mark**  
Kilohana UMC



**Robert Lopaka Mansfield**  
Wesley UMC

**District Lay Person of the Year:**



**Lynn Owan**  
Ewa Beach UMC

# 2026 DISTRICT REPORTS



## **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.

The Taskforce on the Acts of Repentance for the Overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, led by the Rev. Amy Wake, is hard at work in preparing for the 2028 General Conference, when the denomination will officially acknowledge its apology for the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, in which Methodists played a role. In February, the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops visited Oahu and were educated and given experiences about Native Hawaiians and the impact of the overthrow on them. In March, representatives from the General Commission on Religion and Race had a similar visit.

Young People's Ministry and Campus Ministry are always a highlight and inspiration. The Rev. Joe Yun oversees both of these ministries and is forming a team comprised of young and younger adults to help lead this dynamic and growing ministry. Building on the 2025 Young Adult Retreat (over 50 participants), the 2026 retreat had nearly 80 participants. The Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin was the keynote speaker. The Wesley Foundation has been growing in both weekly participation and special events.

We continue to nurture and develop promising candidates for ministry and the appointment of younger clergy. Since the last annual conference, we have added to the dynamic group of younger clergy in appointments, as well as new candidates for ministry and those entering seminary or licensing school.

I am grateful to our retired clergy who have stepped in and have done marvelous ministry during times of transition: the Rev. Dohmin is retiring from the Kam-Nam UMC. The Rev. Rich Garner is serving as an interim pastor at Honoka'a, not only overseeing the congregation, but also serving as a mentor to those who are pursuing their call to representative ministry.

We are so proud of Pastor Ongo Koli, who has been recommended by our Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to be commissioned as a provisional member on elder track at this year's annual conference.

The sale of Camp Mekokiko was completed earlier this year. It is hoped that the earnings from the sale will go to providing quality camping, retreat, and training opportunities that will allow for a greater number of participants.

It is always sad when a church votes to be closed. The Bethany UMC, which was a merger of the Pacific Islanders UMC and the Bethany (Korean) UMC, in the Palolo area of Honolulu, has voted to close and have its final service at the end of June. While this is a bittersweet moment, the remnant congregation still hopes to stay together and find a way to continue to connect with the UMC.

Perhaps the greatest symbol of the resilience and evidence of the Resurrection of Christ has been in the return of worship on the campus of the Lahaina UMC, which was ravaged by the wildfires on August 8 2023. A pavilion has been built as a first step toward the rebuilding process. The WJ College of Bishops participated in a dedication service of the pavilion, called the Garden Sanctuary, on Friday, January 30, and on March 1, the congregation had its first Sunday worship service since the wildfires; it was a great

celebration of joy. Many thanks to the leaders of the Lahaina UMC, especially its pastor, John Crewe, for their hard work, faithfulness, and determination to rise from the ashes.

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. We have regular volunteers who are invaluable to us: our regular office volunteer, Leilani Zukemura, who fills in wherever and whenever we need her; and our district chancellor, Tyler Pottenger, who has helped us immensely in our legal matters for decades.

In addition, I am indebted to the leaders of the Hawaii District: our co-lay leaders, Tupou Seini Kelemani, Simon Sansano, and Judy Cramer; 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); 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-Lay Leader's Report 2026 District Conference

From July 2025 through early 2026, our Hawai'i District focused primarily on carrying out decisions made at last year's district gathering, including leadership transitions, ministry planning, and financial oversight. The successful negotiations for the sale of Camp Mekokiko was part of the plan, and it's success was mainly due to the wonderful work of our DS Choi, our HUMU Chair, Rev. Joy Yun, our lawyers and others on the HUMU board, who worked tirelessly to achieve this not-so-easy task, and we thank you all very sincerely.

