



Ka Leo Mekokiko

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BRITT LECTURE 2010

The lecturer for next year's Britt Lecture will be Adam Hamilton, pastor of the 14,000 strong United Methodist Church of the Resurrection (COR) in the Kansas City Area. He is renowned as one of the most effective pastors in our denomination.

He earned his Master of Divinity Degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Among his awards is the Circuit Rider Award for excellence in church leadership. He was named one of the "Ten People to Watch in America's Spiritual Landscape" by the Religion and Ethics News-weekly.

Rev. Hamilton has authored seven books and several small group studies. His most notable book is *Unleashing the Word: Preaching with Relevance, Purpose and Passion*. Others include *Leading Beyond the Walls: Developing Mainline Churches with a Heart for the Unchurched* and *Selling Swimsuits in the Arctic*.

The 2010 Britt Lectures, established by Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Britt to bring outstanding church leaders and theologians to benefit clergy and laity in Hawaii, will be held from February 12-15 at First United Methodist Church. Included is a Question and Answer period following the lecture and a pastor training session. Continuing credit is offered for pastors. Everyone is encouraged to attend this event.

"HOW TO" WORKSHOPS PLANNED FOR END OF JANUARY

The "How to" Workshops are scheduled for January 30, 2010, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (place TBA). The workshops will focus on the theme, "Into the Future".

Specific workshops and worship are being designed for "Into the Future," and we need to know your interests as we move ahead with planning. Please select your preferences, giving 1st and 2nd choices for a committee workshop and a spiritual formation workshop.

We are still looking for the perfect church to host us, with adequate computer capabilities. Additional information will be in the January newsletter.

Tentative Schedule:

8am	Registration/Welcome
8:30am	Worship & Guest Speaker
9:30am	Workshop I
10:45am	Workshop II
12:00-12:30p.m.	Closing Worship

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a church officer or committee chairperson to attend. A list of workshops and registration form is found on page 6 in this newsletter. It is important that you submit the form and registration fees by January 23 to Rev. Fran Wiebenga at Wahiawa United Methodist Church.

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**“Welcoming Children in Worship:”
A celebration of inclusiveness and joy**

Over 90 children, youth and adults from 16 churches (including 3 UCC churches!) joined together in a joyful feast for the senses on October 24, 2009, at First UMC.

Led by the Rev. Dr. James H. Ritchie from the Western Pennsylvania Conference, participants were captured by Jim’s “energy, music, personality, wisdom and reflection.” Following the opening worship and the sharing of insights from Jim’s resource book, Always I n Rehearsal: The Practice of Worship and the Presence of Children, the group reassembled in smaller activity centers where different components for the closing worship and communion were prepared.



A huge banner, decorated with dancing handprints and cutout letters creatively announced, “Take My Hand,” and welcomed participants back to the sanctuary for the closing worship. The senses were stirred by the dramatization of the story of Bartimaeus, the blending of voices and noise-makers in song and motion, the taste of freshly baked dough and guava nectar from God’s Garden at Wesley UMC, the feel of paten made from woven ti leaves, the emotion of a powerful message, and the blessing of many ages, languages and cultures coming together to worship God.

When asked how they might use what was learned that day, participants talked about making worship child-friendly. “We’ll get the children jumping and singing and making noise” in ways that will help them understand the warm embrace of the community, the reverence and pure joy in worship.

The time and talents of the working committee and activity leaders came together for a full day of learning and experience. The multitude was well-fed in so many ways, and we give thanks to all for a great day!

Photo: The Rev. Dr. James Ritchie and participants

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**From Trexel Beer, Director of Outdoor Ministries:**

“As Director of Outdoor Ministries, I want to congratulate Rev. Amy Wake and her helpers for planning and running such a successful Elementary Camp this year, and for volunteering to run the camp again next year. We hope to have the first bathhouse and septic system which will enable the use of our seven camping Kiosks at Camp Mekokiko up and running by March 2010 so that we can begin scheduling larger camping groups to use the facilities there. Of course we still have Camp Koke’e on Kauai available.

