

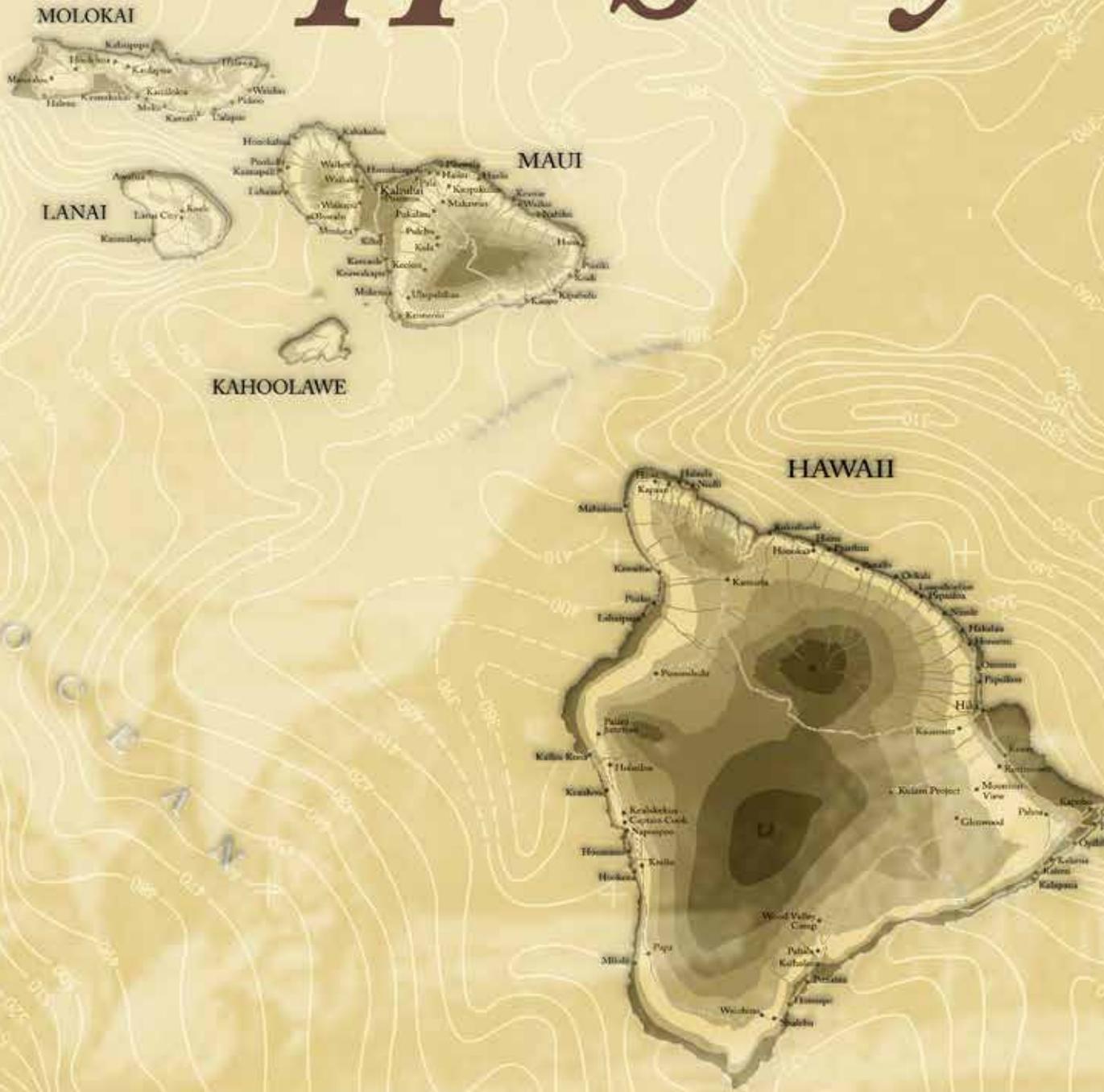
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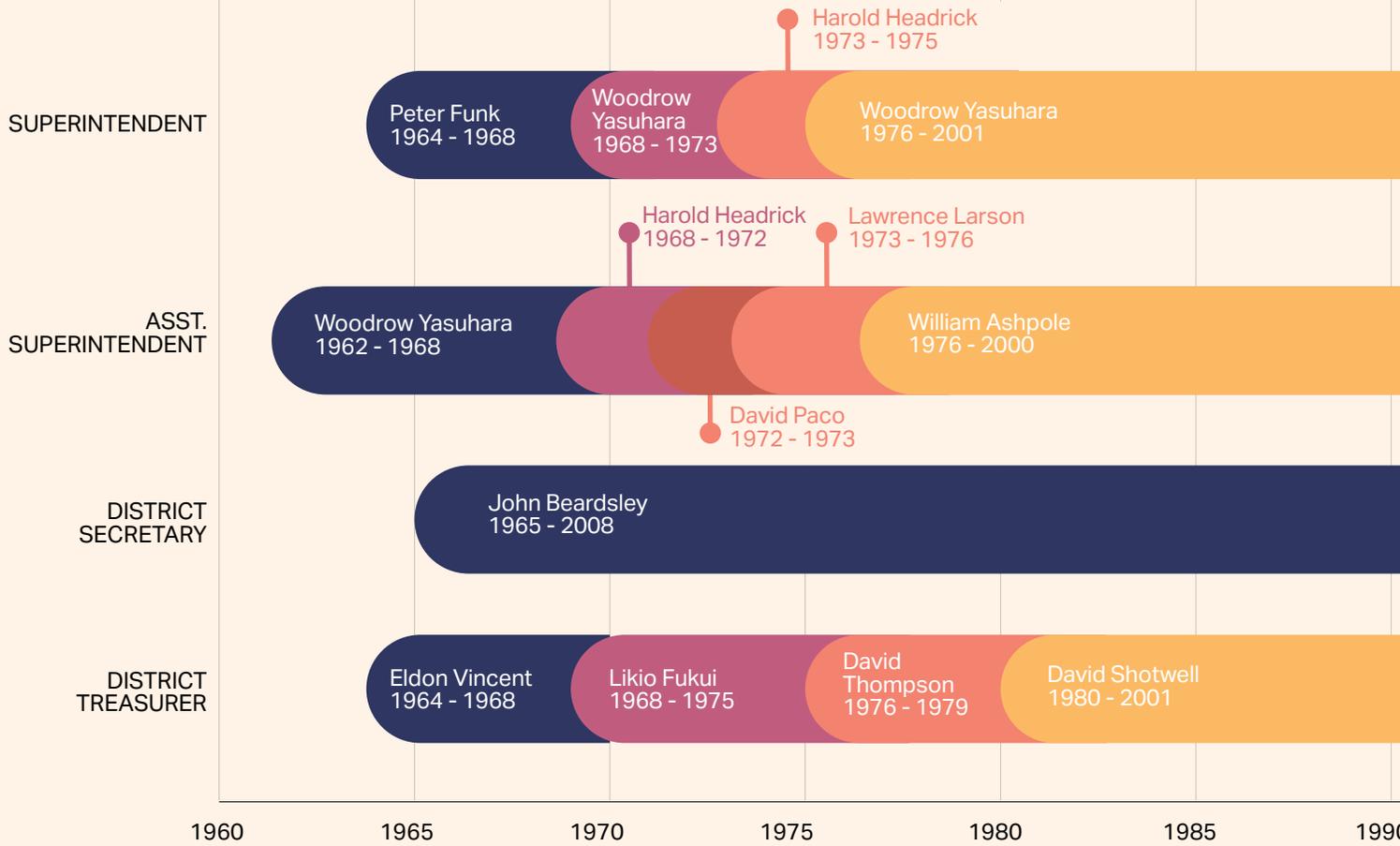
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Eddie Lau
- Albert Cardrino
- James Marocco
- Dave Horn
- Doug Gugudan
- Glenn Matsuwaki
- Florence Rodrigues
- Robb Finberg
- Kimberley Small
- Renee Godoy
- Kevin Brown

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- Albert Yasuhara
- Robert Bruzelius
- Edgar Hanohano
- Cir Domingo
- Dan Preciado

MEN'S MINISTRY

- Charles Blake
- Donald Landers
- William Ah-You
- Roderick Highsmith
- Woodrow Yasuhara (interim)
- Farley Bayudan
- Samuel Cockett

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Vivian Thompson
- Verbena Landers
- Dottie Van Scoy
- Helen Headrick
- Kathy Stalcup
- Grace Galiza
- Arlene "Lani" Larrua
- Shirley Ashpole
- Donna Bartolome

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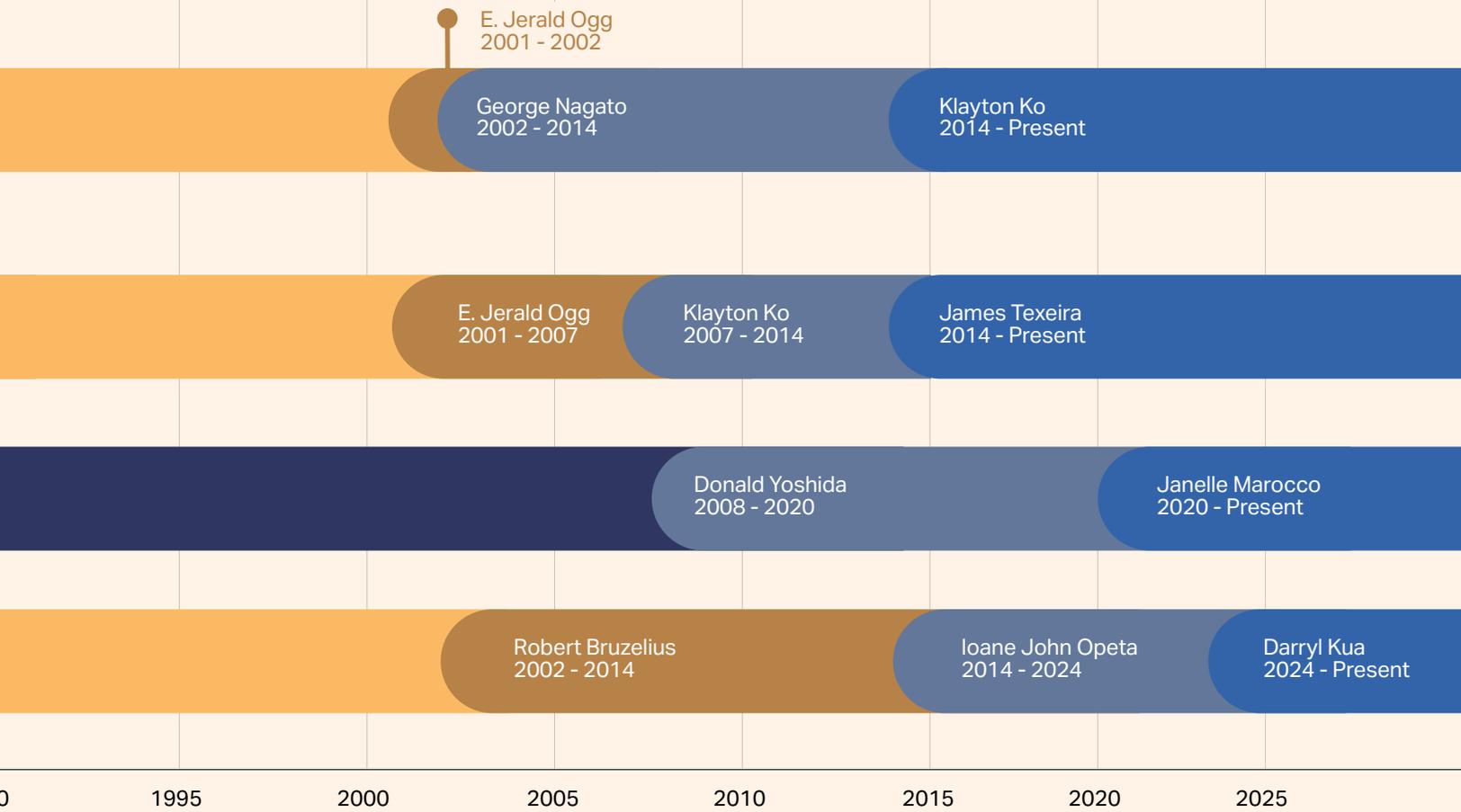
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- Abigail Chang
- Renee Lo

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 David Thompson
 Charles Blake
 Larry Elies
 Robert Finberg
 Anne Fujii
 Janelle Marocco
 James Marocco
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 Nathan Hanohano
 Villamor Galiza
 Harold Kilborn
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 George Nagato
 Donald Yoshida
 Ioane John Opeta
 Joe Hunkin
 Ronaldo Pascua
 Lokahi Koki
 (newly elected in 2025)

Excerpt from "Light on the past"
Hawaii Assemblies of God historical book published 1975



THE FOLLOWING IS AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF MRS. PROCTER'S WORK ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

I was saved in Savannah, Georgia in May 1925. A few months afterwards during a prayer meeting conducted by Mrs. W. Moseley, God called me to minister as a missionary to Hawaii. He specifically called me to the Chinese people there, though at the time my knowledge of Hawaii was so limited I thought only Hawaiians lived in Hawaii. This caused me to doubt my call until I was shown a National Geographic Magazine which had a picture of the many nationalities living in Hawaii. At the same time I was given a vision or mental picture of a very deep pit filled with little children of all nationalities reaching up and crying for help to get out of the pit.

After attending Glad Tidings Bible Institute (now Bethany Bible College) in San Francisco from September 1926 to May 1928, I graduated and was licensed with the Northern California and Nevada Districts of the Assemblies of God.

Returning to Savannah, I found the original group of Spirit-filled Christians led by Mrs. W. Moseley divided into two groups. One group had affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance and the other group was seeking affiliation with the Assemblies of God. The latter group contacted Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Noles who helped us for a few months, and then I was left to carry on. I was able to get two women who had attended



BERNICE STRICKLAND
IN THE EARLY DAYS

Glad Tidings with me to come as pastors.

Meanwhile I had written to the General Council in Springfield concerning being sent out as a missionary to Hawaii. I was told no missionaries were appointed to Hawaii, but was given the name of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Fischer who were ministering in Hilo, Hawaii. I wrote to them for information but for several months I did not hear from them.

In the meantime, God was still dealing with me regarding Hawaii, and while in prayer alone one morning God spoke to me in an audible voice and asked, "Are you willing to go?" I answered, "Lord, it is so far away." Again He spoke, "Are you willing to go?" I answered, "But Lord, I don't know a soul." He then said, "Are you willing to go without knowing a soul?" I finally said, "Yes, Lord, I'll go." He then said "April 12th." It was then in the latter part of January and I had not yet heard from the Fischers. That same day a letter came from the Fischers, but it was not very encouraging as it told me how much it would cost to live in Hawaii. However, I knew what God had spoken and had no worry for God's provision. A few days later, Mr. Azel Utley, father of Uldine Utley, under whose ministry I had been saved, came to Savannah and asked me to go to Miami, Florida to help in services there. After helping there and in two other cities in Florida, we went to Savannah for services. There on February 22, my 24th birthday, Uldine took me to dinner and told me she had been saving her tithes for my fare to Hawaii. She further asked me to let her know what else I needed. God knew I needed to hear from Him before Fischer's discouraging letter arrived, and He knew my fare to Hawaii was already provided for so He could give me a definite date of departure. I did not have the

promise of any support but was so sure of God's provision that I could leave with perfect peace. To the present day I can say He has never failed me yet.

I landed in Hawaii on May 1, 1929 which was Lei Day in Hawaii. I was met by a Four-Square missionary, Miss Martha Leising, and was also welcomed by Bertha Henley who has ministered in Hawaii for many years.

Rev. Fischer met me in Hilo and I also met Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Langley who were working with the Fischers at the time. I began attending a Bible study in the DeMello home and in a Filipino home in Papaiko. Sunday mornings we went to the Airport Prison Camp and at 1 p.m. we had a service in the Hilo Jail. After a short time I started a children's meeting in my home in Kou Lane. I had a few chairs, an old couch and a trunk in the front room so the children sat on these and on the floor. I had borrowed a few chairs from a second-hand dealer and the day he came to take them back, he was quite surprised at the number of children he saw in our service. He said in surprise, "Why, you have more children than the First

Foreign Church." (This was the "haole" Congregational church.) Among the first children were the Yasuhara boys and the Chow children who lived close together and were good friends. I also began a Sunday School in Keaukaha and taught a class of high school girls in the Chinese Congregational Sunday School. What bothered me most for the first two years was loneliness. The "haoles" had nothing to do with the missionaries in those days and the other nationalities did not get close. My closest contacts in those days were with the kids that met in my home, Mrs. Martin and the DeMello family. I remember I used to buy a steak and take it to the Fischers, hoping to be invited to eat dinner with them - not for the food, but for the fellowship. I had come from a large, close-knit family so being alone with no close friends was my hardest trial in those early days.