Another major thread during this period has been the ongoing “**Acts of Repentance**” initiative—part of the broader United Methodist Church effort to acknowledge and address historical harms to Indigenous peoples. In Hawai'i, this has included continued listening sessions, education, and dialogue by the committee, centering on Native Hawaiian history and the impact of the Overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, with the goal of fostering reconciliation and more culturally grounded ministry. We have Rev. Amy Wake and her committee to thank for the great deal that they have accomplished this year.

The district has also remained active in community engagement and public witness. District churches and members participated again in the Martin Luther King Jr. March, with walkers and riders on the Trolley, and a fun day was had by all as many gathered afterwards to visit and picnic together at Kapiolani Park. Thank you for your support. As always in the month of February, the Britt Lecture Series was held at the First United Methodist Church of Honolulu, with the mother-daughter team of Samantha Beach Kiley and Nancy Beach sharing their talents and leadership skills as pastors, writer and performer in many churches in the mainland. We look forward to another inspiring Lecture Series next year and everyone is welcome to attend. It isn't just for the pastors.

As I drive around town, I always see this sticker on many cars saying, “We're lucky we live in Hawaii”, and it is true indeed! We should be thankful to God for bringing us to this beautiful land of Hawaii. That brings me to another highlight in this past year, and that was the re-opening of the Lahaina United Methodist Church, which was destroyed by the Lahaina fires of 2023. We commend Pastor Crewe and the members of the Lahaina UMC for their faithfulness and hard work, thus bringing new life and energy to their beautiful church and its ministries. Godspeed!

Every year has its own positive and negative turns, but I know that God is always there to pull us out of the mires. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and thank our hardworking staff, DS Tom Choi, Sonya Lee and Rosie Jacinto. You may have heard that Rosie is retiring at the end of the year, and we are grieving her upcoming retirement. However, we trust that God will provide us with another Rosie to carry the load. I would like to thank all the pastors and their staff, the volunteers, who have given of their time, money, their heart and soul to God's mission. I thank God for you all and look forward to another fruitful year in 2027.

Grace & Peace 🌸

Tupou Seini Kelemeneni

## **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The Hawaii District Leadership Team remains focused on strengthening connection, collaboration, and leadership development across our district. A central part of our work has been helping move beyond siloed ministry efforts so that our churches, leaders, and ministry areas can work more intentionally together. Our hope is to foster a more connected district where relationships are strengthened, resources are shared, and both clergy and laity are better equipped for ministry in today's changing landscape.

A major focus of our work has been practical leadership development. We have been exploring bringing back the “How-To” workshops and immersion opportunities that provide hands-on support in key areas such as finance, trustees, lay leadership development, preaching, discipleship, and other essential aspects of church leadership. Our goal is to equip local church leaders with accessible, meaningful resources while also creating opportunities for collaboration, shared learning, and stronger ministry foundations.

In addition, we are exploring retreat opportunities for both clergy and lay leaders that can provide space for spiritual renewal, leadership development, relationship-building, and deeper connection across the Hawaii District.

At its core, the work of the District Leadership Team is about building a more unified, collaborative, and equipped district—one that supports the church's mission through stronger partnerships, practical training, and deeper connections. I remain grateful for our district leaders' commitment and look forward to the continued work ahead.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Brian Belting

Chair, Hawaii District Leadership Team

Senior Pastor, Kailua United Methodist Church

**Church Location and Building Subcommittee  
of the Hawaii United Methodist Union  
Report for May 2025 to April 2026  
Presented at the Annual District Conference  
May 9, 2026**

This year the Church Location and Building Subcommittee (CLB) has worked with several items for its review and approval. There were a total of ten projects or issues discussed by the CLB. On several of the projects the Subcommittee recommended follow-up actions that needed to be undertaken. In all cases the Subcommittee approved all the proposed projects when the follow-ups were delivered.

The CLB has members in both Hawaii and Guam, so Zoom meetings are required. Due to various obligations of the members of the CLB, a number of the addressed issues were handled by emails back and forth. This seemed to work well, so there were only two Zoom meetings during the year, with all the rest of the work done by emails.