There are also several camping facilities we can reserve on Oahu or Maui. If there is anyone who would like to lead a camp on any island for any age group, please contact me with a proposal ASAP, but no later than 12/31/2009 so that we can include any funding needs in our 2010 budget planning.

You can contact me at: Trexel Beer, 1415 Mona Loop, Hilo, Hawaii 96720, telephone: 959-9277 or 896-5383; or at: [trexelandlinda@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:trexelandlinda@hawaii.rr.com). You can also leave me a message at Hilo UMC, 374 Waiuanue Ave., Hilo, Hawaii 96720, telephone: 935-2144, FAX: 935-2160.

Happy Holidays to all!!

## The Laity

By Dick Engler

I'd like to start this writing by saying "THANK YOU" for all the Love and support in the passing of my wife, Jane. The love and support that was shown to my family was overwhelming. God Thanks you and so does my family. May God Bless you always.

Here we are with another Holiday Season, Christmas and New Year's the most happiest times of the year are upon us again. Sometimes we have trouble selecting that perfect gift for someone. Let me share a few suggestions.

- ◊ The gift of a compliment. "You look great today." or "You are special" can bring a smile.
- ◊ The gift of laughter, sharing humorous stories. Your gift will say "I love to laugh with you."
- ◊ The gift of a written note. A hand written note of your affection or appreciation.
- ◊ The gift of listening. No interruptions, but just listening.

Yes, there are all gifts, the gift of a compliment, the gift of laughter, the gift of writing a note or card, the gift of listening, and the gift of affection, a hug, a kiss on the cheek, a pat on the back, the squeezing of a hand.

As we begin this special month of celebration why not pass on the best gift you've ever received.

"The gift from God is eternal life through Christ Jesus."

The best gift of all is Jesus Christ. Share him with others.

2 Corinthians, Chapter 9, verse 15 reads:

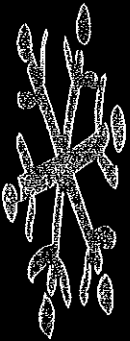
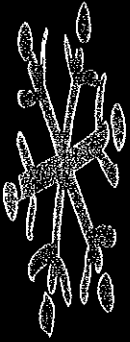
Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift:

The best gift was found in a manger.

The best gift of all is Jesus Christ.

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Ho!

With much Aloha,  
Dick





## The Reverend Chinpei Peter and Umeno Goto

### Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### 2009 Annual Report

The Reverend Chinpei Peter and Umeno Goto Scholarship Fund was established in 1982. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and assist deserving students to pursue careers in Christian Service. Priority for giving scholarships is as follows: (1) Members of Parker, Kailua and Kahaluu United Methodist Churches (2) Members of other United Methodist Churches in Hawaii.

Trustees of this scholarship fund are representatives from Parker, Kailua and Kahaluu United Methodist Churches, all of which are founded by Pastor Goto. To apply for a Goto Scholarship please call the pastors of one of these churches.

To date, forty two students were awarded scholarships totaling \$96,202.79 representing at least seventeen United Methodist Church in the Hawaii District. Three applicants awarded Goto scholarships this year (2009) are Akiko Miyake-Stoner of Harris UMC (\$1,000), Faatafa U. Fulumua of Parker UMC (\$500) and Myun Jin King, Kapolei Korean UMC (\$500).

Respectively submitted,

Kenneth Uyeunten

Treasurer

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### SABEEL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

If your church would like to be a co-sponsor of the Sabeel Regional Conference in Honolulu, *What does Justice Require of US? Peace with Justice in the Holy Land*, and be listed in the Sabeel Conference program, or if you as an individual would like to make a tax-deductable donation to help us bring these prominent peace activists to Hawaii, you are welcome to do so. Please contact Margaret Brown, [mabrown@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:mabrown@hawaiiantel.net) or 808-988-2356, or Beverly Davis-Amjadi [amjadid@aol.com](mailto:amjadid@aol.com).

