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QUEST EDUCATION PROGRAM

Here's a great way to invest in your Christian Education leaders and Youth workers. QUEST is a nationally used program that has been adapted for our conference by the Board of Christian Education.

Two sessions have taken place in California, and the team is now bringing the opportunity to Hawaii! It's two full days on the Admissions Day weekend (August 20-21) at First UMC.

Different from teacher training sessions offered in the past, QUEST provides a specific focus for folks in leadership positions. It will kick-start new programs and give renewed energy to continuing programs.

Please register right away so the presenters will be able to plan appropriately for the group. Travel subsidies are available.

For more information contact Kara Mark, Hawaii District Division of Education Chairperson, at 373-1506.

QUEST
August 20 and 21, 2010
9:00am Friday
to
5:00pm Saturday
First UMC Honolulu
1020 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI

WELCOMING CELEBRATION ON AUGUST 14

On Saturday, August 14, at Christ United Methodist Church on Keeaumoku Street there will be a welcoming for the new District Superintendent Thomas Choi and his family. Also everyone is invited to welcome the new pastors to the district.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a worship service which will be video streamed to the neighbor islands. It will include a sign dance led by Becky Choi.

It will be followed by a luncheon, catered by Christ UMC for the cost of \$7 per person. Those wishing information regarding the tickets are requested to call Leilani at the District Office.



AIEA UMC YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

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Ministry Musings
From the District Superintendent
By Tom Choi

“Communication, Communication, Communication”

In one of my previous churches on the mainland, I remember that the congregation had planned an event about a month in advance. A few days before the event, one of our leaders asked a church member if she was planning to attend the event. She said that she hadn't heard anything about it. The leader was incredulous. The event had been announced twice in the newsletter, four times in the bulletin announcements, and four times during the worship service. The moral to the story? You have to communicate in more than one (sometimes many more times than one) way to get people to remember an event.

We also have to be face the reality that in the 21st century, there are many more methods by which people—especially younger people—communicate and receive information. Before 1950, the primary way people and received information was by newspapers and radio. Now, many youth consider email to be archaic! There is Twitter, Facebook, instant messaging, websites, text messaging, and other ways that I am not aware of.

One of the things I will be emphasizing during my time as your superintendent is to expand the ways through which our district communicates. One of those ways will be to expand our electronic media. Our district website (hawaiiunc.org) will become an increasingly important tool for communication, joining this newsletter and the e-groups as primary ways the district shares information.

One of our newest pastors told me that when he was looking for a church, he decided that he would not consider a church that did not have a website. In my brief research, only a minority of our churches have working websites that are easily accessible. The cost now is so reasonable that there really is no economic reason for a church not to have a basic website.

One of the big issues has been connecting with the neighbor island churches. We will be experimenting with live streaming some of our events, beginning with the August 14 Celebration and Welcome of the District Superintendent and New Pastors. Just get on the internet at 10:30 a.m. on that day and go to www.kcumc.org. Don't be intimidated by the Korean writing! Under Pastor Nak In Kim's photo on the left, you will see in English a link that says “live streaming.” Click on the link and Windows Media Player will open (you need to make sure that you have this program) and you will be able to experience the worship service!

Communicating and connecting is so important in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I hope that you will be open to expanding the ways in which we communicate the Good News!

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

P. S. Many of you have received the newsletter by email as well as by post. We will continue to send a hard copy until the end of the year. At that time, you will be given an opportunity to receive the newsletter by email only. In this way, we will be “greener” and save on printing and postage costs.

The Laity

A Story for All
by Dick Englar

Romans 1:12

...that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith (NIV)

"Frog Story" What an Inspiration!

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit with all of their might.

The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches two lessons:

1. There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day.
2. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. Be careful of what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The power of words...it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times. Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another.

UMNS Report

By Joey Butler*

1:30 P.M. EST Aug. 4, 2010

BERLIN (UMNS) — “Please state your name, jurisdiction and delegate number before speaking.”

“Please speak slowly for the translators.”