This is a reminder to all churches in our district that there is a mandatory requirement that when a church plans to sell, 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 Subcommittee was involved in advising on the sale of Camp Mekokiko, the finances of the Pahala church property and the Britt's lot in Puna on a regular basis.

The Subcommittee has recommended that the District obtain Trust Agreements on properties in which the District has lent or invested funds for repair or improvement. Such an agreement becomes a lien by the District on the subject property, so the District is assured of recovering its funds if the property is sold in the future.

One 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 reviewed some major repairs and improvements to the Hilo UMC. With minimal discussion, that project was approved.

We reviewed the proposed sale of a parsonage by Christ Church, and after some back and forth discussions, approved the sale.

We received a proposal from Ewa Beach UMC to sell some property felt to be superfluous to the needs of the church. The Subcommittee recommended further steps before we could approve the sale. This process took a while, but eventually the sale was approved.

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 of the various churches 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.

## **Hawaii District Committee on Ordained Ministry**

The District Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM) meets four times a Year: in November, twice after the first of the year, and in August. We are tasked with giving support to, and interviewing, those who have been called into ministry.

At this time in the Hawaii District, we are privileged to support 16 Local Pastors, 3 Certified Candidates, 1 Certified Lay Minister and 9 Declared Candidates.

We are delighted that Pastor Ongko Koli has been accepted to be Commissioned as a Provisional Member on the Elder track at our Annual Conference in June.

A great big Mahalo nui loa to the DCOM members who read papers and Interview candidates: pastors Amy Wake, Eugene Han, Joe Yun, Malakai Tatafu, CalPac Conference Board members Suzana Kim and Brian Belting, Co-Chairs Sonhye Kim and Fran Wiebenga; lay members Judy Cramer, Leilani Zukemura and Registrar Winnie Ching. Also, we could not do this important work without the support of our District Administrator Sonya Lee and DS Tom Choi.

Hawaii District Committee on Ordained Ministry  
Local Pastors and Candidates, May 2026

### **15 Local Pastors**

John Crewe — Lahaina UMC

Panepasa “Pasa” Fifita — Honolulu UMC

Monalisa “Lupi” Halapua — West Kauai UMC

Ana Koli Hungalu — Hilo UMC

Pauline Taumalolo Katoanga — Ewa Beach UMC

Joyce Latu — Kona UMC

Lavaka Malakai — Waianae UMC

Tevita Moa — Kilohana UMC

Tevita “Leni” Namoa — Lihue United

Steve Hee Kyun Noh — Olive UMC

Mosese Taufalele — Wahiawa UMC

Lavinia “Nia” Taukolo — Kahalu’u UMC

Sione Nukonuka “Nuka” Taukolo — Kahuku UMC

Hwal Paul Joo — Bethany UMC

Kyu Woo Nam — Calvary UMM

**Certified Candidate**

Darlene Rodrigues — Harris UMC

Valerie Hungalu— Hilo UMC

Falefa “Fa” Iosua — Aiea UMC

**Certified Lay Minister**

Lynn Bowersox — Ala Lani UMC

**9 Declared Candidates**

Moses Baik — Kona UMC

Samiuela "Sam" Haeane -- Kahuku UMC

Brianna "Bri" Higa — Wesley UMC

Afioga Malagaoma Leui — Olive UMC

Peasipa "Sipa" Namoa — Lihue United

Sunia Nau — Hilo UMC

Siosifa “Sifa” Taukolo — Kahuku UMC

Joey Sika — Kilohana UMC

Luseane “Lucy” Uluave — First UMC Honolulu

Submitted by:

Rev. Fran Wiebenga & Rev. Sonhye Kim

HCOM Co-Chairpersons

## **District Leadership Team – Discipleship & Education**

It was my honor to serve as the Discipleship & Education facilitator for the Hawai'i District for this past year. The main activity for this role was the publishing of the 2026 Hawai'i District Lenten Reflection Booklet. Contributors to this endeavor were from many of our churches in Hawaii.