About 1930 the Peralta family moved to Kou Lane a few houses from me and I began to have a Bible study with Julia Peralta and Procopio Vesperas who boarded in that home. I went almost every week for two years before Julia accepted the Lord. She was a Catholic and had been having Mormon Bible studies before I began to meet with her. Through Julia, I was able to hold Bible services weekly in two Catholic homes; the Ahulaus (both Mrs. Ahulau



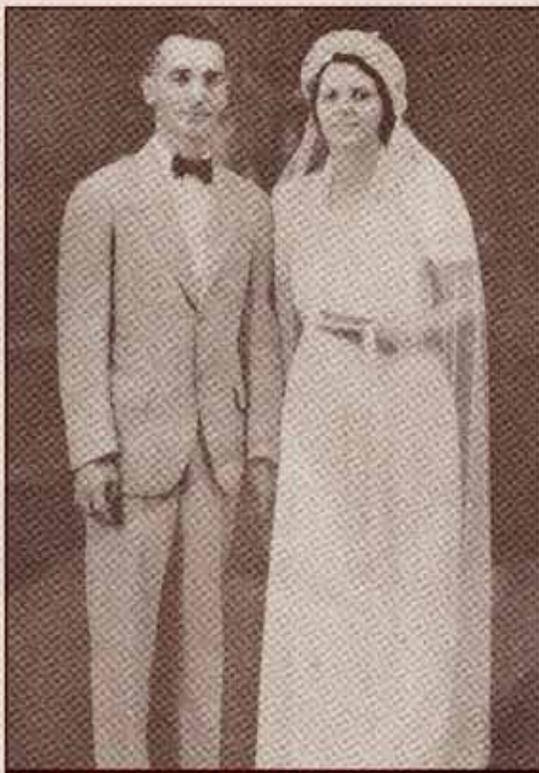
BERNICE STRICKLAND IN 1929

and Anna were saved), and the Marinos (both Mr. and Mrs. Marino were saved). Meanwhile the Langleys had returned to the mainland and in the second year, the Fischers also left Hawaii for two years. I went in and asked for the jail and prison services that Rev. Fischer had given up. I carried on this work for 10 or 12 years and God blessed our work there. In a revival in the jail, three murderers were saved. It was about this time that my mother, Mrs. Eugenia Strickland, came to help me. Jose Tagorda, one of the murderers who had been saved, asked to be baptized in water. I asked permission to do so, found the only available place for baptism was a bathtub kept for sick prisoners, and asked a Filipino Congregational minister who believed in immersion to do the baptizing. Another prisoner, Dorotheo Tagaoen, had a young wife, Marie, and a tiny baby living in Honohina and wanted me to get them to see him. At that time the roads were very narrow and winding and with my Model T, it was quite an undertaking, but I found her and brought time, went quietly from window to window in the chapel closing windows so that the neighbors would not complain of the noise. We had Sunday School in every room in the house, and I made two rooms in our dirt floor basement by placing little lumber scraps together to make a floor and by dividing it into two rooms.

I wanted to take my first furlough after about five years, so I prayed that God would send someone to relieve me. God sent Emma Faber who, with the help of Fong Yee Chow who was living with me, carried on until Elsie Simpkins and Ceferina Augustine arrived to help. While they were there, Rev. E. Liberato arrived in Hawaii and started a Filipino church with the help of the Glad Tidings Church. We



had a number of Filipinos in our group and I went weekly to Hakalau to hold services in a Filipino home. In this home lived a boy whose uncle was one of the murderers saved in the jail services. He was also attending the Salvation Army services on Sunday, so between these two meetings he was encouraged to serve God.



MR. AND MRS. RALPH
PROCTER IN NOV. 1941

This boy was Pedro Aduja, now a well-known politician.

I had also met Rev. and Mrs. Peter Funk, who were not yet married and were in Glad Tidings Bible Institute, and they told me of their burden for Hawaii. They ministered in Montana first and after they had two children, they came to Hilo. Thelma Simpkins had also joined her sister for a time and then they went to help with the Spanish work. We were all together in my home for a period of time.

Meanwhile Rev. and Mrs. Louis Bacheller, Nazarene missionaries and evangelists, had come to Hawaii and were in Laupahoehoe where they had a group. He preached for us many times and I had the opportunity to lead him into seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. When he returned to the mainland, he turned the Laupahoehoe work over to me. Rev. and Mrs. Funk and I carried on this work with our Glad Tidings Church and with our young people.

We had by this time outgrown our chapel facilities and I was able to get the bid on the Japanese language school consisting of four buildings. Mrs. E. Strickland, my mother, and Clio Strickland, my sister, and I worked together in the new building. We took in boarders in order to finance dividing the large classrooms into apartments; these apartments, in turn, were rented out and this rent paid our rent. Headquarters had given us the first 6 months rent of \$375. We lived in the teachers' quarters, had church in the kindergarten building, and held Sunday School in the fourth building.

It was while we were living in this building that I was married to Ralph A. Procter in November before Pearl Harbor Day 1941.

Since my husband wanted to return to the mainland for awhile and since I was in poor health, we turned the church and property over to Rev. Albert Yasuhara although the property was still in my name. When we left Hawaii, Madelyn Larson, who had worked with me for awhile, was ministering in Honokaa and Rev. Funk was in Laupahoehoe. Rev. Yasuhara pastored the church for a time and then Madelyn Larson came to help. Later they decided to change the title of the property from my name, but the owners claimed this broke the lease. Thus the church had to move and Rev. Funk took over and built the present Glad Tidings Church building.



MAYNARD L. KETCHAM

Rev. Ketcham's greeting to the Hawaii District:

I remember my association with Hawaii with pleasure and satisfaction. It was a privilege to serve the District, and we have many happy memories and made many fast friends.

We wish the Hawaii District well. We do trust that the spiritual and material development of all Assemblies of God churches will be insured and that the District will bring the message of the Latter Rain to Hawaii with full force.

Yours in His Love,

Maynard L. Ketcham Former Field Secretary for the Far East

REPORT ON HAWAII

by Maynard L. Ketcham
Field Secretary for the Far East
August 18, 1964

The Hawaiian field has shown remarkable progress during the past few years. Much credit must be given to the aggressive leadership of Brother Harold Headrick.

The economy of Hawaii would appear to be booming — and this is certainly true of "tourism" and also of hotel construction on the island of Oahu. However, there is a mild recession on most of the outer islands. Phenomenal developments in agricultural automation continue to displace workers in the cane and pineapple industry, and our churches are adversely affected. At the annual conference, held in August of this year, the Field Secretary presented a schedule - as drawn up by the Foreign Missions Administrative Committee - which envisaged District Status in one more year. The conference finally voted to plan for District status in two more years (August of 1965). This is a final vote, and the matter will not be discussed further. In the meantime, the field is organized in such a way that - to all intents and purposes — it IS functioning as a District. There are certain factors which should be highlighted:

1. The field hopes to be in a financial position to largely support its Superintendent when it does become a District.
2. Fifteen of the twenty-five churches in Hawaii have built new church plants in the past four years thus saddling themselves with heavy indebtednesses.
3. The majority of pastors and churches in Hawaii are presumably ready to accept District status NOW. But a vocal minority - which draws considerable support from the Mainland - persuaded the conference to seek a two-year postponement. Some keep hinting of a possible "liaison" between Southern California and Hawaii if District status is imposed too soon.
4. Peter Funk, the newly elected Superintendent is a very able man, with a solid ministry. He is fully supported by his church and is a strong proponent of District status and fiscal responsibility.
5. The appended schedule gives a current "profile" of our Hawaiian churches. It is encouraging! Note that the average value of church properties is \$73,223; the average indebtedness is \$18,740; and the average giving is \$528 per month.

Assembly of God Churches in Hawaii in 1964

Prepared by Rev. Maynard L. Ketcham, Church made available by Bartlett Peterson, General Secretary of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

CHURCH	PASTOR	How Held	S.S.	Members	Attendance	Value	In-debtedness	Total Monthly Giving	Payment On Loan	Payment To Pastor	Pastor Gets From Mainland	Pastor Gets From Work	Missionary Giving
Makawao	Pesoni		27	10	25	\$	\$	\$ 35	\$ 278	\$	\$ 110	\$ 100	\$ 8
Kaliuli	McCollister	Field	99	44	90	80,000	34,766	500	278	(rent) 75	383		8
Halewa	Kanaheli	Field	80	20	50	15,000	7,130	250	200	(rent) 75	30		10
Wahiwa	Krake	Incor	171	36	171	110,000	17,000	800	245	250	nil		600
Kapaa	Decker	Field	60	12	60	23,000	7,237	200	75	(rent) 25	206		69
Kekaha	Okubara	Incor	45	38	55	10,000	5,385	350	60	50		300	242
Kaunukani	Okubara		60	15	60			40					
Lihue	Allen	Field	53	19	53	15,000		225		35	200	50	180
Koloa	Jans	Incor	55	20	60	120,000		225		100	147		126
Aiea	Bloom	Incor	170	61	110	150,000	25,000	1,180	387	235	60		338
Honolulu First AG	Vincent	Incor	435	200	400	430,000	84,000	2,500	910	(?) 500			3,115
Kaliua	Tanzer	Incor	140	60	110	95,365	25,000	1,000	230	200 Pag & Ut	65		658
Honolulu Calvary	Keir	Incor	146	60	108	90,000	55,000	709	405	75	220		161
Ewa	Conleiro	Field	72	30	70	78,000	27,000	450	380		300	300	106
Kuristown	Hughes	Field	45	25	50	25,000	12,000	250	100	(rent) 75		(?) 400	3
Waipio	Heardrick	Field	130	40	125	112,772	51,000	900	460		150		71
Kohala	Pukui	Field	31	15	25	15,000	1,500	200	19	100			
Mali	Pew	Field	65	20	65	55,000	35,000	3160 2170*	332		204	360	15
Naalehu	Thompson	Field	55	18	50	50,000	15,000	300	70	120	40	240	50
Popeo	Beardsley	Field	47	20	55	50,000	3,500	250	25	75	125		98
Kaneohe	Rugwell		114	30	50		5,000	500	50	200	60		222
Waimanalo	Severn		35	10	35	60,000	5,500	150	50	(?) 50	100		
Hilo	Punk	Incor	156	80	156	100,000	15,000	800	84	400			507
TOTAL			1391	683	2,003	1,684,137	431,018	12,144	4,360	2,565	2,101	1,975	6,579
AVERAGE			62	30	87	73,223	18,740	528	190	112	91	86	285

*Rec'd from property

UT=Utilities

Pag=Parsonage

ATTAINING DISTRICT STATUS

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REV. MAYNARD L. KETCHAM

The Hawaii field developed pretty much "on its own," although the Foreign Missions Department did take an interest in and specifically was responsible for the establishment of First Assembly of God.

It was decided that some agency of Headquarters should be specifically responsible for the oversight of Hawaii. Thus Rev. Gayle Lewis, on behalf of the Home Missions Department, made a lengthy tour of the field either in 1955 or 1956. Rev. Lewis reported that the Home Missions Department did not feel it had the resources to supervise or develop the Hawaii field.

Thus by action of the Executive Presbytery and the General Presbytery, Hawaii was turned over to the Foreign Missions Department. Rev. Maynard Ketcham, Far East Field Secretary, visited Hawaii in July 1956, and upon completing his visit, he made a report to the Executives and spelled out a policy which became the policy of Headquarters in regard to Hawaii.

Rev. Ketcham, as Field Secretary, continued to visit Hawaii and to give assistance as much as possible. Quite a few workers from the mainland, considered missionaries to Hawaii, were cleared for credit and had their accounts handled by the Foreign Missions Department. The field developed in a very encouraging manner, many new churches were built, and churches were encouraged to support their pastors. Rev. Harold Headrick was Superintendent of the field during most of this time and gave very aggressive leadership for the building of churches and the development of the work. Naturally all efforts were made to develop the Hawaii field so that it could eventually become a District of the General Council. Efforts were intensified when Hawaii became a State. Rev. Ketcham, in consultation with Field officials, drew up a proposed schedule which was presented to and approved by the Hawaii Annual Conference held in August 1964. Rev. Ketcham presented this proposed schedule to the Missions Department on August 18, 1964. Some workers, especially those with large amounts of support from the mainland, were not too enthusiastic about the prospect of District status. However, the over-all feeling was one of expectation.

One year's delay was requested and then Hawaii officially became a District of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in August 1966. The ceremony took place at First Assembly in Honolulu with considerable fanfare and under the unction and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Rev. Howard Bush was present to represent the Executive Presbytery and Rev. Ketcham was present to make the official transfer. Hawaii's Governor John A. Burns was present to grace the occasion.

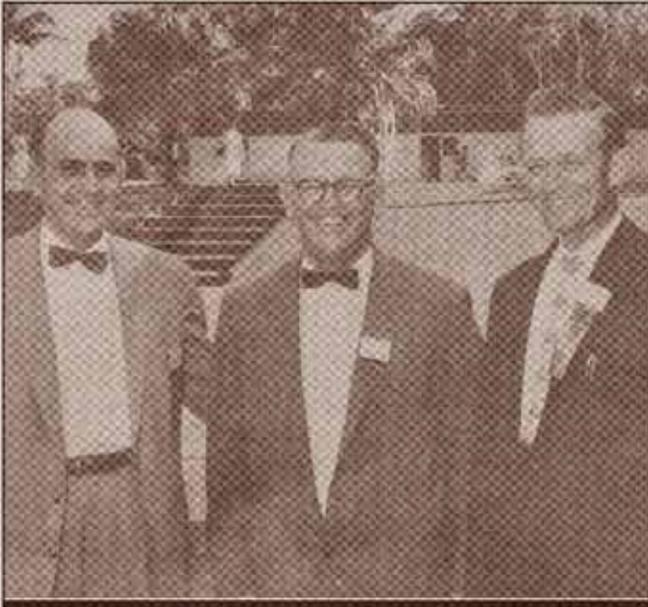
This ended Rev. Ketcham's official connection with Hawaii. However, he did pass through Hawaii many times enroute to and from the Orient. He observed that practically all the churches, church members and ministers appreciated Hawaii's new status as a District.

POLICY IN REGARD TO FUTURE OF HAWAII

1. Hawaii will become a District of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in August of 1966.
2. In its 1965 Conference, Hawaii will elect two general Presbyters to be seated in the General Presbytery meeting of August - September 1966.
3. Speed-the-Light equipment currently in Hawaii will be a gift to the newly-established District.
4. In the future, there will be no Speed-the-Light assistance for Hawaii apart from standard assistance for those in Home Missions administrative work.
5. Those workers currently cleared for credit in Hawaii will retain their credit status.
6. Workers under "appointment" toward whom the Missions Department has an obligation in regard to retirement (because of extended former service in other mission fields) will have their accounts maintained in the Foreign Missions Department.
7. The accounts of other workers will be transferred to the Home Missions Department - in consultation with the Home Missions Department and with its approval.
8. The Foreign Missions Department will prepare a commemorative booklet tracing the development of the Hawaiian field from its inception to the status of a District.
9. The Foreign Missions Department will offer no further assistance to Hawaii after it becomes a District - in the form of publicity, clearing of evangelists and workers, and radio funds.
10. If Hawaii needs special assistance with literature for two years after it becomes a District, the Foreign Missions Department will try to assist from B.G.M.C. and other available funds.
11. The Foreign Missions Department will make a special appropriation of \$2,500 when Hawaii becomes a District to help with administrative expenses involved in establishing the District.

Prepared by Foreign Missions Department August 5, 1964, ammended by Executive Presbytery June, 1965 (S. T. L. section approved by joint S.T.L. Committee)

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS



**PETER FUNK, FIRST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
(1949-53, 1964-68)**

Department, supervising work on Bellows Field, Wheeler Field, Hickam Field and Kunia Field runways. During the war he received God's call to enter the ministry, so he enrolled in Glad Tidings Bible Institute in San Francisco. After graduating, and planning eventually to go to New Caledonia, he returned to Hawaii in 1947.

He helped with the building of First Assembly of God in Honolulu, established Wahiawa Assembly of God, and was instrumental in establishing the Haleiwa, Ewa and Maile works.

