



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

November 2017

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

PHILOSOPHERS AND POETS

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

I had a productive time on my two-week study leave in early October. It began with a reception and lecture from Dr. Susan Abraham, who is the new Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Pacific School of Religion. The title of her talk was “A New Moment for Religious Responsibility in the Public Sphere.” She talked about the need for a more robust empathy and imagination in our teaching (and I believe she would say “in our preaching” as well). Dr. Abraham quoted Cornel West as she talked about our need to wed philosophy with poetry because the philosophers and poets “are the ones who have the courage to muster empathy and imagination in the face of the chaos that we find ourselves in, to create and use bits of the world in order to change the world in light of a new vision of the world.” As I listened to Dr. Abraham and reflected on her lecture, I explored how I might be more courageous in my embrace of both philosophy and poetry in my ministry, including preaching, praying, writing, meeting, planning, and having conversations. I also considered how I might have more empathy and imagination in all of my life and ministry.

As I returned from my time in Berkeley and spent about a week and a half writing a book about my art, it occurred to me that the depth and challenges that emerge from my time at Pacific School of Religion as a Trustee of the school has had an impact on all of my life—without me ever being fully aware of it. For over a week after I returned, I wrote about the flowers of Hawai'i that I have been painting for over 24 years. At some point in 2018, I will have a book ready for publication that will be a result of not only decades of painting with watercolors but also of my personal, theological and spiritual journey (at least, that's where the book is currently headed). The time I have spent with theologians, philosophers, administrators, and artists, impacts all of the rest of my life—for the better—as I learn to have more imagination and empathy. I hope you can say the same for the time you spend at church, as you worship, and work, and play, and plan, and talk, and dine with so many wonderful, smart, caring and creative people.

Aloha nui loa!

Kahu Alan Akana



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The church youth will be practicing for the Christmas Program which is set for **Sunday, December 17.**

Practice will begin during Sunday School time on **November 5.**

If your child(ren) would like to play the ukulele for the songs, ukulele practice will start on Sunday, **November 12, 9:00 am.**

Please let me know if you are coming.



ALOHA HOUR

Nov 05—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
 Nov 12— Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
 Nov 19—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
 Nov 26—Giovanni Strong Osuga
 Dec 03—Odo Honjo Foley Dunas
 Dec 10—Ito Rebb Shim
 Dec 17—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
 Dec 24—Sakimae Kakinami Dunning Mares
 Dec 31—Ramos Baptiste Stoner

OUR PRAYER for 2018



“Changing Lives,
 Transforming the World in 2018”

O God, we at Koloa Union Church seek to know your will and want to help in whatever way possible so that lives may be changed and the world might be transformed.

Show me what I can do to share your aloha with others and how much to give to Koloa Union Church in 2018.

Amen!

USHERS

NOVEMBER
 Phyllis Kunimura
 Graceleanor Baird
DECEMBER
 Virginia Dunas
 Doug Duvauvhello

LAYREADERS

November 05—Doug Duvauvhello
 November 12—Graceleanor Baird
 November 19—Phyllis Kunimura
 November 26—Angela Dressel
 December 03—Larry Chaffin
 December 10—Virginia
 December 17—Kei Osuga
 December 24—Rosemary Smythe
 December 31—Edie Moe
 January 07—Kerry Mori

Our Prayers: Prayers for healing and strength for Kekoa, Bette MacLeod, Ken Arrick, Belinda Bartels, Bill Dressel, Phyllis Kunimura, Jack and Rowan (two children, requested by Sharon McCoubrey), Cori Swanson, Rochelle Lorenzo, Noelle (Christine's daughter), Becky (Cathy Evan's friend), Fay Bartels, Shellee Riggio, David Vitt, Francisca Padua, Kanaina Smythe, Jose Bulatao, Ella Batalucco, Jean (Joy's friend), Barbara Johnson, Lizzie Macaninch, Steven, John Kube, Vernon Fu, Linda (Edie's sister), Joseph Alapai, Brenda, Jo Duvauvhello, Ted Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana and Miyeko Yamane; prayers of comfort for the families of the Rev. Michael Christensen, Ernest Mau (Kahu Rennie's father), Carl (Steve & Yvonne's neighbor), Stacie's mother, Rev. Ken Smith, Mylo Korn, Brian Dallas.



Update on Alan Akana Gallery

Another Note from Kahu

I would like to give everyone a brief update of the art gallery at the parsonage. In June, we had a neighbor complain to the Kaua'i County Planning Department that we were running a business out of a home that was zoned residential. I made an appointment to meet in person with the Planning Department in July and explained that the gallery has been a church fundraiser on church property since the beginning, and therefore should not be treated like a business. The officials I met with told me that no exchange of money can happen on any residential property without a permit, even though I pointed out that many of the churches on the island are zoned "residential" and exchange money on a regular basis. They ordered the church to take down the gallery signage and no longer exchange money on the premises until we went through a rather lengthy and expensive process to be permitted to run a business. The signs came down right away and our limited sales came through our online gallery through the gallery website. For nearly three months, our expenses (which mostly included insurance payments and fulfilling our advertising contracts), exceeded our income. Fortunately, our friend Norma Doctor Sparks, was doing research and talking to the County on behalf of the church throughout that time.

On September 29, we received permission from the County to reopen the gallery under church (not-for-profit) status and exchange money once again. We are also able to install permanent signage, which will focus on the parsonage and be historical / informational in nature, and will be purchased by the gallery. I will continue to give 51% of net profits to the church in order to pay for repairs and maintenance the parsonage, while the remaining 49% will eventually pay back my costs for getting the gallery up and running.