Writers we varied, from young adults to kupuna, clergy and laity, men and women. Reflections were deeply inspirational and it was evident that people put in much work and thoughts into their writings. At the end of January 2026, 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, the booklets were ready to distribute. Unlike publications in the past, this year, we decided to go digital and offered a booklet that could be downloaded or printed by individual churches.

Many churches used the booklet as their Lenten study. I facilitated a Lenten study group using the booklet. We met every Thursday evening for about an hour or so to reflect on the previous week's writings. After checking in with each other ("How is it with your soul?"), we then discussed the reflections that resonated with us for the week. We would read the scripture aloud, discuss the writer's contribution and end with the writer's prayer. Our study group formed a strong bond as we shared our thoughts and deliberations. We hated to see the meetings come to an end. I again thank Sonya Lee for her kokua with the edits, formatting and sending the booklet out to the churches. 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 2026 Hawai'i District Lenten Reflection booklet.

Submitted by:

Judy Cramer,

DLT on Discipleship & Education

## Lay Servant Ministries Report 2025/2026

The Cal-Pac Conference Lay Servant directors meet monthly with the Laity Council, gathering briefly before separating into District Lay Leaders and District Directors groups.

1. Conference Visioning

Lay Servant Ministries is engaged in a conference-wide visioning process led by Erin Hawkins to clarify mission, future direction, and identify gaps in formation and support. This includes exploring new training tracks and specializations to meet evolving congregational and community needs.

2. Growth in Certified Leadership

This year we celebrated: 1 new Certified Lay Minister and 13 new Certified Lay Speakers, including 1 from the Hawaii District. Candidates completed interviews via Zoom, with panels evaluating each individually. Notably, 10 certifications came through the Hispanic Lay Servant program, supported by professional translation to ensure clarity and equity. The process highlighted the strong dedication of United Methodist laity.

3. Cultural and Linguistic Inclusion

We continued emphasizing cultural responsiveness, affirming that leadership development should reflect the conference's diverse linguistic and cultural context.

4. Training and Development

We launched our first Instructor Assistant training, creating a pathway for future LSM instructors and leaders.

Hawaii District currently has 25 Certified Lay Servants, 2 Certified Lay Speakers, and 1 Certified Lay Minister. An additional 11 individuals have applied for Lay Speaker but have not yet completed all requirements.

We extend our thanks to Troy Gear, Conference Lay Servant Director, for his leadership and vision.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bowersox

Judy Cramer

Co-Lay Servant Directors, Hawaii District

**Britt Lectures Committee**  
**Report for the 2026 Hawai`i District Conference**

Glory to G-d who illumines and inspires us to witness the beauty of living gospel of Jesus Christ in the Hawai`i District!

What a privilege it was to worship and to be inspired through our 2026 Britt Lectures with Samantha Beach Kiley and Nancy Beach on “The Hour on Sunday.” They invited and challenged us to consider the whole experience of all in our encounters with G-d. Our Lecturers distilled their extensive and pioneering experiences in communal worship to beyond the attractional model.

On “The Hour on Sunday: the God Who Gathers Us,” they highlighted the fundamental liturgy that invites us to gather, listen, respond, feast, and be sent forth with G-d-centered worship. On “The Work of Imagination: Why Beauty Matters,” they invited us to consider the immense beauty of G-d’s creation while worshipfully responding through excellent expressions of art. On “A People Who Can Take Part: What Can Only Happen Together,” they emphasized that expressions of worship and community need to be missional, participatory, excellent, and creative. So that we may continue to be refreshed and reminded to recognize and respond with such resplendent worship and relationship with G-d and one another, they have graciously allowed their lectures and presentations to be made available by request from the Hawai`i District.