Mahalo nui loa, Barbara Grace Ripple

**Register Now for How-To Workshops**  
**Saturday January 30, 2010, 8am - 12:30pm (place TBA)**

**“Into the Future”**

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Committee Workshops

- Administrative Council
- SPRC
- Trustees
- Worship (incl. use of technology)
- Education
- Communications (Web Site)
- Communications (Re-Think Church, Blog & Facebook)
- Evangelism

Spiritual Formation/Ministry Workshops

- Lay Speaking
- Discipleship & Prayer
- Walk to Emmaus
- \_\_\_\_\_ Companions in Christ
- FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Church \_\_\_\_\_ Position or Office Held (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$10/person; \$30 maximum/church. Please make checks payable to HUMU, designated for How-To

Send registration forms and payment to: Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga, 1445 California Ave., Wahiawa, CA 96786-2598 by Jan 23 (definitely preferable) or register at the How-To Workshop

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**COUNSELING AND SPIRITUAL CARE CENTER OF HAWAII**

The Samaritan Counseling Center, now known as the Counseling and Spiritual Care Center of Hawai'i (CSCCH), is providing full services to the people of Oahu, including clergy and their families, people of faith (Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Baha'i, etc.), returning military and their families, and others. While in the process of seeking a new Executive Director the Center has continued to offer these services.

The Center has six care offices, and the main office remains at First United Methodist Church, 1020 So. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96814. In these difficult economic times there is a heavier demand on services and less ability for individuals and families to pay.

Please make sure the Center is part of your church's outreach ministry, and know that your gifts to CSCCH are tax deductible. Gifts to CSCCH can be sent to the address above. If you prefer to donate through your local church please be sure to note CSCCH on your check.

If you would like to have a speaker from the Center come to your church or church group, contact Dana at 545-2740 or email [info@cscch.org](mailto:info@cscch.org) .

Mahalo nui loa, Barbara Grace Ripple, Board member, CSCCH

## AROUND THE CONFERENCE-- AND BEYOND

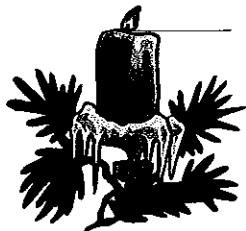
A Basic Skills Workshop sponsored by the California-Pacific Conference Board of Christian Education will be held on Saturdays, in Claremont: United Methodist Church on May 1 and, in San Diego at Hope United Methodist Church on May 15. The theme for the event is "Come to Life: New Ways to Design the Ministry of Learning." Registration info will be available in February. For more information contact Koreen Miller, mildkla@msn.com or Carolyn Breiham, revcarolynb@hotmail.com.

Religion Communicators Congress 2010 will convene in Chicago, Ill, April 7-10. This once-a decade event brings together 1,000 communications professionals to expand their perspectives on embracing change within the religious community.

A scholarship will be available to currently enrolled college/graduate students between the ages of 20-28. Deadline for the application is Monday, January 25, 2010. For questions and inquiries, call Dr. Larry Hygh, Jr. at 626-568-7329 or email lhygh@cal-pac.org.

Portland Oregon will host the 2016 United Methodist General Conference. The event is tentative scheduled from May 10-20. The last General Conference in the Western Jurisdiction was in Denver in 1996. Delegates from U.S., Africa, Europe and Asia will attend the 6,000-person gathering.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM THE  
HAWAII DISTRICT STAFF**

## ***BITS N' PIECES***

**\*\* Personal \*\***

### **Our condolences to...**

...to Mr. Joseph Murray, spouse of Waianae UMC's Pastor Debra Murray, and his family on the passing of his father, Mr. John Murray, on Sunday, November 29, 2009 in India. Mr. Murray flew to India to be with the family at the memorial service.

Notes of sympathy can be sent to Joseph and his family at: 511 Hahaione St., #19-C, Honolulu, HI 96825.

### **Please pray for...**

...Mrs. Mary Larkins, mother of Pastor Debra Murray at Waianae UMC. She is recovering from a stroke.

### **Our continued prayers for...**

...Pastor Colleen Chun-Hernandez who is on Incapacity Leave. Also for Pastor Kana Shimasaki who is receiving medical care in Japan.