Elected as Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Hawaii in 1954, he served until 1963, working on building spiritually, physically and financially fourteen or more of the Assembly of God churches in Hawaii. Later, he established Faith Tabernacle in Waipio and was instrumental in starting the work at Palisades Community Chapel. He is pastoring Honolulu Christian Center and is Executive Vice President of Headrick Development, Inc. at the present time. Recently, he was again elected Hawaii Assemblies of God District Superintendent and he is presently serving in this capacity.

PETER FUNK

Peter and Julene Funk, pioneers and pastors of the Assemblies of God work on the Big Island, arrived in Hawaii in December 1938. After their arrival they worked in the Hilo area for three months, then served in Laupahoehoe for six years. In 1944 the Funks were called to pastor Glad Tidings Assembly of God, this call extending to 22 years of ministry in Hilo. In 1945 the Funks built the church of Glad Tidings, the first Assemblies of God church in all the islands.

Rev. Funk served the Hawaii district as superintendent from 1949 to 1953, then as assistant superintendent from 1956 to 1961, then again as superintendent from 1964 until 1968. He was the first superintendent for the district and helped to pioneer the work of the Assemblies of God in the islands.

HAROLD HEADRICK

Harold Bern Headrick was "born again" at a Christmas service in a full gospel church in Los Angeles in 1938. In 1941 he came to Hawaii to work for the United States Engineering



**HAROLD HEADRICK SERVED AS
SUPERINTENDENT FROM 1954-63 AND
1973 TO THE PRESENT.**



WOODROW YASUHARA,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FROM 1967-73

WOODROW YASUHARA

As a youngster, Woodrow Yasuhara was first exposed to the gospel at Saturday afternoon children's meetings conducted by Miss Bernice Strickland held on Kou Lane in Hilo.

Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Vincent played a big part in encouraging and preparing Rev. Yasuhara

for the ministry. Soon after the First Assembly of God in Honolulu was established, he was elected the first president of the Christ's Ambassadors. Later, he was appointed Sunday School superintendent and assistant pastor.

Aloha Bible Institute (A.B.I.), established in 1949, provided Rev. Yasuhara with the opportunity to study the Bible and to become equipped for the Lord's ministry. After graduating from A.B.I., he quit his job as a painter foreman and entered full-time ministry in January 1953.

Since that time, Rev. Yasuhara has worked with a variety of pastors on the ministerial staff of First Assembly of God, including Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Vincent, Rev. and Mrs. Francis A. Sturgeon, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Kahalehili and Rev. and Mrs. Sam Sasser. Rev. Yasuhara served as Hawaii State District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God from 1967 until 1973, assuming the superintendency after serving as assistant superintendent since 1962. He is presently serving the Hawaii District as Assistant Superintendent.



FIRST ISLAND WIDE CONVENTION IN MAY 1950



AUG. PETER COME ROW HAROLD A WALKER,
HAV. MAYNARD VISHAM, ROV. FOSTER
WE LARSON, REV. NORMAN WEBSTER,
ROV. GLEN MCCOLLISTER,



DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN HILO, HAWAII



FIRST ISLAND WIDE CONVENTION IN MAY 1950



LICENSED MINISTERS AT 1968 CONVENTION



1971 DISTRICT CONVENTION AT FIRST ASSEMBLY



ORDINATION OF LUCILLE HEADRICK
AT CAMP ERDMAN



ORDINATION OF DOUGLAS
ALLEN PEW AT CAMP ERDMAN



PRAYER FOR LICENSED MINISTERS AT CAMP ERDMAN



ORDINATION OF WOODROW YASUHARA AT CAMP ERDMAN



ORDINATION OF STEPHEN YAP IN PAIA, MAUI

Hawaii's Awakening: *Our History His Story*

PS. KLAYTON KO

As we joyfully celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Pentecostal movement in the Hawaii District, we lift our hearts in praise for God's divine providence and the outpouring of His Spirit across the Hawaiian Islands. We also honor the faithfulness and obedience of His servants—missionaries, evangelists, teachers, and pastors—who have answered His call with unwavering devotion. Through their labor and His power, lives have been transformed, churches have been established, and the gospel has flourished, leading us to this sacred moment of celebration and renewal in His presence.

God's providence doesn't mean He works alone—He often accomplishes His plans through people. He is always working behind the scenes, orchestrating events for His glory and our good (Romans 8:28). Hawaii's spiritual history is truly God's story written, where every detail—whether joyful or painful—fits into His perfect plan. We may not always see how, but we can trust that He provides, protects, and directs us according to His will.

HAWAII'S SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Hawaii's history reveals God's providential hand at work as early as 1819, following the death of King Kamehameha I, when his successor Kamehameha II (Liholiho) and Queen Regent Ka'ahumanu abolished the kapu system, leading to the destruction of temples and religious idols. This radical move created a spiritual upheaval that prepared the way for new religious influences.

About a year later, in 1820, Protestant missionaries from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM), led by Hiram Bingham, arrived in Hawaii. Their mission was to fill the spiritual void by evangelizing and introducing Christianity to the Hawaiian people.

"Before 1820, the Hawaiian Islands had never encountered widespread Christianity. But that was about to change. As the Second Great Awakening traveled around the United States, it also spread outside its borders, sparking the New England missionary companies that arrived in the Sandwich Islands, which today are called Hawaii, in the 1820s and 1830s. Hiram Bingham led the inaugural mission's team that arrived in 1820. Fellow New Englander Titus Coan, who landed in Hawaii in 1834, built on the foundation that Bingham's generation had established, his work catalyzing the Great Revival of 1836–1840. The effect of this movement proved so significant that within a generation, the ruler of Hawaii declared his kingdom a Christian nation." - Cook, Chris. When Revival Swept Hawaii. Christianity Today, www.christianitytoday.com/2019/05/hawaii-revival-kona-titus-coan-missionaries/

Titus Coan was deeply influenced by Charles Finney, the prominent evangelist of the Second Great Awakening. Finney's revivalist theology and methods shaped Coan's approach to ministry, particularly his work in Hilo, where he led one of the greatest revivals in missionary history.



Sketch of Hiram Bingham speaking to Hawaiians. Queen Ka'ahumanu sits beside him. (from Sketches by Hiram Bingham)



*Rev. Hiram Bingham,
leader of the
First Company of
missionaries,
who sailed to the
Sandwich Islands*

Coan's passionate preaching and belief in spontaneous revival soon led to an unprecedented spiritual awakening in the Hawaiian Islands. His ministry in Hilo was characterized by mass conversions. Thousands of Native Hawaiians responded to his messages of repentance and faith. Between 1837 and 1841, Coan baptized nearly 13,000 people, one of the largest mass conversions recorded in Christian history. The Hilo Mission Church (now Haili Church) became the center of revival activity. The largest recorded church attendance was approximately 10,000 people gathering for worship.



*Charles Finney
(1792-1875)
American
Revivalist*

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

The earliest work of the Assemblies of God in the Hawaiian Islands began on the island of Hawaii. This pioneering work eventually resulted in the Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Hilo, the first Assemblies of God church in Hawaii.

In 1919, Frank and Mrs. Fischer became the first Assemblies of God missionaries in Hawaii, focusing on sharing the Gospel and helping local communities. Unbeknownst to them, God was preparing a young woman to assist them in their work and eventually started the Glad Tidings Church in Hilo.

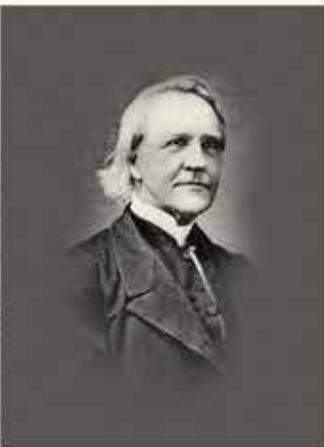
Bernice Strickland was saved in Savannah, Georgia, in May 1925. A few months later, during a prayer meeting, God called her to serve as a missionary in Hawaii. Her

limited knowledge of Hawaii caused her to doubt her call until she was given a vision of a very deep pit filled with little children of all nationalities reaching up and crying for help to get out.

After graduating from Glad Tidings Bible Institute in San Francisco in 1928, she was licensed with the Northern California and Nevada Districts of the Assemblies of God. She sent a letter to Rev Frank Fischer about her call to Hawaii. Months passed with no reply. In the meantime, God was dealing with the doubts and fears in Bernice's heart. She writes: "While in prayer, God spoke to her in an audible voice and asked, "Are you willing to go?" She replied, "Lord, it is so far away." Again, He spoke, "Are you willing to go?" I answered, "But Lord, I don't know a soul." He said again, "Are you willing to go without knowing a soul?" I finally said, "Yes, Lord, I'll go." Although she had no support to get to Hawaii, God placed it upon Mr. Azel Utley, the father of Uldine Utley, under whose ministry she was saved, to pay for her airfare to Hawaii and anything else she would need. Bernice writes: "I did not have the promise of any support but was so sure of God's provision that I could leave with perfect peace." She landed in Hawaii on May 1, 1929, which was Lei Day in Hawaii.

Bernice started a children's meeting in her home, taught Sunday school, conducted jail and prison services, and reached out to various communities, including Filipino and Chinese groups. Among the first children to attend her meetings were the Yasuhara boys, one of whom was the late Rev. Woodrow Yasuhara, former District Superintendent of the Hawaii District; Albert and Anna Yasuhara, former pastors of Kurtistown Assembly of God; Edward Yasuhara, missionary to Japan; and many more who became leaders in other churches across the district.

After serving in Hawaii for three years, the people requested their own church. With no funds to rent a separate building, Bernice started the church in her living room, which could hold approximately 40 chairs. It was in this front room that eventually became the Glad Tidings Church in Hilo. The church was dedicated in 1945 when it moved to its present location.



*Titus Coan
(1801-1881)
Revivalist Missionary
in Hawaii*

As we reflect on the history Pentecostal movement in Hawaii, we must never forget that God's providential story does not mean He works alone – He often fulfills His plans through people. His sovereignty and human

faithful servants who answered His call— not only to rescue souls from the depths of darkness but also to keep the flame of the Holy Spirit burning brightly within the Church.



Glad Tidings before the war

responsibility always go hand in hand. He provides, guides, and sustains, but He also calls us to participate in His work. God's providence isn't passive—it invites us to trust Him and obey his leading.

The first missionaries arrived in Hawaii 205 years ago, marking the beginning of the great awakening led by Titus Coan. Rev. Frank and Mrs. Fischer became the first Assemblies of God missionaries 106 years ago, paving the way for Bernice Strickland, a young 24-year-old missionary who established the first Assemblies of God church in Hawaii, Glad Tidings Church in Hilo. Additionally, the Hawaii district was recognized by the Assemblies of God General Council 60 years ago.

GOD IS STILL WRITING HIS STORY

This celebration is a sacred moment to thank God for His providential hand upon our beloved state. It is also a time to honor the countless

I want to take this moment to honor the former Superintendents, Presbyters, department leaders, and pastors—devoted pioneers who laid the foundation we stand on today. Some planted seeds of faith, others nurtured those seeds, and still others worked hard to build His kingdom. Ultimately, our Lord has blessed us with the abundant growth we're experiencing now.

The first church established on the Big Island

has grown to 177 churches within the Hawaii district, which have planted hundreds more in foreign lands, saving multitudes from the pit of darkness. To God be all the glory.

I believe God is writing the next chapter of His story of Hawaii's awakening, which will be greater than the last. He invites us to be a part of History—remembering, God's providence is not passive; instead, it calls us to trust Him and act—the time is now for the Awaken Church to Arise!

Haggai 2:6–9 (NKJV) — 6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

Big Island



PASTOR
KEVIN BROWN
PRESBYTER

- Abundant Life Ministries
- Arise Church
- Connect Point Church
- Encourage Fellowship AG
- First Assembly of God -Hamakua*
- Glad Tidings Church
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- King's Honokaa*
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- Lighthouse Outreach Center Hilo*

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- Solid Rock East Hawaii
- South Kona Assembly of God
- Sure Foundation Church
- Volcano Assembly of God (The Village Church)

**Parent Affiliated Church*

Abundant Life Ministries

Ps Arlene 'Lani' Larrua

Abundant Life Ministries was founded in Waikoloa Village on the Big Island in December 2006. After seventeen years in full time ministry, Pastors Mark and Lani said "YES" to God and were sent out from Solid Rock Ministries with the blessings of Pastors Tex and Shelley. The first service was held on the back lanai of their home with eight people in attendance, of which five were related to the pastors. Abundant Life Ministries has met in a bar, a park, a restaurant, a shopping center, and at Waikoloa School.

Celebrating a Decade of Faith: Abundant Life Ministries' Journey

Over the past ten years, Abundant Life Ministries has grown in faith, community, and resilience. The journey has not been without hardship, especially with the heartbreaking loss of our beloved Pastor Mark Larrua in 2017. His unwavering faith and compassionate spirit deeply impacted our congregation, and his legacy continues to inspire us as we spread love and hope.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our church embraced creativity and adaptability. With in-person gatherings restricted, we turned to technology to stay connected. Virtual services, online Bible studies, and prayer groups became lifelines, allowing us to worship and grow in faith despite the distance.

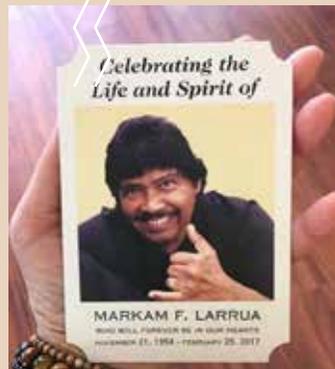
Our outdoor services at Ho'oko Park provided the only open-air worship option in the city, offering a safe and uplifting space for families to gather. Under the open sky, we found strength in scripture, song, and fellowship, creating lasting memories of faith and unity.

As we reflect on the past decade, we celebrate God's faithfulness and the perseverance of our church family. Through every challenge, our



commitment to serving, growing, and fulfilling the Great Commission has only deepened.

This year at District Council, we're thrilled to announce that our own Bradley Fernandez will receive his Ordination credentials. Alongside his wife, Shelby, he continues to serve with unwavering passion and loyalty, and he is poised to step into the Lead Pastor role. Meanwhile, Pastor Lani will embrace a new position as Founding Pastor, remaining steadfast and ready to take the pulpit whenever needed. She will continue to serve as a Hawaii Police Dept. Chaplain for the West side of Hawai'i Island as well as serve as Kahu to visitors and part-time residents. Here's to many more years of spreading joy and abundance together on this incredible journey! To God be the glory - great things He has done!





Arise Church

Ps Evan Carmichael

Arise Church was started on Easter Sunday, 2004, as Sure Foundation Hilo. Planted out of Sure Foundation Puna by Pastors Lorin and Patty Carmichael, Sure Foundation Hilo began to reach people in the Hilo area. It was started in a renovated warehouse with one service fit between the two services held on Sunday mornings in Puna. Pastor Lorin would tag team with his son Evan, who would lead worship at one service while Pastor Lorin preached and then drove to the next. Sure Foundation Hilo was forced to add another service as the church grew. This caused Pastors Lorin and Evan to begin rotating weekend services between Hilo and Puna. Around the third year of doing this, Pastor Lorin turned over the Hilo campus to Pastor Evan so they could focus their attention on their respective locations. In 2008, Pastors Evan and Shinobu became the senior pastors of Sure Foundation Hilo.



Since then, they have moved from the warehouse to the mall, to the former Kress Theaters, and to where they are now, in the Arc of Hilo. In 2016, Sure Foundation rebranded as Arise Church. In 2021, it broke ground on its future home in the heart of Hilo—a 22,000-square-foot facility featuring

seating for 500, children’s classrooms, a café, and office space. It was a challenge building through the pandemic, but the completion date of summer 2025 is right around the corner.

As Arise Church looks to the future, we realize the building is the beginning of even greater things to come. We will always believe in biblical truth, authentic relationships, and serving others. We want to continue impacting lives on our island with more significant impact, outreach, and harvest.



Connect Point Church

Ps Dion Maeda

The story of Connect Point Church traces back to the 1940s, when Rev. Bass founded Pepe'ekeo Community Assembly of God in the heart of the sugar cane plantation



community of Pepe'ekeo, Hawai'i. Over the following decades, the church was shepherded by several pastors and leaders, including Bro. Yamada, a Japanese schoolteacher, Pastor Allen, Mrs. Obobopher, and others.

In the early 1960s, Pastor John Beardsley became the pastor, serving faithfully until 1975. After a period of transition, Rev.

Harlan Kalles was elected as the new pastor. Under his leadership, the church changed its name to Family Christian Center and continued to serve the community with dedication. Rev. Kalles remained steadfast in his ministry until his passing in 2014.