I am grateful for the ongoing work and collaboration of Lynn Bowersox, Russell Langas, Kuenilingi Maka, Tupou Seini Kelemen, Rev. Kimberley Houff, Rev. Sonhye Kim, and Rev. Linita Moa. We are grateful for the leadership of our Hawai`i District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Tom Choi, along with the administrative work of Rosie Jacinto and Sonya Lee. As they conclude their time of service with us, we are grateful for the years of faithful hospitality of Blake Vance, Ellen Noh, and Rev. Steve Noh. We are grateful to the people of First United Methodist Church of Honolulu, who provided the space, refreshments, and Saturday meal.

We look forward to the work of the Holy Spirit through our 2027 Britt Lectures Speaker, Rev. Dr. Nasili Vakauta, Principal and Professor of Biblical Studies at Trinity Methodist Theological College in New Zealand (Aoteroa). We look forward to coordinating and collaborating with the Pacific Islanders Conference held concurrently as our Lectures. We look forward to seeing you at the 2027 Britt Lecture as we continue to bear witness to the loving grace of G-d that continues to lead and equip the Hawai`i District of The United Methodist Church.

By G-d’s grace,  
Rev. Won-Seok Yuh  
Britt Lectures Committee, Chairperson

## **Hawaii District Young People Report**

### **Young Adults Winter Retreat**

The Young Adults “Cherish” Retreat was held from January 30 to February 1, 2026, at Camp Mokuleia. This year’s retreat gathered 73 young adults from 10 churches across the islands, representing a strong and growing movement of young adult ministry within the Hawaii District.

The theme of the retreat, “Cherish,” centered on three key movements of the Christian life: cherishing God, cherishing relationships, and cherishing one’s calling. Throughout the weekend, our young adults were invited to slow down from the pace of daily life and engage deeply with their faith through worship, small groups, worships, and intentional fellowship. Each activity of the retreat was thoughtfully designed to foster reflection, spiritual growth, and authentic connection, the young adults deeply reconnected with God through worship services and small groups.

Our guest speaker, Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, the senior pastor of Holman United Methodist Church, delivered a series of dynamic and Spirit-filled messages that both challenged and encouraged participants to live out their faith with courage, clarity, and conviction. His preaching resonated deeply with the young adults, calling them into a more intentional and authentic walk with Christ.

The retreat invited young adults to a sacred space to encounter God, build meaning relationships, and discern their calling. Through shared meals, small group discussions, and moments of quiet reflection, participants experienced a strong sense of community and belonging. Many left the retreat renewed, spiritually grounded, and inspired to live out God’s love more fully in their daily lives.

The Hawaii District Young People’s Ministry give thanks to DS Tom Choi for his full support in planting seeds for our young adult ministry that will bear lasting fruit. We also thank all the young adults and college students from our local churches and the Wesley Foundation who volunteered on the praise team, worship team, AV team, and in coordinating fellowship games and snacks.

### **UH Men’s Basketball Game Outing**

The Young Adults and Young held a UH men’s basketball game outing on February 21. Despite the severe storm on morning of the game, there still was a strong turn out, and UH won in a trilling overtime victory. Afterwards, dinner and dessert were provided by the Wesley Foundation, prepared by the Wesley Foundation leadership team.

Submitted by:

Rev. Joe Yun,  
District Young People’s Ministry Coordinator

## WESLEY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR/CAMPUS PASTOR'S REPORT

### Transforming Christian Leaders

**Pastor Assistant Leadership Team** – This team consisted of small group leaders and fellowship coordinators helped cultivate a strong culture of belonging by intentionally discipleship and fellowship.

Small group leaders were Timothy Lee (Christ UMC), Jio Kwon (Christ UMC) and Liua Leiato (Wesley Foundation). The leaders attended weekly meetings to plan and review schedules and the discussion questions. Each leader facilitated a small group, helping participants engage in deeper theological reflection and examine their thoughts and action in their spiritual journey.

Fellowship Coordinators were Cara Egami (Keolumana UMC) and Jenesis Dela Cruz (Wesley Foundation). They planned and organized our fellowship events, created a welcoming environment for both new and current students and young adults, and communicated and promoted our ministry on campus.