...Pastor Misipati Karapani, and Rev. Frank Butterworth.

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### **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010:**

Monday, January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March

Saturday, January 30 - "How to" Leadership Training workshop

Friday-Monday, February 12-15 - Britt Lecture with the Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the largest UMC

Saturday, March 13 - Mission Festival

Thursday-Sunday, April 22-25 - Men's Walk to Emmaus

Friday, April 23 - Clergy Gathering

Saturday, April 24 - District Conference

Wednesday-Saturday, June 16-19 - Annual Conference

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Please hold the following churches, their pastors and members, and camp sites in your prayers:

December 20 - Bethany Korean UMC

December 27 - Aldersgate UMC

January 3 - Camp Mekokiko

January 10 - Camp Kokee

**DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS****December 2009**

Tue., Dec. 8: Kapolei Korean UMM Charge Conf.  
 Wed., Dec. 9: Joint Charge Conferences -  
     Jesus Town UMM, Calvary UMM  
 Thu., Dec. 10: Maui Korean UMM Charge Conf.  
 Fri., Dec. 11: Ala Lani UMC Charge Conference  
 Sat., Dec. 12; a.m.: Lahaina UMC Charge Conference  
     " " " p.m.: Honolulu UMC Charge Conference  
 Tue., Dec. 15: Trinity UMC Charge Conf. (Kelemani)  
 Thu., Dec. 17: First Tongan UMC Ch. Conf. (Ripple)  
 Sat., Dec. 19; a.m.: Kona UMC Charge Conference  
 Thu.-Fri., Dec. 24-25: Christmas; Dist. Ofc. closed  
 Sun., Dec. 27: Kam-Nam UMC Charge Conference  
 Mon., Dec. 28: Deadline for Jan.-Feb. Ka Leo Mekokiko

**January 2010**

Fri., Jan. 1: New Year's Day; District Office closed  
 Sun., Jan. 10: Aldersgate UMC Charge Conference  
 Thu., Jan. 14: Christ UMC Charge Conference  
 Sat., Jan. 16: Olive UMC Charge Conference (Ripple)  
     " " " : Kapolei UMM Charge Conference  
 Sun., Jan. 17: *Human Relations Day*  
 Mon., Jan. 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; District  
     Office closed  
     " " " : **Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade**  
 Tue., Jan. 19: Kilohana UMC Charge Conf. (Kelemani)

Sun., Jan. 24: West Kauai Charge Conference  
     Lihue United Church Charge Conf.  
 Wed., Jan. 27: Kahuku UMC Charge Conference  
 Sat., Jan. 30: Waianae UMC Charge Conf. (Kelemani)  
     " " " : **"How To" Leadership Training Wkshp**  
 Sun., Jan. 31: Pacific Islanders UMC Charge Conf.

**February 2010**

Fri.-Mon., Feb. 12-15: **Britt Lectures**; First UMC  
 Mon., Feb. 15: *Presidents' Day*; District Office closed  
     " " " ; 7:00 p.m.: DPAS meeting; Dist. Ofc.  
 Wed., Feb. 17: *Ash Wednesday*  
 Sat., Feb. 20; 9:00 a.m.: HUMU Board mtg.; Harris Ch.

**March 2010**

Sat., Mar. 13: **Mission Festival**  
 Sun., Mar. 14: *One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday*  
 Fri., Mar. 26: Prince Kuhio Day; District Ofc. closed  
 Sat., Mar. 27; 9:00 a.m.: DPAS meeting  
 Sun., Mar. 28: *Palm/Passion Sunday*

**April 2010**

Thu., Apr. 1: *Holy Thursday*  
 Fri., Apr. 2: *Good Friday*  
 Sun., Apr. 3: **EASTER SUNDAY**  
 Sun., Apr. 18: *Native American Ministries Sunday*  
 Thu.-Sun., Apr. 22-25: **Walk To Emmaus for Men**  
     *postponed to May 27-30, 2010*  
 Fri., Apr. 23: Spring District clergy gathering  
 Sat., Apr. 24: **2010 District Conference**

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