For a time, the church was without a senior pastor, but on July 19, 2015, the Lord called Pastor Dion Maeda to lead the congregation. A month later, the church embraced a new identity as Connect Point Church, symbolizing its mission to connect people to Christ, community, and their God-given purpose.

Since then, the church has experienced incredible growth, expanding from 40 faithful members to over 600 who now call it home. The ministry continues to flourish, with the launching of a second campus in Kaumana and the recent acquisition of 7.5 acres for a future third campus. More than just numerical growth, Connect Point Church has been a place where lives are transformed—people are healed, redeemed, restored, and families are reconciled.

With a heart for reaching the lost, the church remains committed to its mission: "Fulfilling the Great Commission and Living Out the Great Commandment." Through discipleship, outreach, and a deep reliance on God's power, Connect Point Church continues to be a beacon of hope in Hawai'i, equipping believers to fulfill the call of God on their lives.



Encourage Fellowship

Ps Kelvin Chai

Nine years ago, Encourage Fellowship under the leadership of Pastor Kelvin and Gaye Chai, was not only a new church that was planted, it was a “different” church which most people did not understand until they came and experienced it personally. We used the home church model, followed the AG doctrine and guidelines, and incorporated it into an intimate setting with the idea of building a strong community in fellowship and connection. This in itself fostered strong relationships among members who otherwise would not step into a traditional church. Our catch phrase became: “Walk in a visitor, walk out a family member.”

Over the years we have had strong key moments of salvations and baptisms. We have heard many testimonies of transformation and faith from individuals going through huge life changing issues. We worked hard to turn challenges (economic downturns, political themes, a pandemic) into triumphs by encouraging everyone to be resilient in their faith and to stay strong through prayer. Though

many have moved on over the years, we were there for them when they needed God the most.

We improved our home sanctuary to make it intimate and comfortable for all age groups, built a fellowship pavilion, and built a Sunday School building for the children.

Our ministries focus mainly on family, children, and senior adults. Small groups are Bible studies, prayer groups and mentorship programs for both men and women. Significant outreach events are food and clothing drives, holiday events, and partnerships with other churches and/or local organizations for community outreach. We also started a Helping Hands ministry to help widows and the home bound with mowing their lawns and doing small home repairs.

Looking ahead, emphasis is on the importance of continued commitment to God’s work of discipling believers in God’s love, building hope in Jesus Christ, and trusting the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and church in UNITY.



Assembly of God Hamakua

Ps Jacob Fesagaiga

The Hamakua campus began on July 1, 1997, with its first service at the Peepekeo property under the leadership of Pastor Hock Lin Chua. As the campus grew, Pastor Bill Bannister was installed as the new regional pastor in July 1999, continuing to build on the strong foundation established in the early years. In 2011, Pastor Trenton Oshiro stepped into the role of regional pastor, bringing new energy and vision to the Hamakua campus. On July 1, 2013, Pastor Lynne Higa was installed as the new regional pastor, furthering the ministry's mission to reach the people of Hamakua. When Pastor Lynne was called as a missionary to move to Japan, Pastor Jacob and Hoku Fesagaiga

were installed as the regional pastor on March 20, 2022, ushering in a new season of growth and ministry for the Hamakua campus.

One of our most exciting events has been the Annual Cruise for Christ, where our church partners with multiple denominations to lift up the name of Jesus. Using tow trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles, we cruise in convoy style, spreading the Gospel. In our first year, we traveled from King's Landing Beach to Hilo; last year, we cruised to Church Row in Waimea; and this year, we will journey from Hilo to P'hoa.

Our youth are on fire for God, actively engaging in evangelism ministries such as Food for Friends, Meals on Wheels, and door-to-door canvassing. Their passion and commitment continue to make an impact in our community.

Since Pastor Jacob's installation, we have worked to expand our evangelism ministry, making it a key part of our short-term missions. We have raised up missionaries to Canada in 2022; Samoa and Canada in 2023; Samoa, Canada, and Hamakua in 2024; and this



year, we are sending teams to Samoa, the Philippines, and Japan. Additionally, we have raised three new Connect Group leaders to help disciple and equip others.

It is truly inspiring to see our church Awake and Arise in all that God has called us to!

Kona Coast Assembly of God

Ps Arlene Pilapil

Pastor Michael Pilapil was born on August 3, 1944. He and his wife Arlene graduated from an AG Bible College in Cebu City, Philippines, and pastored two AG churches for ten years. They have five children: Lemuel, Armi Gladys, Michael Keith, Carrie, and Gunder.

In 1975, Pastor Michael moved to Hawaii to assist his brother-in-law, Pastor Porferio Gulfan, at South Kona AG as an associate pastor and interpreter. He worked part-time as a security guard to bring his family to Hawaii, and on September 21, 1976, Arlene and their children joined him, assisting the church's music ministry.

At that time, there was no AG church in Kailua-Kona, about 20 miles from South Kona. Pastor Michael felt God calling him to pioneer a church there. Three families from Kailua who attended South Kona AG also prayed for a church in their area. Meanwhile, Pastor Michael passed his postal exam and was offered a position at the post office, but after prayer, he declined and accepted the call to pioneer the church without any financial support. Trusting God's guidance, Kona Coast AG was established in 1979 and initially met in a classroom at Kealakehe Elementary School. As the church grew, they moved to the school cafeteria and later to Kahakai Elementary School.

The church began with three families and grew to twenty. They supported missionaries and Bible students in the Philippines. In 2004, Pastor Michael suffered a stroke and was paralyzed on his right side. After two months of prayer, God healed him completely. Although he had a relapse, God revived him, and he was confirmed healed by his doctor. Pastor Michael preached his final message from Psalm 127 before passing away on September 8, 2014, at the age of 70, surrounded by family.



His wife Arlene took over pastoring the church. Her first Sunday as lead pastor was on September 14, 2014. She retired from teaching ESL in 2015 and dedicated herself to preaching and prayer.

When COVID-19 hit in 2020 and schools closed,



a church member offered her home as a House of Worship. Church membership decreased to about 50, but worship services continued. Despite challenges, the Holy Spirit continues to move within the church, and the congregation remains filled with love and joy, committed to serving God until Jesus returns. Amen!



Kurtistown Assembly of God

Ps Damien & Andrea Shrinski



Kurtistown Assembly of God was established in 1952 as Ola'a Assembly of God, bringing together a group of believers from Glad Tidings Church who lived in the Ola'a area. In 1959, the church was renamed Kurtistown Assembly of God.

Over the years, the church has been blessed by the leadership and dedication of seven pastorates: Rev. and Mrs. Glen Parker, Rev. and Mrs. Foster Wood, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Yasuhara, Rev. and Mrs. David Shotwell, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Ritchie, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Corpus, and Rev. and Mrs. Damien Shrinski. Additionally, we were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Bob Bruzelius serve as interim pastors. We thank God for the work He accomplished through each of them.

Throughout its history, Kurtistown Assembly of God has been a hub for ministry, outreach, and discipleship. The church has facilitated a Bible school, food pantry, hot meal kitchen, thrift store, Royal Rangers program, and a sending base for mission teams—many of which continue to operate today. God has

also cultivated thriving Children's, Youth, Men's, Women's, Elderly, Family, Prophetic, Prayer, and Worship ministries within our church family. After 67 years, we remain a vibrant, Christ-centered, believer-empowering, and community-enriching body of faith. To Him be all the glory!

Today, we are stepping forward in faith. In Christ, we are raising funds and developing property for an Outreach Center on adjacent land to address educational, occupational, and food sustainability needs in our community. In Christ, we believe in the operation of all five-fold ministry gifts. In Christ, we are growing a prophetic community. In Christ, we are making disciples and investing in the next generation.

May He continue to be our first love. May we remain His—useful to Him and fruitful by Him.



Living Waters Assembly of God

Ps John Trusdell



Ignacio Gualderama, born in 1903 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, had a transformative encounter with God at a house meeting. He experienced a vision of a book revealing his past, present, and future, leading him to an overwhelming encounter with the Holy Spirit. This divine experience led to the founding of Hilo Calvary Church in 1940.

ministry, Pastor Hiroshi suffered a stroke and, in 1984, entrusted the leadership to the Hawaii Assemblies of God. Superintendent Woodrow Yasuhara appointed Pastor Harry Pishura, who led the church through a transformation, renaming it Living Waters Assembly of God. In 1989 Pastor John L. Trusdell, Jr. was appointed pastor, marking a new chapter in the



▲ Ps Hiroshi Imaizumi



▲ Ps Harry Pishura



As the congregation grew, a family donated land, and a new sanctuary was built, dedicated on June 22, 1961. Brother Gualderama later passed leadership to his Japanese son-in-law, Hiroshi Imaizumi. After many years of fruitful

church's journey. For 36 years, Pastor John has led with love, dedication, and a deep commitment to God. His compassionate leadership and storytelling ability bring scripture to life, inspiring the congregation. Under his guidance,



▲ Celebrating Ps John Trusdell's Birthday March 2025

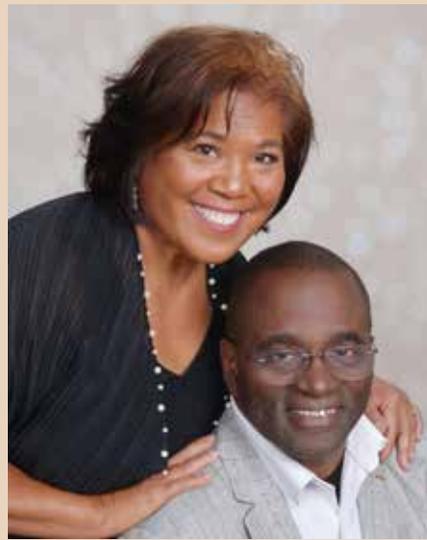
Living Waters continues to be a welcoming place for worship and community. Pastor John and April have faced great challenges, yet their unwavering faith in God and His love stands as a powerful testament. Their steadfast belief that God is their ALL not only reflects deep personal faith but also embodies growth, perseverance, and resilience, inspiring church members to remain steadfast in their walk with Christ.

Living Waters is founded on principles of faith, obedience, and love for God and others. The church actively supports global missions, contributing over 10% of its income to these efforts. Additionally, Living Waters invests in the local community by sponsoring events that encourage family engagement. We support ministries that aim to share the love of Jesus, combat child trafficking, and feed the hungry.

Living Waters consists of faithful, dedicated, and obedient people who care for, pray for, and support one another. We seek to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. In doing so, we give God all the glory, because without Him, we cease to exist. He holds our future in His hands as we seek and submit to His will.

Naalehu Assembly of God

Ps Kevin Brown



Naalehu Assembly of God was the second AG church in the state of Hawaii. It was established in 1946 under the AGWM. Over the decades, more than 15 pastors have faithfully served the Naalehu community. After two years without a pastor, on May 6, 2007, Kevin Brown was installed as Senior Pastor, ushering in a new chapter of growth and renewal.

Pastor Kevin and his wife, Minda, who have been married for over 40 years, have deeply invested in the Ka' community. Both have served in local schools—Pastor Kevin as a PE teacher for six years, a substitute teacher for over a decade, and a football coach for the high school team. Minda has dedicated her time as an educational assistant, further strengthening their ties to the community.

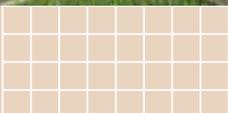
Since 2007, the church has undergone numerous upgrades, including a

new roof, an improved sound system, and converting a garage into a children's worship center. Other milestones include acquiring a church van in 2010, a new sign in 2012, and a 30-passenger bus in 2013. Though 2014 brought challenges, including a season of decline due to church splits, God remained faithful, sustaining the ministry and its mission.

Facility improvements continued with new laminate flooring in 2016, the installation of air conditioning and a sanctuary foyer in 2018, and an upgraded sound system with in-ear monitors in 2020. This year, the church is set to replace all 20 jalousie windows, ensuring a welcoming space for worship and fellowship.

Naalehu Assembly of God is passionately committed to missions. In 2007, the church supported five missionaries with a \$3,600 annual budget. By 2019, the Kingdom Builders fund was established, setting a goal of \$12,000 for missions in 2020—a goal the church joyfully embraced. Today, we support 29 AG missions programs, sending over \$70,000 to missions since 2020. Our church has received the Gideon Sword for consistent giving to BGMC and has been among the top BGMC-giving churches of its size in the Hawaii District for the past decade.

Through every season, God has been faithful.

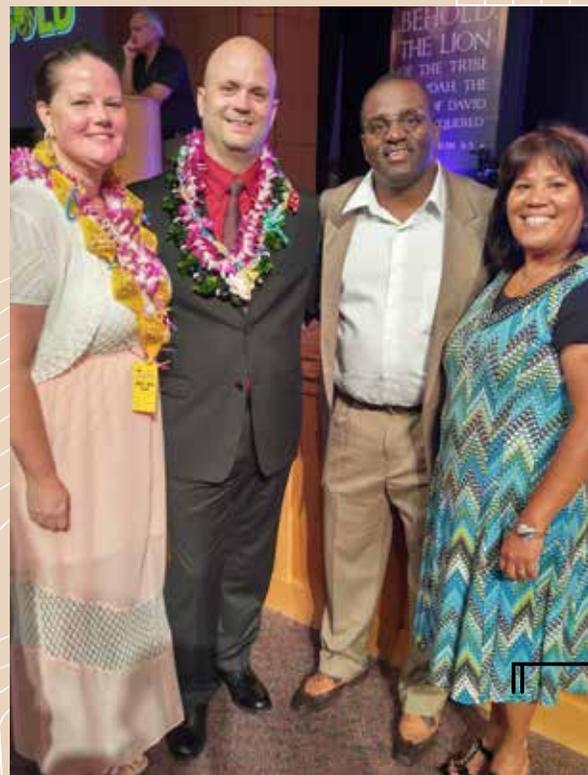
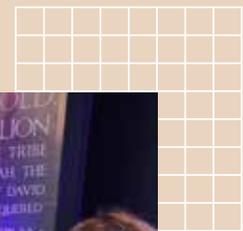




Our vision is to build committed followers of Jesus—powerful in prayer, purposeful in life, and effective in their witness. We are a community church with a global mission, holding fast to 2 Corinthians 5:17: “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and behold, all things have become new.” With all that has been accomplished, we remain aware that there is still much to do for the advancement of God’s Kingdom. Prayer has been the key to every breakthrough, and we trust that He will continue to lead us forward.



This is **Naalehu Assembly of God**, where *“Your Life Will Never Be the Same.”*



New Beginnings Assembly of God

Ps Strickland Stevens

The "beginnings" of New Beginnings started in August 1997. With the support and assistance of District Superintendent Woodrow Yasuhara, Sectional Presbyter Wayne Ritchie, and District Treasurer David Shotwell, Waimea Assembly of God was established. Pastor David Shotwell became the first pastor of a congregation of 31 members.



On September 10, 1999 David Kawika Kaiwi and his wife, Winona, graduated from Hawaii Revival School of Ministry, became licensed with the Assemblies of God and became the Senior Pastors. Soon Strickland Stevens became licensed and has served as Associate Pastor.

In 2009, the church changed its name from Waimea Assembly of

God to New Beginnings Assembly of God, the name originally given by God to Pastor Kawika. After serving for 15 years in the Waimea Elementary School cafeteria, the congregation moved to its current location at the Holomua Center in Kamuela in June 2012.

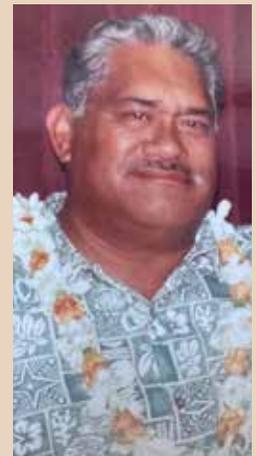
Over the years, many beloved members have gone home to be with the Lord, including Senior Pastor Kawika Kaiwi, his wife Winona, and Pastor Strickland's wife, Dolly.

On September 24, 2017, Pastor Dan and Jane Basaldua were installed as the new pastors of New Beginnings, faithfully serving until their relocation to Oregon in 2021. During the interim period without a senior pastor, the church remained steadfast in its mission, trusting in God's guidance.

In August 2023, Pastor Strickland Stevens stepped into the role of Senior Pastor, answering God's call to lead the church into its next season. Serving alongside him is Associate Pastor Gary Simons, both dedicated to shepherding the congregation with faith and vision. New Beginnings Assembly of God continues to uphold its motto, "Unity in and through the Spirit," as it provides a welcoming place of worship and spiritual growth in the Kamuela community.