### Transforming Lives

**Small Groups** – For fall semester, we offered two in-person small groups and one Zoom small group. We experienced an increase in the number of students and young adults participating in our small groups and as a result, we expanded to five in-person small groups in the spring semester.

Our discussion questions centered on the Annual Conference theme, “Cherish,” focusing on how we can cherish God, cherish our relationships, and cherish our calling. The “Cherish” series was culminated in the Hawaii District Young Adult Retreat. During the Lenten Season, our small group discussions were based on the Hawaii District devotionals.

Our 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 on Tuesdays. Our dinner fellowship has become a highlight of our program, energized by the enthusiasm and passion of Kaleo Lum (Aiea KUMC Renew Ministry), our head cook, who is currently enrolled at the LCC Culinary School. Vik Johanson (Christ UMC) has served as the assistant cook.

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

### Special Events

**Thanksgiving Dinner** – We hosted our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25, extending an invitation the First LAP (prison ministry).

**Winter Retreat** – Please see the Hawaii District Young People’s Ministry Report.

**UH Men’s Basketball Outing** – Please see the Hawaii District Young People’s Ministry Report.

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

### **Wesley Foundation Renovation**

The Wesley Foundation renovation was finally completed this past October due to correct deficient and faulty work of the Wesley Foundation roof and gutters installation.

### **Center Street Parsonage Renovation**

The Center Street parsonage had much needed renovation to fix the leak from the roof, bathrooms, and reflooring.

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/wesleyfoundationhawaii)

**Instagram:** @wesleyfoundationhawaii

Submitted by:  
Rev. Joe Yun,  
Wesley Foundation Campus Minister

## Hawaii Walk to Emmaus

*They said to each other, "Where not our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road and explaining the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)*

Happy Easter!

The Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour Christian Spiritual renewal weekend, intended to strengthen faith and help to improve our relationships with God, and to develop spiritual leaders within the local churches. The Hawaii Emmaus community has Emmaus weekends for the men and the women twice a year. The community meets every two months to help each other maintain the Spiritual experience that we had during the 72-hour Walk to Emmaus weekend. It provides continuing support, fellowship, and we also share Holy Communion with each other. These are the dates for the Emmaus Walk for this year: **Men's Walk #58 – June 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> and Women's Walk #59 – August 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>**. Both Walks will be at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley.

For those of you who have been on a Walk to Emmaus Weekend, please share your experience with someone who has not and invite them to attend a Walk to Emmaus. If you've been on a Walk to Emmaus Weekend, attend Gatherings and come and help with the Walk.

For more information about the Hawaii Walk to Emmaus go to: [hawaiiemmaus@yahoo.com](mailto:hawaiiemmaus@yahoo.com)

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Helena Ogle  
Walk to Emmaus President

## 2026 UWFaith

In September of 2025, I had the privilege to be elected as the Hawaii District President of the United Women in Faith. Much has happened since then and we have been active participants in UWFaith events.

Our successful Annual Celebration is an example of how working together brings such wonderful results! Held at the beautiful Waimanalo Tongan Methodist Church, we listened to a panel of three speakers who informed us on issues such as immigration, acts of repentance and doing community service. Then we broke up into discussion groups where we brainstormed ways to work on these issues. When we came back together to share results of the brainstorming, we were excited to continue the dialogue on these issues as well as how we could help solve some of the problems we discussed. After a delicious lunch, served by the Tongan women of Waimanalo Methodist Church, we reconvened with a short business meeting where others and I were elected to our 2026 roles. The communion service followed and then a farewell with a promise to meet again.

The Local Leadership Training on January 17 at Aiea UMC was a great success with many people attending. Many participants learned about their responsibilities in their UWFaith units and about the history of UWFaith. Women learned about their duties as the unit president, vice president, treasurer, spiritual leader and others. Some highlights of this event were the beautiful singing of the ladies from Christ UMC who sang at our worship time and the wonderful guitar playing of Julie Wiggett's son, Peter Wiggett. It was a day filled with learning and good fellowship.