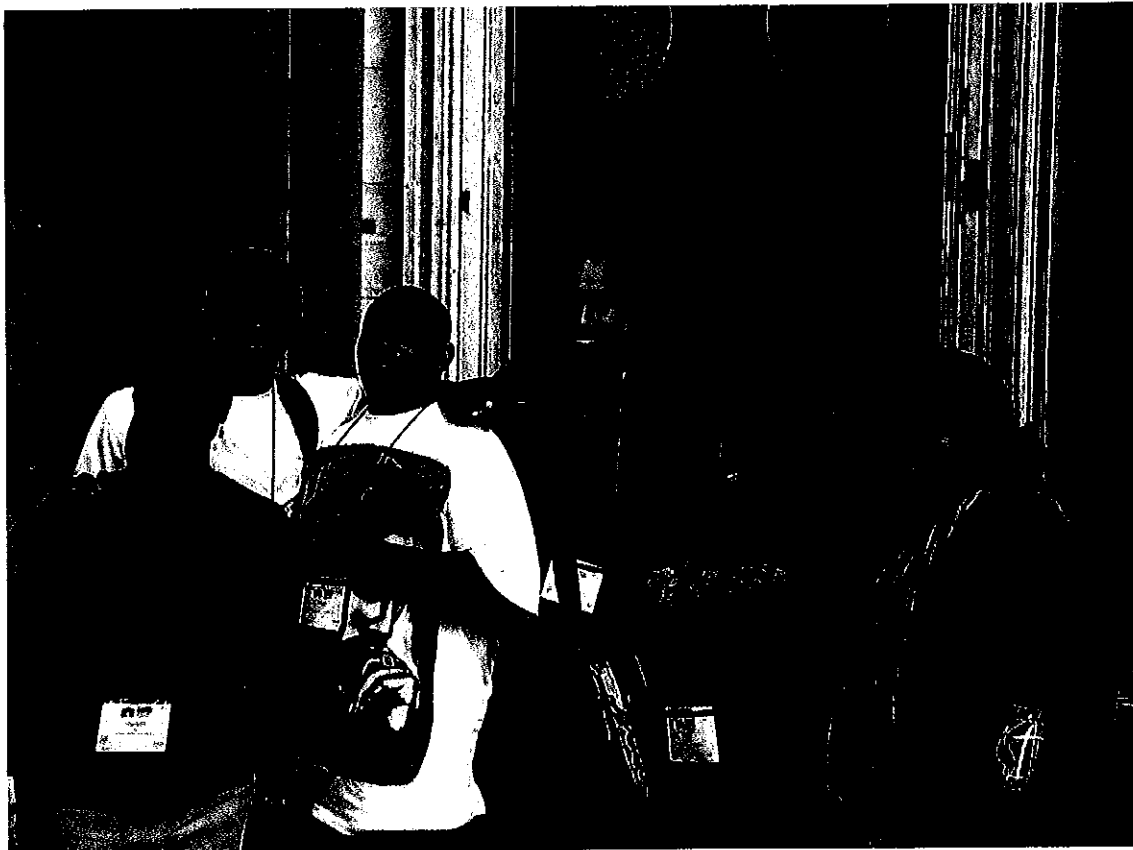
“I’m a tosa, tosa, to-saaaah!”

Those may be three statements most remembered by roughly 350 delegates of the 2010 Global Young People’s Convocation and Legislative Assembly, held July 21-26 in Berlin, Germany. Led by the Division on Ministries with Young People of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, the event brought young leaders from around the world and created unity through sharing of cultures. The first convocation was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2006. The youth and young adult participants also approved legislation that will be presented to the 2012 General Conference, the denomination’s top legislative body.

Of the 22 petitions considered, 10 passed and will be heard at General Conference in 2012. Those petitions included resolutions denouncing killings in Africa and the Philippines, ensuring young people are properly represented on general boards and agencies and promoting alternatives to abortion.

“This legislation gives voice to concerns young people around the world have and this is a venue for young people to not be intimidated by the structure of our church.”

The following Cal-Pac representatives to the Global Young Peoples Convocation in Germany were: (L to R): Charlene Zuill, Tauluasi Taumoepeau, Viliami Koli, Fernando Alcantar, Alicia Sudduth, and Ameenah Gamble.



**AROUND THE CONFERENCE
---AND BEYOND**

The Board of Congregational Development’s Funding Application Form for 2011-2012 is available at www.cal-pac-growth.org. The deadline to the Hawaii District Office is September 1 or earlier. Call the District Office for the specific deadline.

A Cybersafety Training kit is now available to help protect children and youth. This has been developed by the General Board of Discipleship. It is available online at The Upper Room (www.upperroom.org) and Cokesbury (www.cokesbury.com).

The Cal-Pac Conference Director of Communication, Dr. Larry Hygh, has been named the Associate General Secretary for Mission Communications for the General Board of Global Ministry of the United Methodist Church based in New York City.

The Guidebook of United Methodist-Related Schools, Colleges, Universities and Theological Schools has been issued. It will be useful to those wishing to learn more about 121 institutions including tuition, degrees awarded and possible financial aid. This can be ordered for \$5 at www.cokesbury.com.

“Clergywomen: Lift Up..., Lead Out..., Lead On!” is the theme of the first clergywomen’s Consultation planned in the Philippines. The event will offer an opportunity to “gather information about issues facing clergywomen and determine how many women clergy are in the country.”

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Instructions to connect to live video streaming on the Welcome Celebration

1. Go to Christ UMC web site www.kcumc.org;
2. Under Pastor Nak in Kim’s photo (which is found in the top left corner of home page) click on “Live Streaming”

Attempts will be made to make a direct link from the Hawaii District website, www.hawaiiiumc.org

BITS N’ PIECES

***** Personal *****

With deepest sympathy to...