Ps Dan Basaldua ▼

Ps David Kawika Kaiwi ▼



Oasis Church

Ps Zachary Chang-Cordero

Oasis Church has always been about faith, people, and God’s incredible faithfulness. Our journey began in July 1990, when Pastors Tex and Shelley Teixeira founded Solid Rock Ministries with a passion for reaching Kailua-Kona and beyond. Their heart for the community led to powerful ministry and yearly outreaches that impacted thousands of lives over the years.



A major transition came on September 2, 2018, when Pastors Zac and Kiri stepped into

leadership as senior pastors. With a fresh vision and a deep love for people, they led our church into a new season of growth and renewal, building on the strong foundation that had been laid.

In October 2020, we embraced a new identity and became Oasis Church—a name that reflects our calling to be a place of life, hope, and refreshing. More than just a name change, this was a declaration of our mission: to be a church where people encounter Jesus, find community, and step into their God-given purpose.

God continued to move, and on October 1, 2024, we took a bold step into the future, securing 3.2 acres of land—the future home of Oasis Church. But we’re not waiting for a building to be the church. We’re already gathering on-site every Sunday, worshiping together and believing for all that’s ahead.

Through every season, one thing has remained the same: our mission to love God, love people, and lead them to Jesus. Oasis Church isn’t about a building—it’s about people, faith, and a movement of authentic, life-giving community. We are a family where anyone, no matter their story, can find grace, healing, and purpose.

As we step into the future, we know this is just the beginning. The best is yet to come!



Overflow Church Assembly of God

Ps James "Tex" Teixeira

Overflow Church Assembly of God, originally known as Kohala Assembly of God, was founded in 1952 by Rev. and Mrs. Merton Simpier of Seattle, Washington. Their vision was to bring the Pentecostal message to the northernmost part of the Big Island. To establish the church, they acquired an old building in Hilo, dismantled it, and reconstructed it at 55-595 Hawi Road, where

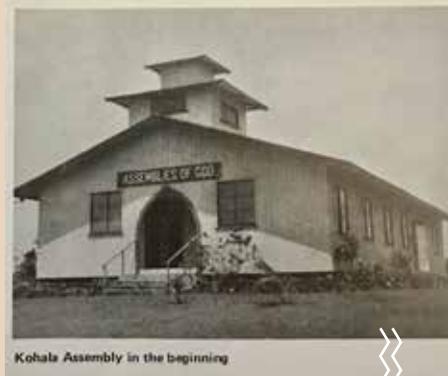
it still stands today, currently serving as our Children's Church.

Over the years, many pastors have faithfully served the Kohala community, including the Simpiers, Boltens, Rebs, Sister Oberdorfer, Matas, Fukuis, Vallespins, Jittus, and Texeiras (Koa and Kyler). Today, Pastors James and Shelley Teixeira continue to lead the church with passion and dedication.

The original mission of Kohala AG remains alive. Overflow Church actively engages in the community, spreading the Gospel and serving others. In 1957, young people spent their summer vacation reassembling the church building. Today, we continue investing in the next generation through school involvement and mentorship. One example is our partnership with Kohala High School, where we provide pregame meals for the football team, coached by one of our members.

Additionally, we host annual community events, including Easter celebrations, Family Fun Nights at the park, and special Christmas events. Our home groups are reaching those who have yet to step into church, fostering faith and fellowship beyond our walls.

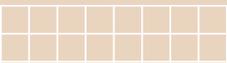
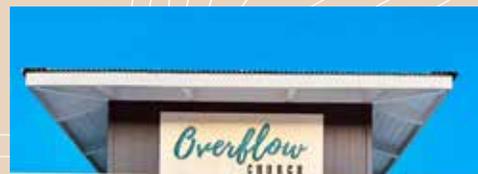
As we honor the legacy of those who came before us, we look forward with excitement to the great things God will continue to do in Kohala through Overflow Church.



Kohala Assembly in the beginning



Rev. Marcial W. Vallespin, Sr.



Solid Rock East Hawaii

Ps Sam Souza

The story of Solid Rock began in 1981–1982 when Pastor Mark Martel founded Pahoā Assembly of God. The congregation initially met in a building located on what is now the First Hawaiian Bank property in downtown Pahoā.



In 1983, it is said that legendary musician Ernie Cruz found a Bible on the side of the road and felt led to the adjacent property as the future home of the church. In 1984, Assemblies of God missionaries

arrived, and construction of the church was completed. Over the years, several pastors led the congregation, including Bob Lanning, David Shotwell, and finally, Jeff Saylor.

In 2007, Pastor James and Shelly Texeira took over leadership, and the church became an extension of Solid Rock Ministries Kona, with Rudy and Malama Valentino serving as site pastors.

Solid Rock East Hawaii was established in the summer of 2011 and became an independent affiliate church the following year under the leadership of Sam and Kimberly Souza. Since then, the church has continued to grow, undergoing several building expansions.

This year's highlights include the launch of Boys to Men, a mentorship program guiding young men into adulthood, and the expansion of our Downtown Feed Pahoā food ministry. We were



also thrilled to see several of our Collide Youth represent the Big Island at the District Fine Arts Conference on Oahu and later at nationals.

We continue to pray for all churches and look forward to seeing what God will do in the future.

▼ Rudy and Malama Valentino

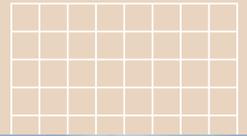


▼ Ps Jeff Saylor



River of Life Assembly of God

Ps Troy Gacayan



River of Life Church began as Pahala Assembly of God in the early 1980s, founded by Glenn and Kathy Matsuwaki. The church first gathered in the Matsuwaki home on 961164 Holei Street

in Pahala, a once-thriving rural sugar plantation town. As the congregation grew, services moved to various locations, including the Ka'ū High School cafeteria and later the Pahala Methodist Church. Eventually, the church purchased two acres of land in the heart of Pahala, where a new sanctuary and fellowship hall were built and dedicated in

2008. In 2009, the church was renamed River of Life Assembly of God to expand its vision beyond the rural plantation town.

River of Life Church is situated in the Ka'ū District, the largest district in the state by land area, spanning approximately 922 square miles from South Kona to Volcano. In 2021, the church expanded its reach by purchasing

an additional acre of land in the Ocean View community. The property has been cleared and surveyed in preparation for potential future expansion.

The church continues to actively serve the local community through a variety of ministries, including a monthly youth night, senior citizens' coffee hour and dinners, singles fellowship, Filipino Bible studies, and men's monthly meetings, with more ministries on the horizon.



Over the years, River of Life Church has been led by faithful pastors, including:

- Glenn Matsuwaki (1980s–2002)
- Wayne Ritchie (Interim) (2003–2004)
- Kimo Tanaka (2004–2006)
- Robert Bruzelius (Interim) (2006–2008)
- Pastor Troy Gacayan (2009–Present)



As we reflect on the church's journey, we recognize that God has birthed and sustained this ministry through every season. His faithfulness has been evident in the past, present, and we trust in His continual goodness for the future. To Him be all the glory!

Sure Foundation Assembly of God

Ps Joseph Jackson



Sure Foundation Church was founded in April 1987 by Pastors Lorin and Patty Carmichael, who answered God's call to plant a church on the Big Island.

With a deep love for God and people, they began services at Kea'au Elementary School Cafeteria before moving to the Paradise Park Activity Center in 1990, with Wednesday gatherings at the Ainaloa Longhouse.

In 1993, under their steadfast leadership, the church took a major step forward by purchasing its first acre of land in Puna. With dedication and the support of a growing congregation,

construction began on the original sanctuary,

providing a permanent place for worship and transformation.

The Carmichaels' passion for ministry extended beyond Sunday services. In 2004, they launched Hosanna Bookstore, offering Christian resources to equip believers. That same year, they planted a new congregation in Hilo, which later became Arise Church under Pastors Evan and Shinobu. In 2006, Sure Foundation partnered with Teen Challenge, a ministry supporting those battling addiction, and in 2008, they founded Yeshua Outreach Center to further reach the lost.

With continued growth, the church embarked on another milestone, breaking ground for a new sanctuary in 2011. After years of faith, perseverance, and generosity, the 20,000-square-foot sanctuary opened in 2014, complete with a café, bookstore, and classrooms.

Today, Sure Foundation's campus spans 6.5 acres, featuring multiple facilities, including the original sanctuary, now a multi-purpose chapel





for youth and community events. The property also houses a covered-court gym, recreation room, and classrooms, along with three homes—one currently housing Big Island Adult & Teen Challenge.

Through every season, Sure Foundation remains committed to its vision:

"To advance the Kingdom of God by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with our community, city, islands, and the world."

In 2023, after decades of faithful leadership, Pastors Lorin and Patty Carmichael passed the baton to Pastor Joe Jackson, who now serves as Lead Pastor. Having experienced his own life-changing transformation through Christ, Pastor Joe is passionate about reaching the lost and discipling believers.

Sure Foundation Church stands as a testimony to God's faithfulness. As we move forward, we remain steadfast in proclaiming the gospel, strengthening believers, and impacting the Big Island and beyond with Christ's love.



The Village Church Volcano

Ps Ben Kawakami

Volcano Assembly of God was founded in September 1985 by Pastor Orville Mathison and his wife, Virginia. The church began as a home Bible study with their dear friends, John and Ann Makuakane. As the congregation grew, services were held in the Mathison home, in what became known as "The Chapel."



Under the leadership of Pastor Matt and John Makuakane, the church continued to flourish. Pastor Matt had a vision to purchase land and build a dedicated church facility. Land was acquired, and plans for the sanctuary and fellowship hall were drawn up. However, before their vision was fulfilled, both Pastor Matt and John went home to be with the Lord.

Their dream became a reality under the pastoral leadership of Ivan and Margaret Van Vuuren, with the support of a local contractor who generously

donated labor. On September 6, 2008, Volcano Assembly of God also known as The Village Church, was officially dedicated and opened for worship.

The church remained steadfast in its mission to serve the Volcano community under Pastor Bob Bruzelius and his wife, Grace, who pastored for three years until Pastor Bob retired in December 2013. That same month, Pastor Mililani Bair and her husband, Ted, were



installed as lead pastors, faithfully serving the community until 2021.

In October 2021, Pastor Ben Kawakami, his wife Heidi, and their two sons, Caleb and Ethan, began serving at The Village Church Volcano. Their vision is to establish healthy churches that will disciple nations. This mission is accomplished by helping individuals discover their calling and empowering them to fulfill it.

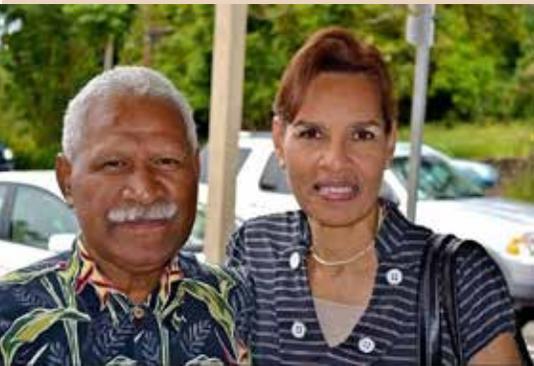
Through the years, the church has experienced God's faithfulness and continues to be a beacon of light and hope in the Volcano community.



South Kona Assembly of God

Ps Olga “Kitty” Hoaeae

South Kona Assembly of God was founded in 1972 by Pastor Porferio Gulfan under the name Captain Cook Assembly of God. The church initially met in his home before the construction of its first building in 1976. Pastor Gulfan led the congregation until around 1983, followed by Pastor Cecil Channer, who served until 1986. For the next eight years, Pastor A.C. Tyson shepherded the church until his retirement in 1994. Pastors Jeremiah and Kitty Hoaeae



then took on leadership until 2017, when Jeremiah went home to be with the Lord. Since his passing, Pastor Kitty has faithfully led the church for the past eight years.

Throughout the years, God’s blessings have been evident through numerous upgrades and renovations, including a new roof, sanctuary ceiling repairs, a renovated kitchen, comfortable church chairs, protective shades, and security enhancements such as outdoor solar lights and cameras. The church exterior and interior have been freshly painted, and more renovations and expansions are planned for the future.

Despite the challenges that come with church life and growth, the congregation has continued to experience God’s goodness and faithfulness. Our theme verse for 2024, Isaiah 55:6—“Seek



the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near”—has deepened our understanding of the importance of intimacy with God, serving others, and reaching the lost while there is still time.

We began the year with our annual week of prayer, setting a goal to be more diligent in our prayer life. This commitment is reflected in our Sunday pre-service intercessory prayer and Wednesday morning prayer gatherings. The church has been able to bless the needy through food distributions and donations to the Hawaii Food Basket. We also continued our partnership with Samaritan’s Purse through Operation Christmas Child. Additionally, our YouTube channel has become an outreach tool, extending our ministry to those beyond our physical location.

We thank God for the lives transformed through our services, where people have experienced salvation, rededication, restoration, healing, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We enjoy our holiday fellowship times to encourage and promote the community, and continue to embrace the Jewish holidays as well.

Looking ahead to 2025, we embrace the challenge to “Arise and Build”—strengthening the body of Christ and preparing for His imminent return. Through every season, His mercy, grace, and faithfulness have never failed us. May God continue to bless the Hawaii District and its leadership as we move forward in His calling.

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PASTOR
ANNE FUJII
PRESBYTER

- Faith Family Maui
- Grace Church
- Kihei Assembly of God*
- King's Cathedral & Chapels (King's Maui)
- King's Bridge*
- King's Cowboy*
- King's Hana*
- King's Kaunakakai*
- King's Kihei*
- King's Kula*
- King's Lahaina*
- King's Lanai*
- King's Manae*
- King's Maunaloa*
- King's Paia*

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Faith Family Maui Fellowship

Ps Herman Haupu

Our history began in 1935 when Rev. and Mrs. James Creighton came to Maui as missionaries and pastored the Full Gospel Church in Paia. Mrs. Creighton actively assisted and ministered to people in Paia and Central Maui, walking daily throughout these areas and helping wherever she found a need. Through their ministry, the Creightons met Stephen and Mary Yap. Mr. Yap worked for Kahului Railroad Co., and Mrs. Yap stayed at home to care for their five children.



In 1948, Rev. and Mrs. Yap started an open-air meeting in Village 13 in Puunene. Because of the testimony of changed lives in the community, Mr.

Frank Baldwin of Hawaii Commercial Sugar Company built a recreation hall with pews and turned the keys of the building over to Rev. Yap at no cost.

Six years later in 1954 while Village 31 was being phased out, the Yaps mortgaged their home and borrowed \$20,000 for 20 years to build a new church. Rose of Sharon flourished in Puunene for 26 years. The church paid off its loan in less than nine years. With the help of assistant pastors Raphael B. Agtina and Elias C. Domingo, Rev. and Mrs. Yap pastored Rose of Sharon until 1980.



Coming from the rich history of Koloa Assembly of God, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Blake became Rose of Sharon's second pastor in 1980. Under Rev. Blake's care, Rose of Sharon moved from Puunene to its present location in Kahului.

After the Blakes retired in



December 1985, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Brown continued Rose of Sharon's history. It began undergoing major building improvements to meet the demands of its growing congregation. Victory Christian Academy, an Accelerated Christian Education program within Rose of Sharon, opened its doors to children Grades K-12 in September 1991 for approximately 12 years.

On January 1, 2005, Rose of Sharon became Faith Family Fellowship. With a heart for the nations, Pastors Wayne and Robyn Hancock ministered across the South Pacific, sharing God's Word in Haiti, American Samoa, Western Samoa, and Fiji. In September 2017, they transitioned into a traveling ministry, and Pastors Herman and Carol Haupu stepped in as senior pastors. Having been an integral part of the church family for decades, the Haupus bring a deep commitment and steadfast leadership to Faith Family Maui.