The beautiful Susannah Wesley Community Center was the site of our Mid Winter Event on March 7. Entitled "Justice for Women, Children and Youth: JUSTICE IS LOVE IN ACTION", we revisited the issues of immigration, Acts of Repentance and Loving our Neighbors. These were the issues that were discussed at our Annual Celebration at the First Tongan UMC in Waimanalo. We heard from Pastor Amy Wake on Immigration and Acts of Repentance. We were blessed with representatives from the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission and the Hawaii Worker's Center available to answer any questions and to recruit volunteers. Joni Chun, Executive Director of Susannah Wesley Community Center took ladies on a tour of the facility and answered questions about programs and events that take place at the center. When we reconvened, we brainstormed ways that we can be of service to these agencies. After lunch there was a brief worship service and communion was served. Upcoming UWFaith events include the Spiritual Life Retreat on May 30, at St Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi, UWFaith Luncheon on Friday, June 19 at Annual Conference and Mission U from July 24-26 at Bell Memorial UMC in California.

Submitted by:

Judy Cramer, District UWF President

## **Hawai‘i Acts of Repentance Task Force**

### **2026 Hawai‘i District Conference Report**

The AOR Task Force has been hard at work since its inception in 2016.

We have engaged in a time of listening to Native Hawaiian communities, leaders and clergy, including those who were involved in the 1993 United Church of Christ Apology to Native Hawaiians. We have studied books, taken college classes, participated in online seminars, attended educational events, and sat under trees to hear Hawaiian stories and concerns. We went to Mauna Kea in 2019 to visit with kupuna (elders) who were protecting the mountain from further development and pollution.

We hosted an online study on the Doctrine of Discovery (from National MFSA) and connected the Native American experience with Hawaiians. We hosted workshops with artist Meleanna Meyer and the ‘Aina Aloha Mural depicting Hawaiian strength and healing. The Hawai‘i District United Women in Faith has also held several trainings to encourage engagement with Hawaiians. Some of our AOR members have preached about justice for Hawaiians at local UMCs. We have tried regularly to connect with Hawai‘i District churches and communities not only to educate, but to encourage advocacy.

With the help of California-Pacific Annual Conference offerings and local churches, we coordinated a \$15,000 donation to non-profit Alu Like, Inc. to provide non-traditional scholarships for Native Hawaiian students.

We have also shown up to commemorations of the January 17, 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian Nation, including the Onipa‘a Peace March and Ho‘okuikahi worship services. Two of our Cal-Pac Bishops have preached and members of AOR regularly participate in the annual Ho‘okuikahi interfaith worship services. We have spoken at a La Ku‘okua (Hawaiian Independence Day) event on Maui and regularly attend annual La Ho‘i Ho‘i Ea (Hawaii Restoration Day) celebrations at Thomas Square in Honolulu.

We have stood in solidarity with Native Hawaiians on justice issues that affect all of us, including testifying against the renewal of military leases that are causing environmental damage to unceded crown lands, advocating protection of our water aquifers, and pushing for a thorough clean up of the 2019 Red Hill fuel spill disaster. This includes the 2025 Cal-Pac Annual Conference Resolution and a letter from the Bishop to Hawai‘i’s elected officials regarding the military leases.

We have led immersion experiences with youth groups from California (by Kilohana UMC), Boston University School of Theology students, a youth leadership mission from New England Conference, the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops, and the Apology Task Force from GCORR. We look forward to hosting the entire GCORR board in April 2027.

In 2018, we presented an Apology Resolution to the California-Pacific Annual Conference along with a worship service outlining the reasons behind it. The Resolution moved on to the 2020/2024 General Conference. We prepared educational materials and connected with other UMC groups to promote the resolution. It was passed with amendments on the consent calendar. And now we are working with the General Commission on Religion and Race to present the official apology to Hawaiians and support that apology with action, resources and true repentance.