...Mrs. Patricia Martin and her family upon the passing of the late Reverend B. Rhodes Martin. Pastor Martin passed away on July 12, 2010 in California. He served at Kailua UMC, Harris UMC and Parker UMC, and retired in 1985.

A memorial service will be held later in Hawaii. Notes of sympathy can be sent to her at: 860 Morningside Drive, C-115, Fullerton, CA 92835-3563.

...the family of Mrs. Fai`ana Lolohea, spouse of Rev. Taike Lolohea, Associate Pastor at Trinity UMC upon the passing of Mrs. Kasanita Totosavaha Soakai two days ago. She is the mother of Mrs. Lolohea. Notes of sympathy can be sent to: 2218 Anapanapa St., Pearl City, HI 96782.

Please pray for...

...Rev. Kana Shimasaki who is currently living in Japan on Incapacity Leave. Her husband sent the following message on Aug. 3: *I would like to let you know that Kana has been hospitalized for 5 days for vomiting due to her vertigo problem, and just discharged yesterday. Also, she had to get intravenous injection this afternoon, and will have it tomorrow again. The name of disease is "Vestibular Neuronitis (also called Vestibular neuritis)".*

Please continue to pray for...

...Dr. Frank Butterworth, and for Rev. Colleen Chun who is on Incapacity Leave.

Please hold the following churches and their pastors in your prayers:

- 8/15 - Immanuel UMC - Pastor “Millie” Carroll
- 8/22 - Hope Prayer House
- 8/29 - Honolua UMC - Pastor Vaitu`uloa Fonua
- 9/5 - Honokaa UMC - Pastor Marcia Hartsock
- 9/12 - Hilo UMC - Pastors Malyong Yi & Olivia Latu

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2010

Sat., Aug. 14; 10:30 a.m.: **Celebration of Welcome Service**; Christ UMC

Fri., Aug. 20: Statehood Day; District Office closed

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 20-21: **QUEST: A Training for Christian Educators and Youth Workers**; First UMC

Sat., Aug. 21; 9:00 a.m.: HUMU Board mtg.; Harris

Mon., Aug. 30: Deadline for Sept.-Oct. Ka Leo Mekokiko

September 2010

Mon., Sep. 6: Labor Day; District Office closed

Wed., Sep. 15; 9:00 a.m.: HCOM meeting?

Sat., Sep. 18: District UMW Annual Meeting

Mon.-Fri., Sep. 20-24: **Strength For The Journey**

Sat., Sep. 25; 8:30 a.m.: DLT meeting; SWCC

Mon., Sep. 27: Deadline for Oct.-Nov. Ka Leo Mekokiko

October 2010

Sun., Oct. 3: *World Communion Sunday*

Sat., Oct. 9: DPAS Meeting??

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 8-10: *Children's Sabbath*

Sun., Oct. 17: *Laity Sunday*

Mon., Oct. 25: Deadline for Nov.-Dec. Ka Leo Mekokiko

Sat., Oct. 30: 8:00 a.m.: UMMen Breakfast; Aldersgate

November 2010

Mon., Nov. 1: *All Saints Day*

Thu., Nov. 11: Veterans Day; District Office closed

Sun., Nov. 14: *Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday*

Sat., Nov. 20: 9:00 a.m.: HUMU Board mtg.; Harris

Thurs., Nov. 23: Thanksgiving, District Office closed

Sun., Nov. 28: *UM Student Day; !st Advent Sunday*

Mon., Nov. 29: Deadline for Dec.-Jan. Ka Leo Mekokiko

December 2010

Fri., Dec. 24: Christmas holiday; Dist. Ofc. closed

Sat., Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS**

Fri., Dec. 31: New Years holiday; Dist. Ofc. closed.

January 2011

Tue., Jan. 4: Deadline for Jan.-Feb. Ka Leo Mekokiko

Mon., Jan. 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance holiday; District Office closed

Sun., Jan. 16: *Human Relations Day*

Sat., Jan. 29: **"HOW-TO" Workshop**; Harris UMC

" " " : Committee on District Superintendency

February 2011

Fri.-Mon., Feb. 18-21: **Britt Lectures**; First UMC

Mon., Feb. 21: Presidents' Day; District Office closed

March 2011

Wed., Mar. 9: *Ash Wednesday*

Fri., Mar. 26: *Prince Kuhio Day*; District Office closed

April 2011

Sun., Apr. 3: *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Fri.-Sat., Apr. 8-9: District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat

Sun., Apr. 17: *Palm Sunday*

Thu., Apr. 21: *Holy Thursday*

Fri., Apr. 22: *Good Friday*; District Office closed

Sun., Apr. 24: **EASTER**

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