For 83 years, this church has been built on the dedication of pastors who poured their lives into the ministry. We are honored to carry forward their legacy and the vision of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace Church

Ps Robert Finberg

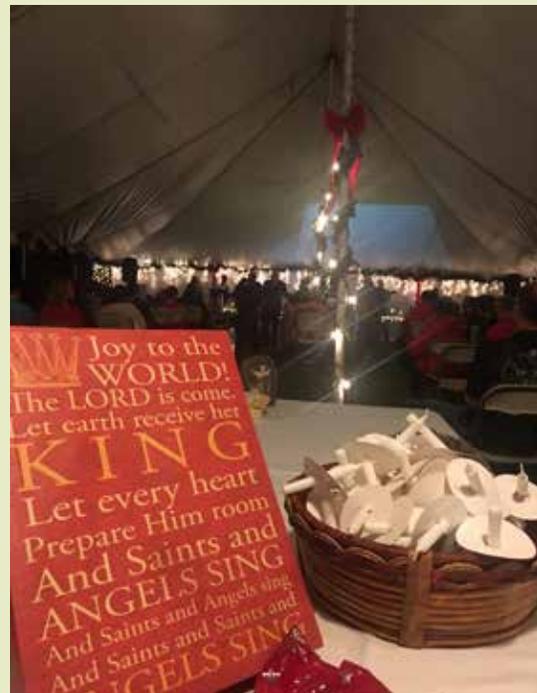
Former names of the congregation were: Pukalani Community Assembly of God; Upcountry Christian Fellowship; and currently, Grace Church.

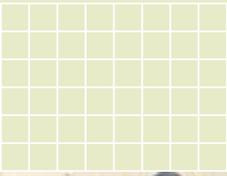


Gene and Eleanor Pisoni answered the call of God to bring the Pentecostal message to the people of Hawaii in 1967, and was ordained, commissioned, and sponsored by his church in Fremont, California.

Upon arriving in Maui, Gene accepted a position as a caretaker on the grounds of the Makawao Union Church on Baldwin Avenue. As he conducted small gatherings of people hungry for the deeper walk with the Holy Spirit, God confirmed His word with signs and wonders, including the Biblical experience of seekers being "filled with the Spirit... and speaking with other tongues." Supernatural healings and gifts of the Holy Spirit soon followed. This became the first Assembly of God church on Maui.

Brother Pisoni moved his group to a Pool Hall in Makawao for a season, and eventually turned over the pastorate to Bill Phelps, who helped the church acquire property in Pukalani on Iolani Street. When Joe Filancia took over the congregation, they were able to purchase 2 acres on Kula Highway, and built a church, a parsonage, and a fellowship Hall. Bud Green and then George Nakagawa took the church people through a





time of remarkable growth and stability. Robert Finberg came after a period without a pastor and assumed leadership in September of 1988. He remains the Pastor till today.

The membership sold those 2 acres and purchased 8 acres to build a \$30 Million outreach center. They are \$8 million into the realization of the vision.

During COVID, while most churches closed, Grace Church remained open. Faced with the challenge, the congregation quickly adapted

and got creative. They held drive-in services until they could set up a tent for outdoor gatherings, renting a radio and antenna to broadcast the message.

Grace Church continues to thrive by remaining faithful to God's calling, committed to prayer, and united in purpose. The church serves the community with love and trusts in God's provision. Moving forward, their hearts are set on His glory as they press on in faith, confident that He will guide, sustain, and multiply the work of their hands.

King's Cathedral & Chapels

Dr. James Marocco

The miracle on Maui began almost 70 years ago with the obedience of a Pentecostal couple, the Creightons. They arrived on Maui on Thanksgiving Day in 1935 to start a church. Sister Creighton was born in Puerto Rico, raised on Maui, and later moved to the mainland as an adult. It was there that she came to know Jesus as her Savior and received a calling from God to return to Maui to preach. Initially, she resisted the call. However,



the Full Gospel Church of Paia. Although the church was not large in number, it was highly influential. Many other churches, both on Maui and across the Hawaiian Islands, were birthed from this wellspring of faith. Around 1950, the Creightons retired and entrusted their work to the Assemblies of God. The church became known as First Assembly of God and relocated from Paia to Central Maui in 1960. Over the years, several pastors came to serve, though many stayed only for a short time.

Dr. James Marocco was pastoring in Honolulu when, in May of 1980, he became the new pastor on Maui. At that time, the church had 80 adults and 20 children. Remarkably, the congregation doubled on his first Sunday. Within a year and a half, Sunday morning attendance had reached 1,000, and in 1981, the church was recognized as one of the fastest-

when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer, with a tumor the size of a grapefruit, she made a covenant with God—if He healed her, she would obey His call to return to Maui. God miraculously healed her, and true to her word, she and her family obeyed.

Sister Creighton's boldness and anointing led to numerous triumphs in the establishment of





growing churches in America. On the first Sunday of 1982, the church moved into its new home—the Maui Skate Palace—the largest auditorium on the island at the time.

In 1983, God spoke to Dr. Marocco, saying, “Just as the mayor of Maui oversees three islands—Maui, Lana’i, and Moloka’i—I want you to pastor three islands.” This revelation birthed the vision of being one church in many congregations.

In 1994, the congregation moved into the Cathedral, which remains their home today. It is one of the largest church buildings in the state of Hawaii. When the church moved into the new building, it had grown to one church with seven congregations. In 1995, God visited the church with a mighty revival, sparking further expansion across the Pacific Rim. Since then,

the church has embraced long-term visions for growth, often spanning three to five years.

In 2020, God gave the church a five-year vision called 12/120—a mission to establish 1,200 congregations ministering to 120,000 people weekly by the end of 2025. Today, the church has congregations in 23 states (with 50 congregations in Hawaii alone) and 22 nations.

The church, now known as King’s Cathedral and Chapels—often referred to as King’s alongside the city where each congregation is located, such as King’s Maui—stands as a living testimony of God’s power and faithfulness. Its remarkable growth and global impact can only be summed up in one phrase: “To God be the glory, great things He has done!”



Oahu

Central Leeward



PASTOR
LOKAHI KOKI

PRESBYTER

- Bethany Assembly of God
- Bethel Chapel
- City of Joy Assembly of God
- Elite Global Ministries
- Ewa Beach Assembly of God
- Faith Assembly of God
- Honolulu Tongan Church
- Jesus Cares Ministries
- King's Mililani*
- King's West*
- Lighthouse Outreach Center
- Makakilo Assembly of God
- Maranatha Christian Church
- Palisades Community Chapel
- Paradise Chapel
- Wahiawa Assembly of God
- Waianae Assembly of God

**Parent Affiliated Church*

Bethany Assembly of God

Ps Blaise Lasconia

The humble beginnings of Bethany Assembly of God can be traced back to the dedication and faith of Eva and Sadie Bloom, former Assemblies of God missionaries to China during the Great Depression. In July 1956, the Bloom sisters resigned from their teaching positions at Aloha Bible Institute in Honolulu to establish a church in the Aiea-Pearl Harbor area.

The first service was held on September 4, 1956, in a Japanese school building, with Eva Bloom serving as pastor, Sadie Bloom

as assistant pastor, and Albert Cardrino as Sunday School Superintendent.

On April 19, 1960, the groundbreaking ceremony took place for the church's current location. Though they faced many challenges along the way, they overcame each one through prayer and

unwavering trust in the Lord. Bethany's church building was officially dedicated on June 23, 1962.

Pastor Bloom retired in August 1976, passing the mantle of leadership to Pastor Albert Cardrino, who faithfully served as senior pastor for 23 years before retiring in 1999. He was



succeeded by Pastor Donald Yoshida Jr., who not only led Bethany Assembly of God but also served as the presbyter of the Hawaii Assemblies of God Central/Leeward section and as the District Secretary for over a decade. After 18 years of ministry and investing in the next generation, Pastor Yoshida retired in 2017.

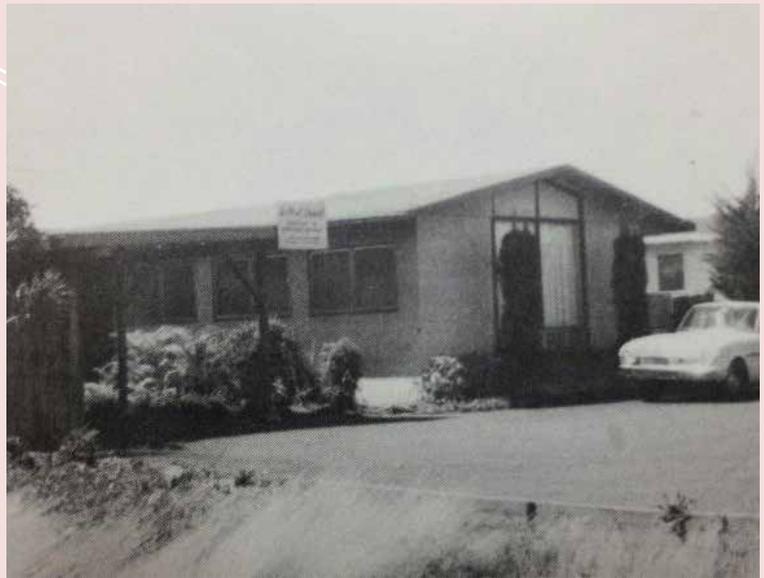
In March 2017, Pastor Blaise Lasconia was installed as senior pastor. Having grown up at Bethany, he was actively involved in children's ministries, Royal Rangers, and the youth group. In 2002, he stepped into a leadership role as a youth leader, where the Lord shaped him into the pastor he is today.

Today, Bethany Assembly of God remains committed to its mission—seeking God, serving others, and spreading His Word. Through faith and perseverance, the church continues to be a beacon of hope and a place of worship for the community.



Bethel Chapel Assembly of God

Ps Alan Bartolome



After graduating from Southern California College (SCC) in 1965, Pastor Cris Bartolome returned to Hawaii, seeking God's direction. After a year of waiting, he embraced every ministry opportunity. In March 1966, God led him to Waipahu, a turning point in his calling. He later learned that another ministry had also been praying about starting work there. After studying the area's population trends and consulting with district officials, Pastor Cris planned to name the church Bethel—and in God's perfect timing, Bethel Chapel was born!

Pastor Cris began holding services at August Ahrens Elementary School, first in a classroom, then in the auditorium as the ministry grew. Many found God's saving grace, while others were spiritually revived and strengthened. "How lovely are the feet of those who bring good news" - Isaiah 52:7.

God blessed Pastor Cris with faithful leaders and workers who stood by him, prayerfully supporting him through the challenges of pioneering the church.

In March 1967, the Waipahu Triangle subdivision opened, and the members began



Pastor Cris & Aurora Bartolome



praying about purchasing land for the church. While a church lot wasn't available, a house lot was purchased instead. Headrick Development built a house with an extended living room, which could be used for services. God miraculously provided the down payment, and in August 1967, the church was dedicated.

As the church grew, the space became too small, and we began praying for another property. We searched in many areas, but acquiring land for a church seemed impossible—developers didn't allocate land for churches, and banks weren't willing to give loans. But God specializes in the impossible! Pastor Cris, also a realtor, noticed a property listed in the wrong section of the multiple listing book. Though we didn't have the funds, God gave us wisdom. With the board of Trustees' approval, Pastor Cris proposed an agreement of sale, which was granted. It was time to work, and praise God, the people were ready. Despite busy schedules, we looked forward to coming to church every Saturday. Pastor Cris came every day, while men worked and women prepared food. During this time, we held services at Waipahu High School, and when it rained, we met at Pastor Cris' home in Salt Lake for all services, Bible studies, and prayer meetings.

In 2021, Reverend Cris became Pastor Emeritus, passing the baton of leadership to his son, Alan Bartolome, and daughter-in-law, Donna Bartolome. Pastor Alan and Donna have continued their love for the community, always engaging in Kingdom and marketplace collaboration. They are passionate about unity within the body of Christ and strive to be a bridge, working to see God's Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Bethel Chapel is also deeply involved in the Waipahu community through various initiatives, including monthly outreach at Waipahu Hall, the annual Champions for Jesus Summer Adventure program, weekly thrift store and prayer walks, bimonthly food distribution, and more. Additionally, Bethel Chapel is committed to foreign missions, with two groups leading international mission trips to the Philippines every year, extending its impact beyond the local community.

Bethel Chapel's vision is to be a house that passionately pursues Jesus Christ and His plan for Waipahu and the world. This vision drives their ongoing efforts to make a positive and lasting impact, both locally and globally.

City of Joy Assembly of God Ps Farley Bayudan

City of Joy Assembly of God was established in November 1993 when Pastor Farley Bayudan was commissioned by Senior Pastor Cris Bartolome of Bethel Chapel to lead their

outreach church, Makaha Bethel Chapel in Waianae. This church later merged with City of Joy AG in Nanakuli, where Pastor Gervacio Blue was also installed as Pastor Emeritus. The congregation initially met for Sunday services at Wallace Theaters, embracing a mission to be a lighthouse of love and service in the community.



Jesus calls His church to care for others, saying, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Guided by this mandate, we have partnered with the Hawaii Food Bank and other agencies since 1996 to provide food and essential resources to families along the Waianae Coast on the first Saturday of each month. This ministry is made possible through dedicated volunteers from local



churches and organizations, including Hawaii Baptist Academy led by Pastor Rob Lockridge, Nanaikapono Protestant Church, Kaiser Hospital, United Airlines, Med-Line Distributors, LDS, Nanakuli High School, and more. Over time, we have expanded our outreach to include used clothing and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, shower benches, toilet elevators, walkers, and glides—freely received and freely given.

In 2022, we joined the Restore, Revive, and Reconnect (3 R’s) initiative, led by Councilwoman Andria Tupola, to reduce homelessness and restore public spaces for the community. This program provides hot meals, social services, employment opportunities, shelter assistance, and family reunification support for those in need.

Later in 2022, Kihei Assembly of God, formerly pastored by Maryann Kaneshiro on Maui, became a Parent Affiliated Church (PAC) under City of Joy AG, further expanding our ministry reach on the Island of Maui.

We are honored to serve our beloved 96792 community and are grateful for the spirit of unity among the local churches and ministries on the Westside. With hearts full of praise, we declare, “Hallelujah!” for all that the Lord has done, is doing, and will continue to do through City of Joy Assembly of God!

▼ Ground Breaking Service with Ps Woodrow Yasuhara



Elite Global Ministries

Ps Rexy Kolone-Jennings

Elite Global Ministries has been a vital part of the Hawaii Assemblies of God for nearly five years! Over this time, we have partnered with the Lord and witnessed countless lives transformed—souls saved, hearts ignited with a love for God, families restored, and miraculous healings experienced.

On June 14, 2020, amidst the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, Elite Global Ministries broke ground in Waianae under the leadership of Pastor Rexy Kolone-Jennings. We gathered outside, under a tent, on land that had once been known for illegal activities. But that day marked the beginning of a powerful transformation.

With God's empowerment and guidance, we set out to change the physical and spiritual atmosphere of the land. We began by clearing trees, grading the entire area, and bringing in loads of dirt. We renovated two bathrooms, ensuring they were safe and accessible for use. The driveway was paved with asphalt, and we cleared much of the accumulated trash that had accumulated over the years. Currently, we are in the process of renovating both the interior and exterior of the church building. The transformation has been no small feat, but God has faithfully provided the laborers and materials we've needed. While there's still much work to be done, we trust that God will continue to meet all our needs.

While progress on the land is important, we recognize that the true heart of our mission lies in the growth of individuals and the



church. Every person is valuable to the Kingdom of God, and our mission statement reflects this: "Guide the Lost, Encourage the Found."

We've held multiple community outreaches that have made a real impact at just the right time for those in need. Additionally, we've built strong relationships with local law enforcement agencies, including the Honolulu Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Crime Reduction Unit, and Department of Land and Natural Resources. We take great joy in developing meaningful connections with the community at large.

As we look to the future, we are excited to continue partnering with the Lord and fellow

Kingdom Builders, believing for even greater works to be done! Here on earth, as it is in Heaven!



Ewa Beach Assembly of God

Ps Chevis English



The ministry of Ewa Beach Assembly of God began in 1958 as an outreach effort by the adult Bible class of Wahiawa Assembly of God. The first gathering took place in a private home under the leadership of Mrs. Lucille Headrick. Later that year, the growing congregation moved into an abandoned

plantation building in Ewa town, which had previously been used as a draftsman's office.

In May 1960, Reverend Fred Cordeiro was appointed as their pastor. The following year, the church acquired land in what is now known as Makule Road in Ewa Beach. Reverend Cordeiro and the congregation worked together to build the new structure.

In November 1962, the congregation settled into their newly constructed church. From that day forward, attendance flourished. With joy, Reverend Cordeiro proclaimed, "Truly, the Ewa Beach church has become a lighthouse in the Hawaiian Islands and is steadily growing. Thanks be to God."

In February 1976, Reverend Cordeiro passed away, and his son, Frederick "Duke" Cordeiro, became pastor until August 1979. Reverend Robert Stalcup then served as interim pastor before being officially installed on October 7, 1979.

Under Reverend Stalcup's leadership, God miraculously opened doors for expansion. The church was able to acquire three adjacent parcels of land. The property in front was paved for parking, while the back property was eventually divided and sold.