We have also learned more about our history. We discovered that an early First Methodist Episcopal Church member and trustee Henry Waterhouse (son of Methodist missionary John T. Waterhouse of England) was a member of the Committee of Safety that planned and implemented the overthrow of the Hawaiian nation. He served in the Provisional Government and continued to work towards the illegal annexation of Hawai‘i.

The United Methodist Church Apology to Native Hawaiians and our Acts of Repentance are not a one time event, but a conversation; a relationship that restores our sacred connection to one another and the world around us. We have been truly changed by this work and look forward to what lies ahead.

Mahalo to the California-Pacific Conference and the Western Jurisdiction for their unwavering support of justice for Hawai‘i.

Cal-Pac Hawai‘i Acts of Repentance Task Force:

Rev. Amy Wake, Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Collette Andersen, Haoa Lee Morris, Karen Ginoza, Judy Cramer, Becky Choi, Rev. Won-Seok Yuh, Susan Gorman-Chang, Rev. Bob Isip, Rev. Allison Mark, Malia Marquez, Joscie Cutchens, Monalisa Tuitahi, Pastor Mosese Taufalele, Rev. Piula Alailima.

## **Disaster Response (Resilience) Team Report 2026**

This has been an eventful year for the disaster response team. I have been a representative of the Team for the ongoing recovery efforts following the Lahaina fires. It was exciting to see worship being held at Lahaina UMC in their new Garden Sanctuary Pavilion starting in March. We look forward to further recovery efforts in the coming year.

The Disaster Response Team planned a workshop to help churches improve their church disaster response plan. We had a good turnout since it happened in the midst of the Kona low storms. At that meeting we encouraged churches to consider expanding their disaster plans to include emergencies that are not disasters. We held a meeting to change the name of the group from the disaster response team to the Resilience Team. We also encouraged participation in the disaster response team by being part of the emergency response team, working with phone bank or Red Cross distribution, or manning tables at disaster response fairs. At this meeting we voted to change the name of the Disaster Response Team to Resilience Team to highlight that we want to work with the district to build resilience so that we and our churches are better prepared should a disaster happen.

Following the Kona Low flooding, we donated flood buckets to the Red Cross to hand out and worked with UMCOR to get grants to provide gift cards to those affected by the floods. We are currently working out how to get the gift cards to those in need.

Submitted by:

Rev. Kim Houff

District Disaster Coordinator

## **Hawaii Immigration Strategy Task Force**

At the 2025 Annual California Pacific Conference in California, many of our Hawaii delegates supported the efforts of United Methodist ministers, lay leaders and countless community representatives in responding to unlawful ICE arrests and threats of deportation. Monalisa Tu'itahi, a Tongan attorney and coordinator of the Cal-Pac Immigration Strategy Group spoke to our delegates. She made an emotional appeal for us to build a growing network of supporters, urging us to use the power of non-violent resistance to stand up for those facing violent deportation action by ICE.

Our Hawaii Immigration Strategy group conducted local zoom sessions to include neighbor islands in discussing how best to show our support. Thank you to all who've participated in our local and national zoom training sessions. And thank you to those of who were able to join ongoing community vigils and rallies on Oahu and the neighbor islands.

Rev. Amy Wake, Wesley United Methodist Church, recently hosted an in-person Immigration Court Observer Training with Attorney Neribel Chardon, ACLU and The Legal Clinic. Nicole Woo and members of Harris United Methodist Church also shared about the important work Harris UMC has been providing to immigrant families and detainees. Members of Harris provide transportation from the airport to court hearings, provide meals, housing and household items while detainees and their families await results of immigration court hearings.

Harris UMC has also created a fund for those detainees requiring financial assistance for bail and other court costs. Please contact our Hawaii District Office if you are able to donate funds, are available to serve as an immigration court observer, or provide much needed volunteer support for detainees and their family.

Submitted by:

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