I am very excited to be able to once again have signage and sell art at the gallery! Sales have slowly picked up in October and we plan to make a profit again between now and Christmas. Please tell your friends about the gallery and consider Christmas gifts of framed art, posters and greeting cards this year. Our next big event will be a Black Friday Sale on November 24, the day after Thanksgiving, when everything in the gallery will be on sale. We will be looking for volunteers to help with treats and sit in the gallery during the day and assist with sales. Thank you for allowing me to have the gallery so that I can share my art with others; and thank you for all your support!

Aloha nui loa!

Kahu Alan Akana

`Aha Mokupuni: November 12

Kōloa Union Church will be hosting all of the churches of the Kaua'i Association for the Fall `Aha Mokupuni. The event will begin at 3 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. It will include presentations and conversations, worship and dinner, and special activities for children and youth! It will be an exciting time for us to show off all of the new improvements of our capital campaign! We will need "all hands on deck" to set up, greet, help with parking, help with the children and youth program, serve and clean up on that day. A signup sheet will be available throughout October, and we are asking everyone to sign up to do at least one thing.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Sunday, November 19, after church service. Please join us for our annual scrumptious Thanksgiving luncheon. Please look for the sign up sheet to contribute your favorite dish.



Salvation Army Lunch

Wednesday, November 29.

We will be serving lunch at the Hanapepe Salvation Army. Please contact Judyth Foley if you can help in any way.



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AUNTY NIELE'S NEWSY NOTES

By Penny Osuga

NOTE: Penny Osuga is Aunty Niele, our reporter for this column. Niele is the Hawaiian word for "nosy." If you have any news to share in this column, please contact Aunty Ni'e le at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

According to **MSN**, *Kauai County* is the least obese in the state of *Hawaii!* High



five, y'all!!! **Sydney & Caleb** playing the *10 Commandments Memory Game.* **Jean Thompson &**

Graceleanor Baird attended the Dedication/Celebration/lunch for the **Baird Hall-Smith Lanai Extension at Waimea UCC.**

Thanks to all who pitched in working in the church office while I was on vacay! You kept the church running smoothly! **Kei and I** were in Sea Ranch (abalone, mussels, fresh fish), Davis, Truckee (where our son.in.law and dtr recently moved from San Francisco), down to



Texas to see our 3 grandboys, back to Truckee, finally home.

Truckee: such a cute little town, loved the 24 degree mornings and 70 degree days.



Becky, Bonnie, Debbie visited Truckee as

I was leaving!!! You see, they found a dark and handsome date for lunch!!!! So nice to have **Bobbie McCord** in church recently.



Thanks to **Missy & Bonnie** for the weekly altar florals. **Trudi, Skylar, Rory** had a fantastic



time in New York!!!! They met up with friends, went to plays, museums, Ground Zero, Times Square, Bronx Zoo, Seaglass Carousel, Strawberry Fields and more!!!! Four generations of family in Hilo>>more Hilo fun!



Evan, Nolan, Toby having fun at mini golf in Kalaheo



over fall break. Look who hiked *Kalalau Trail* to celebrate their 9th anniversary!!! Congratulations X 2!!!!



Owen became an ordained minister to perform his friend's wedding on Maui!!! Had two very productive "work days" at church in October! Thanks to all who participated, working very hard to clean and weed and scrub!! Thanks to **Dan** (and **Naomi**) for their constant attention given to the church grounds and for all who pitched in!!!



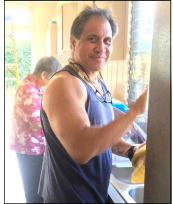
Want to wish **Aunty Chito** a happy 102!!! **Koloa Union** hosted a successful *All-island Fall Children & Youth Event.* The 40 children, teenagers, parents, pastors, SS



teachers played, sang, planned activities for the coming year. We were gifted with musical talent of **Billie Bowie, Becky's** cousin. We were thrilled to have him sing for us again! And it was good having



Garret home, too. Pictures of our TWO work days ...



Dan & Naomi were in the Bay area/northern California/Fort Bragg with family! Back in September we had a fun "breakfast on the beach" with great food, bingo and a Poipu beach day! Life is good, indeed!!!



Enjoying their Lappert's "bingo prizes" gift cards!!!

Thanks to **Kerry "Mo" Mori** for the fancy and functional parking lot lights!!!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Capital Campaign News

Sanctuary Project

The money is in the bank...the permits have been approved...the contract has been signed! We expect to hear the first week of November from our contractor, Curtis Law, which day we will begin our sanctuary enlargement and project. This is a very exciting project, as it will create a more welcoming entrance, add a foyer (which will function as a welcome/information area, with a great looking countertop and cupboards below for materials for greeters and deacons), expand our indoor seating capacity, and greatly improve the appearance of our sanctuary. We will keep church members and friends posted regarding our starting dates and progress. The project will cause some interruption of church activities during the week, but will not impact us on Sunday mornings for worship services, Sunday school or Aloha Hour.

The Bridge: Kauai to College

The Bridge: Kauai to College is just over a year old, has become a stand-alone non-profit, has 11 mentoring pairs, is hosting their annual fabulous fundraiser: Brazilian Gala on December 3 at Koloa Landing, doors open at 5:30 pm. Music by Rumba de Fuego, dancing, authentic Brazilian buffet, no-host bar, silent & live auctions! For tickets: brazilgalatickets@gmail.com.



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SUNDAY EVENTS

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