In March 2013, construction began on a new



◀ Ps Robert & Kathy Stalcup



sanctuary on the land next to the church. The first official service in the newly built sanctuary was held on August 10, 2014. The original sanctuary was renovated and repurposed as the Administration Building, now serving multiple functions for the church.

After faithfully serving as pastor for 41 years, Reverend Stalcup retired in April 2021. Throughout his ministry, he and the church remained a steadfast beacon of faith in the community.

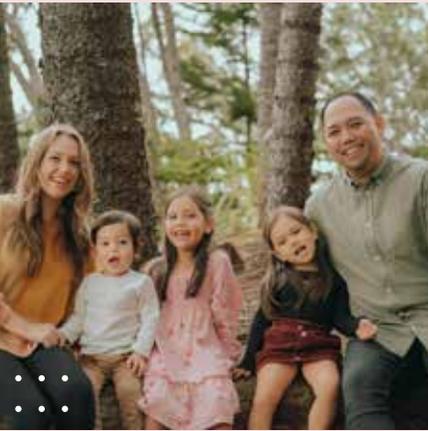
On April 4, 2021, Reverend Chevis English was officially installed as the new pastor. Under his leadership, the church continues the legacy established by those before him. Today, Ewa Beach Assembly of God offers multiple Bible studies and small groups, along with several community outreach programs. The church organizes an annual drive-by food distribution and a weekly food ministry serving the homeless, local schools, and elderly care homes. Additionally, the church actively participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program, Liliha Care Home Outreach, and much more.

On November 2, 2022, we celebrated 60 years since our church's first service on Makule Road. Reverend English humbled and honored to continue the work of ministry. With a heart full of anticipation, he looks forward to all that the Lord has in store for Ewa Beach Assembly of God. As the Lord directs our steps, he is excited to be a part of reaching the lost and discipling God's people for His Kingdom.



Faith Assembly of God

Ps Eric Delos Reyes



Situated in the heart of the Waipio Valley neighborhood, Faith Assembly of God in Mililani, has been a beacon of hope and spiritual transformation for over five decades. Established in 1968 as Faith Tabernacle Assembly of God by Reverend Harold Headrick, the church was founded with

a vision to share the message of Christ with Mililani and its surrounding communities.

In August 1978, Reverend William and Bonnie Lou Ashpole, along with their children, began their ministry at Faith Tabernacle, joined by Reverend Robert and Dorothy Leong and their family, working together to fulfill God's plan. A year later, the church was renamed Faith Assembly of God, marking a new chapter in its mission.

After 23 years of faithful service, the Ashpoles retired in June 2002, and Reverend Robert Leong was installed as the Senior Pastor. Following many years of dedicated service, Reverend Robert and Dorothy Leong retired in September 2019, passing the leadership

to Reverend Eric and Rachel Delosreyes, who continue to carry out the church's mission.

More than just a place of worship, Faith Assembly of God has remained a cornerstone of community life, committed to advancing the Kingdom of God by promoting spiritual growth, strengthening families, and serving those in need. Over the years, the church has developed into a vibrant, multi-ethnic, and family-oriented congregation passionate about loving God and people. Its ministries and services are designed to meet both the spiritual and practical needs of its members and the broader community.

The pursuit of authentic relationship with God remains the foundation of the church, evident in the transformed lives of its people. Many have experienced salvation, been filled with the Holy Spirit, and received healing through the power of Jesus Christ. The unwavering dedication and leadership of committed members have also been instrumental in the church's continued blessings and growth.

Throughout its history, Faith Assembly of God has remained steadfast in creating a welcoming environment where all people can know God, grow in community, discover their God-given purpose, and use their gifts to serve others. Today, the church stands as a spiritual oasis in the desert, where people with real needs encounter a real God.

As Faith Assembly of God moves forward, it remains dedicated to sharing God's love and transforming lives in Mililani and beyond.





Honolulu Tongan Assembly of God

Ps Samson Ma'u



BEGINNINGS

In March 1994, Reverend Filimone Ma'u and his wife, Mele Ma'u, arrived on O'ahu with their two children to assume the role of Senior Pastor at Honolulu Tongan Assembly of God (AG). At the time, the church was under the supervision of Pastor Harold Headrick of

Honolulu Assembly of God.

In 1997, Reverend Ma'u led the congregation to its current location in Waipahu, shifting the church's focus toward reaching and ministering to the Tongan community.

EXPANDING THE MINISTRY

With a heart for evangelism, Reverend Ma'u established The Voices of Zion, an evangelistic youth choir dedicated to sharing the Gospel through song and performance. The choir toured New Zealand and California, using music and drama as powerful tools for outreach. Whether at church conferences, funerals, birthdays, or community gatherings, The Voices of Zion faithfully ministered wherever they went.

Beyond music, Reverend Ma'u actively led outreaches and home visits, striving to reach Tongans across O'ahu. The church's mission

extended beyond Honolulu, with teams traveling to Hilo, Maui, and Kaua'i, spreading the love of Christ throughout the islands.

In 2002, Reverend Ma'u was elected as President and General Presbyter of the U.S. Tongan Fellowship, further expanding his influence within the global Tongan Christian community. A decade later, in 2012, he was appointed General Superintendent of the World Tongan AG Fellowship, a testament to his dedication and leadership.

A LEGACY OF FAITH

On December 31, 2024, Reverend Filimone Ma'u went home to be with the Lord after faithfully serving as Senior Pastor of Honolulu Tongan AG for 30 years. His unwavering commitment to the Gospel, his love for his people, and his tireless work in ministry left a lasting legacy.

A NEW CHAPTER

On January 19, 2025, Samson Ma'u and his wife, Mele Ma'u, stepped into the role of Senior Pastors of Honolulu Tongan AG. With Nehemiah 2:17-18 as the foundation, the church embraced the theme for 2025: "Come, Let Us Build."

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Honolulu Tongan AG continues to move forward, pressing toward the mark and remaining steadfast in its mission to reach, restore, and build for the glory of God.

Jesus Cares Ministries

Ps Gloria Manera

After nearly a decade of serving as an Associate Pastor at Bethel Chapel, the late Reverend Jaime C. Manera was led by the Holy Spirit to establish Jesus Cares Ministries. The church held its first service on July 7, 1996, at the Nix Dance Studio in Aiea. Following Reverend Manera's passing on June 6, 2002, his wife, Gloria P. Manera, faithfully carried on the ministry, continuing to lead the church with unwavering dedication.

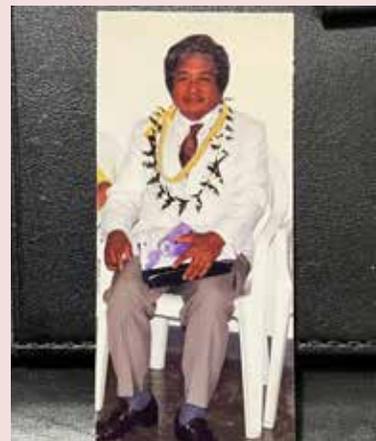
Throughout the years, Jesus Cares Ministries has faced the challenge of relocating and renting various venues. Yet, God's faithfulness has remained evident. Today, He has blessed the church with a property in Waipahu, which is currently undergoing renovations to better serve the growing congregation.

On July 6, 2025, Jesus Cares Ministries will joyfully celebrate its

29th anniversary. Over the past 29 years, the ministry has flourished, planting seven daughter churches—one in Kunia, Oahu, and six in the Philippines—expanding its reach and impact for the Kingdom of God.

In addition to in-person gatherings, the ministry shares the gospel through media outreach. A radio program airs every Saturday morning from 8:00 to 8:30am on KNDI 1270 AM, and Sunday services are recorded and broadcast on Olelo Channel 55 every Monday from 9:30 to 10:30am.

With the continued prayers and support of the Hawaii Assemblies of God and the church's dedicated pastoral staff, Jesus Cares Ministries remains committed to the vision Reverend Jaime C. Manera started—proclaiming the gospel, discipling believers, and expanding the Kingdom of God for generations to come.



▲ Rev. Jaimie C. Manera

Makakilo Assembly of God

Ps John Carlson

Henry "Lucky" Williams Sr. was once known as the "bull" of Ewa Village Estates—until he met God. By His grace, Henry was transformed and, for the next 10 years, became a bull for God's work. He is the founding pastor of Makakilo Assembly of God.

In 1977, Henry's children begged him to attend church, and on his very first Sunday, he accepted the Lord. The following week, his beloved wife, Esther, also received Christ. Their family made Ewa Beach Assembly of God their home church.

Two years later, Pastor William Ashpole approached Henry about starting a ministry in Makakilo, a community without an Assembly of God church. After receiving confirmation from the Lord and the blessing of their pastor, Bob Stalcup, Henry and Esther pioneered a church in lower Makakilo, holding services in a World War II army bunker. They faithfully served, watching God establish and grow the ministry. In 1987, the Lord called Henry home.

Leadership then passed to Jackie and Fama Overby, who continued reaching the community and improving the bunker. In 1998, they felt led to transition into evangelistic work.

John and Shirley Carlson, the current pastors, were then chosen to lead. In 2006, the church relocated from the bunker to the Makakilo Community Park Recreation Center.

Today, Makakilo Assembly of God ministers online and through home Bible studies. They also run an outreach called "Daily Word," sending Scripture and encouragement via text to people across Hawaii, the U.S., and overseas. Many have testified to salvation, healing, and renewed faith. The church remains grateful for the opportunity to share the Gospel and impact lives for Christ.



Lighthouse Outreach Center

Ps Headrick Hunkin

The Lighthouse Outreach Center was founded in 1997 in Awane'i, Waipahu, beginning with humble roots. The church initially met in a rented garage for its early services. Within two to three years (1999-2001), the congregation grew to include more than 50 youth members, who were soon taken on their first mission trip to the Big Island, where the first PAC Church was established. This model set the foundation for the next decade (2002-2012), during which the church organized at least one mission trip annually. These trips focused on planting new churches, launching new ministries, and providing relief efforts for natural disasters such as earthquakes and flooding. Missions became a vital part of what God had in store for the church family.

Believing that God created people to live in community—to grow together and strengthen one another—the church embraced its calling to plant new churches. Over the course of ten years (2003-2013), nearly 18 churches were established as God moved powerfully through the ministry.

In addition to church planting, the Lighthouse Outreach Center

developed close relationships with local businesses and formed a significant partnership with Good360. Through this collaboration, the church was able to purchase retail products at a fraction of their market price. For instance, products valued at \$25,000 could be obtained for as little as \$75. These items, sourced from major retailers such as Ross and Walmart, were distributed to the community through outreach programs.

Each year, the church organizes four major outreach events: the Back-to-School Celebration, Hallelujah Night, an early Thanksgiving celebration, and an early Christmas celebration. These events have impacted the city in profound ways, with attendance ranging from 500 to nearly 5,000



people. By God's grace, after 20 years of ministry, the church was able to purchase land in Waipahu for \$1.2 million, securing a permanent home base.

The church has also been blessed with the opportunity to partner with Toys for Tots. This year marks six years of volunteering with the organization, during which more than 50,000 toys have been distributed to families throughout the community and across the island of Oahu.

Beyond meeting physical needs, the ministry has witnessed many individuals accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, experience water baptism, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Serving in ministry under the Hawaii District has been an incredible blessing. God has expanded the church's reach and influence, strengthening both its ministers and congregations. Praise the Lord!



Lighthouse PACs

- Believer's Lighthouse Outreach Center
- Chuukese Ahava LOC
- Da House Lighthouse Outreach Center
- Fellowship In Christ Church and Ministry Samoa
- Genesis Warriors LOC
- Hearts of Warship LOC
- Hilo Lighthouse Outreach Center
- Lighthouse Outreach Center Utah
- New Beginnings LOC
- New Beginnings Lighthouse Outreach Center Las Vegas
- Sacramento Lighthouse Outreach Center
- Seattle Lighthouse Outreach Center
- Soul Planters Ministry Lighthouse Outreach Center
- Tacoma Lighthouse Outreach Center



Maranatha Christian Church

Ps Cir Domingo



After experiencing a miraculous healing from the Lord while on his deathbed, Pastor Capistrano Albito received a divine vision to establish a church service in the small yet spiritually significant community of Whitmore Village in Wahiawa, Hawaii. This village, historically known as the birthplace of Hawaiian royalty, became the birthplace of another legacy on May 25, 1961—the founding of Maranatha Christian Church & Academy in obedience to God’s calling.



For nearly 64 years, this ministry has served as God’s instrument, extending His saving love, healing power, and life-transforming presence to the men, women, and children of this community and beyond. Through the years, we have witnessed countless testimonies of salvation, restoration, and divine healing—lives changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. We have seen individuals surrender their hearts to Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, the sick miraculously healed from cancer and other life-threatening diseases, and families restored through the grace of God.

Our church continues to be a place of worship, fellowship, and

discipleship. Every Sunday, we gather for an Ilocano-language Worship Service, followed by a Multi-ethnic Worship Service, welcoming people from different backgrounds to unite in praise. Throughout the week, we remain connected through Life Groups, prayer gatherings, and home visitations, ensuring that no one walks their spiritual journey alone.

At the heart of our ministry is a simple yet powerful mission:

“Love God. Love People. Change Your World.”

This is the lifestyle we have embraced as we carry out the Great Commission—to go and make disciples of all nations. With unwavering faith, we press forward, knowing that the work God began in this place will continue to impact generations to come.



Palisades Community Chapel

Ps Jimmy Corn

Palisades Community Chapel (PCC) began as an outreach ministry of Faith Tabernacle Assembly of God, pastored by Rev. Harold B. Headrick, in January 1970. The first organizational meeting was held on January 2, 1970, at the home of Rev. Glynn and Mrs. Weant, who became PCC's first pastor. With the help of Rev. Headrick, Rev. Weant, Aron Cook, and dedicated church members, the present church building was constructed and dedicated on January 18, 1970, with Rev. Harold Headrick delivering the message and Rev. Woodrow Yasuhara leading the dedication ceremony.

PCC was officially incorporated on April 22, 1976, and became affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God on April 15, 1977.

Pastors Who Have Served:

- Rev. Glynn Weant (Jan 1970 – Apr 1971)
- Rev. David Veliquette (Apr 1971 – Nov 1971)
- Rev. Mariano N. Zezzo (Dec 1971 – Nov 1972)
- Rev. William Ah You (Nov 1972 – Feb 1995)
- Rev. Edgar Hanohano (Feb 1995 – Mar 2021)



In September 2003, under Pastor Edgar Hanohano's leadership and with the endorsement of Pastor George Nagato, District Superintendent of the Hawaii Assemblies of God, Hawaii Bible Institute began offering Berean courses at PCC for potential credential holders. The first commencement took place in August 2005.

Pastor Edgar Hanohano went to be with the Lord on March 29, 2021. On September 19, 2021, Pastor James L. "Jimmy" Corn was installed as the new pastor by District



◀ Ps Edgar Hanohano

Superintendent Klayton Ko and officially took office on October 1, 2021. Pastor Jimmy was very grateful for the Christian College program offered at Palisades Community Chapel, as he was a graduate of the program.

Since Pastor Jimmy took leadership, the church has been focused on restoring the church building, making major improvements to the media/music room and the prayer room. Restoration efforts are ongoing, and the church trusts that God will continue to supply their needs. God has blessed them with the provisions necessary for these improvements.

The church is experiencing growth in attendance, welcoming new members, former members, and visitors. Through the Outreach Ministry, they actively canvas the community, standing as a beacon of light, offering hope and salvation to the lost.

Romans 15:13 (NLT)

“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”



Paradise Chapel of the Assemblies of God

Ps Ronaldo Pascua

Paradise Chapel of the Assemblies of God has been a cornerstone of spiritual transformation on the Waianae Coast. Its journey began in the mid-1950s, led by a military service member, Doug Pew, and his wife, Dorothy, who felt called to serve the community. Together, they established Maili Assembly of God, which they faithfully pioneered for the first decade.

During the mid-1960s and 1970s, the church experienced frequent transitions in leadership, with pastors serving between 2 to 5 years. Among these leaders were Robert Bell, Jack Smith, Iksoo Kim, Robert Leong, Richard Evans, and Weldon Fortenberry. Under Weldon Fortenberry's leadership, the church was

renamed Paradise Chapel of the Assemblies of God, marking a new chapter in its history.

In 1980, George and Rose Nagato were called to lead Paradise Chapel. Pastor Nagato's

ministry prioritized caregiving and outreach,



helping individuals move from "brokenness to wholeness" through initiatives that supported the homeless, nursing homes, and transitional housing.

The church established a legacy of impactful ministries, including children's programs, sports outreach, music and drama initiatives, and global mission trips to places such as Kenya, Thailand, and the Philippines. Paradise Chapel dedicated itself to equipping members as lay ministers and fostering spiritual growth through worship, discipleship, fellowship, and evangelism. Additionally, the church expanded its facilities, achieved debt-free status, and positioned itself for continued growth.



▼ Dr. George & Rose Nagato





In 2015, after 34 years of ministry, Pastor Nagato passed the leadership baton to Ronaldo Pascua, who carried on the mission of transforming lives locally and globally. With a vision centered on reaching the lost, inspiring transformation, and encouraging impactful living, Paradise Chapel remains committed to serving its community and beyond while nurturing disciples who will guide others to grow in faith.

The disciple-making system was further enhanced with the development and expansion of Connect Groups, emphasizing the importance of accountability, fellowship, and shared life experiences. The implementation of the Growth Track has provided individuals with the tools to discover their spiritual family and realize their life's purpose.

During this period, the church launched

its website and began streaming worship services—steps that proved invaluable when the pandemic reshaped church practices worldwide. These efforts have also enabled the church to extend its reach and share the Good News with a broader audience.

As the new decade approaches, Paradise Chapel remains steadfast in its mission to see lives saved, transformed, and impactful. Committed to fostering spiritual growth and emotional well-being, the church aspires to embody God's presence and power, working to transform the Waianae Coast into a community deeply rooted in spiritual intimacy and renewal.



Waianae Assembly of God

Ps Abigail Eli

Waianae Assembly of God has been a beacon of hope in the Waianae community since its humble beginnings in 1986. What began as a vision given to Pastor William E. Ah You of Palisades Community Chapel Assembly of God transformed into a vibrant outreach at the Waianae Recreation Center, where approximately 30 people gathered for Friday evening services. By January 1987, the fellowship was officially named Waianae Assembly of God, and services expanded to Sunday afternoons.

A significant milestone occurred on September 6, 1987, when Jeffrey H. Yamashita and his wife Barbara were installed as senior pastors, beginning a faithful ministry that would span over three decades. Through the years, the church journeyed through various locations—from Makaha Elementary School’s cafeteria to a rented building on Jade Street, and then to Waianae High School—before achieving the remarkable blessing of completing their first church building in January 2021.

Though the congregation experienced profound loss with Pastor Jeffrey Yamashita’s passing in April 2021 after a brief battle with cancer, God’s faithfulness remained evident as

Pastor Abigail Eli was installed as lead pastor in June 2021, now serving alongside her husband, Assistant Pastor Shane Kalani Arthur since March 2023.

Throughout its history, Waianae Assembly of God has maintained a steadfast commitment to community service, ministering to the homeless, nursing home residents, needy families, and local schools.

Today, the church continues to experience God’s miraculous work through powerful moves of the Holy Spirit, standing firmly on the Word of God as its foundation, joining with other local churches in worship and prayer, and



◀ Pastors Jeffrey & Barbara Yamashita

witnessing numerous testimonies of divine intervention in both the congregation and community. As they proclaim that "Jesus is Lord," Waianae Assembly of God remains committed to being a blessing to others and building up the Waianae community for generations to come.



Wahiawa Assembly of God

Ps Sarah Aranio

In Central Oahu among the pineapple fields, Rev. Harold Headrick pioneered the Lighthouse Assembly of God in 1949. After Pastor Headrick resigned in August 1958, several pastors served at Wahiawa until Rev. Don & Verbena Landers came in 1974. Rev. Landers paved the way for such innovations as the Singing Christmas Tree, human videos, and a local Christian television program.

In 2001 the Lord called Rev. James and Erena Menchaca back to their island home after relocating to California where they pastored for 20 years. During their time at Wahiawa Assembly of God, the Menchacas served to minister healing and restoration at a very crucial time in the church's history.

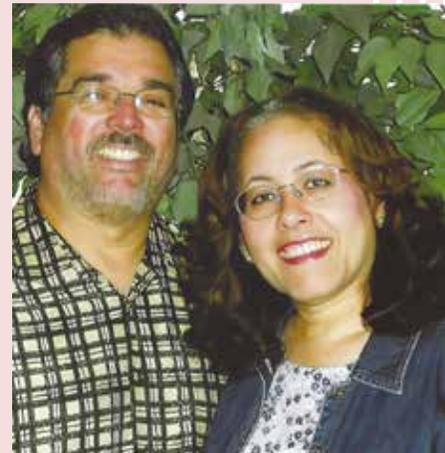
In 2007, Pastor Sarah & Colan Aranio and their two children, Justice & Lana, began pastoring Wahiawa AG. During the first seven years there, Sarah also served as the Administrative Assistant to Dr. George Nagato, then District



(#7), have had Girls' Ministries (including a "Ties & Tiaras Dinner" for fathers & daughters), Youth ministries, and conducted summertime Kids' Krusades. The men have consistently prepared and delivered monthly meals for neighboring homeless people. For three years, Wahiawa AG reached out to the community and established relationships with many families through the Lions of Judah Big Boyz Football team. The church has been actively involved with other Christian churches in Wahiawa on an annual basis to impact our community through a Family Fun Fair.

Much attention has been given to rebuilding and repairing facilities: A new fellowship hall

▼ Rev. Don & Verbena Landers



Rev. James and Erena Menchaca ▲

Superintendent of the Hawaii Assemblies of God. In November 2023, the Aranios celebrated 40 years of ministry in Hawaii which included four years at The Church at Koloa on Kaua'i, 20 years at Paradise Chapel in Ma'ili and, at that time, 16 years at Wahiawa AG.

At Wahiawa, the Aranios have placed much emphasis on the teaching and preaching of God's Word, having established a Berean School of the Bible, as well as on leadership and interpersonal ministry, having trained several Stephen Ministers. They have maintained an active Royal Rangers outpost

was built in 2006-2007, repairs were performed in the parsonage in 2012, and the "Prophet's Chambers" were refurbished in 2014. Attention is currently being focused on replacing the Sanctuary roof, upgrading the entire electrical system, and restoring classrooms.

God has been faithful over the past 77 years to establish and grow Wahiawa Assembly of God, and we look forward to many more decades of winning the lost and making disciples in Central Oahu!

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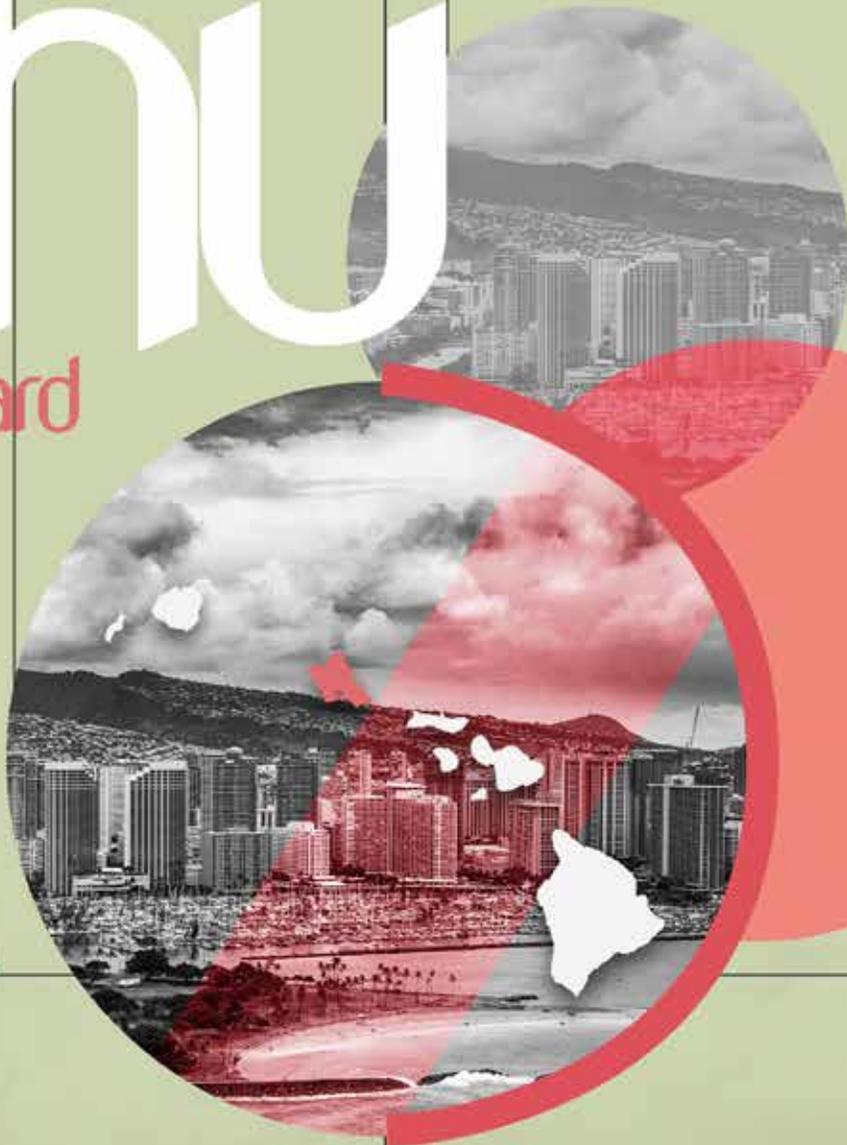


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TERRY WONG

PRESBYTER

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Bayview Chapel

Ps Renee Lo



▲ Ps Kirk & Cindy Akasaki

In 1960, Rev. Glen McCollister, then pastor of Kailua Assembly of God, graciously released a group of believers to establish what would become Bayview Chapel. Kailua Assembly of God continued to support the new fellowship by providing essential materials, including Sunday school curriculum, as the congregation began meeting at Ben Parker School, where they gathered for four years.



In May 1965, men from Faith Tabernacle and Wahiawa Assembly of God, along with Pastors Harold Headrick and Woodrow Yasuhara, came together to help construct the church at its current location. Dedicated volunteers worked faithfully every Saturday until the building was completed. Though construction was still ongoing, the church was officially dedicated on June 12, 1966, marking a significant milestone in Bayview Chapel's history.

Since its humble beginnings, Bayview Chapel has been pastored by various pastors who have led faithfully;

Rev. Homer Rugwell (1960-1966),
Rev. David Paco (1966-1968),
Rev. Frank Ortiz, Sr. (1968-1971),
Rev. Eugene Mullens (1971-1973),
Rev. Frank Ortiz, Jr. (1973-1973),
Rev. James Miller (1973-1976),
Rev. Leon Hiebert (1976-1989),
Rev. Harry Pischcura (1989-1992),
Rev. Claude Black (1993-1994),
Rev. Douglas Gugadan (1995-1998),
Rev. Ernest Hiebert (1999-1999),
Rev. Fred Jensen (2000-2005),
Rev. Kimberley Small (2005-2011),
Rev. Kirk Akasaki (2011-2022), and
Rev. Renee Lo (2023-current).

Last year, we continued to audaciously serve our community and beyond, focusing first on discipleship within our church before stepping out to demonstrate the love of Jesus in action. Many of our members embraced this call by participating in several mission trips throughout the year, bringing hope and the message of Christ to those in need.

Bayview Chapel continues to be driven by a deep desire to proclaim God's goodness and fulfill His purpose. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to making disciples, equipping believers, and reaching the lost with the transformative power of the gospel. Whether through local outreach, global missions, or everyday acts of love and service, we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that desperately needs Him.



Cedar Assembly of God

Ps David Stone

Cedar Assembly of God has a unique and inspiring history rooted in service, compassion, and faith. The church began humbly out of a Bible study led by Pastor Jimmy Yamada at a local food bank distribution. This Bible study was held weekly for people facing economic and personal challenges, many of whom were struggling with homelessness, limited employment opportunities, and health issues.

The attendees began to ask if they could become a formal church. Their desire for a spiritual community led to the creation of Cedar Assembly of God. In 2007, the church officially formed, and Pastor Jimmy and Diana Yamada became the first senior pastor, dedicating his life to helping those who were struggling and marginalized. Despite facing hardships, the congregation was filled with individuals who

were passionate about their growing faith and eager to support one another.

In 2010, the church moved to its current location, expanding its ability to serve the community. In 2016, we purchased the property, solidifying our presence in the community for generations to come.

After years of faithful service, Pastor Jimmy

retired in 2020. The church had grown and flourished, with a strong foundation built on the principles of Agape, service, and faith. In his place, Pastor Darrick Nakata, a disciple of Pastor Jimmy, stepped into the role of senior pastor. Alongside his wife, Missy, Pastor Darrick



▼ Ps Darrick & Missy Nakata



Ps Jimmy Yamada ▲

continued the preaching and running of the church, also overseeing the Dream Center for those reentering the community from incarceration and drug treatment.

In 2023, Pastor Darrick and Missy felt God calling them to move to the mainland to be closer to family. As a result, David Stone was appointed as the new senior pastor. Pastor David, along with his team, is now leading the church into the next chapter.

Today, we continue to be a Christ-centered community, rooted in love and service. Located in Kalihi Palama, our mission is to honor and reflect Jesus' love in all we do. We welcome everyone to our Sunday services and Friday night Bible studies. Our outreach includes food distribution on the second and fourth Tuesdays, three hot meals weekly for the homeless, and the Cedar Thrift Store providing essentials.

The Dream Center, a 20+ bed transitional housing program, has helped over 150 men and women rebuild their lives with a 60% success rate. This 12-month program focuses on work readiness, financial independence, and spiritual renewal.

Through worship, service, and outreach, Cedar Assembly of God remains committed to transforming lives and sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ.



Calvary Assembly of God

Dr Terry Wong



Calvary Assembly, a church of over 68 years old, has been pastored by six ordained ministers. In 1956 Rev. Albert Kehr, a former missionary to China, planted Calvary to reach the Chinese in Honolulu. In 1967 Rev. Howard Ha from Victoria Chinese Pentecostal Church (VCPC) became the first Chinese senior pastor, who pastored for 9 years. Rev. Alan Leong pastored for 2 years, then Rev. Wai Pun Siu, father of Sister Sharon Ko, for 21 years. After he retired, Rev. Stephen Cheah pastored for 2 years. In 2001, Rev. Terry Wong, who grew up at VCPC, appropriately became the 6th senior pastor and has led the church for over 23 years.



Calvary has long been known for being the first Pentecostal church in Hawaii to the Chinese. The Chinese congregation, led by Ps Aaron Tsang, continues to be strong with four generations of Cantonese-speaking and Mandarin-speaking Chinese. New converts are being saved on a regular basis.

is a high degree of unity between members, even though many are separated by languages. Most of the younger members are English-speaking but feel connected to the Chinese-speaking members because of frequent joint activities such as family services, picnics and potlucks.

Calvary has always been a family church. There

Ps Stephen & Mrs Cheah ▼



▲ Ps Albert & Mrs Kehr



▲ Ps Howard Ha



▲ Ps Alan & Mrs. leong



▲ Ps Wai Pun & Mrs Siu





During the past two decades, Calvary has been known locally, nationally, and even internationally as a missions church. Twenty-one annual missions conferences, including the most recent one held in November, 2024, have inspired members to be involved in missions praying, giving, and going. The practice of submitting faith promises has resulted in over \$6M given to missions. The preparation and planning of going on short-term and long-term missions trips has sent over 400 people to many countries. The initiative of starting churches has planted over 200 churches in China, India, East Timor, Thailand, and Brazil. The established daughter church and school in Brazil raised up a team to plant a church in the Amazon. In addition to foreign missions activities, a home missions Hawaii Restoration Center has been established to provide groceries, hot meals, and community events to the Kalihi neighborhood.

Calvary has also been known to be a Spirit-driven church. Pentecostal worship and spiritual gifts are practiced regularly. Healing teams are

raised up to pray for the sick, with faith-building results.

After 23+ years, Rev. Dr. Terry Wong has decided to step down as the senior pastor, as God has called him to a more apostolic ministry. On March 2, 2025, the congregation held an Aloha farewell service and lunch fellowship to celebrate Pastors Terry and Vicky Wong on their dedicated service. Calvary Assembly of God is now well positioned to grow, as it anticipates a new leader to take them into a life-changing future.

Central Samoan Assembly of God

Ps Vaaiva Aiese

The Central Samoan Assembly of God was established in 1974 at First Assembly of God in Lunalilo to serve the Samoan community in Hawaii. Pastor Eddie T. Laulu and his wife, Lotomua, were called from American Samoa to serve as the church's first pastoral leaders. Pastor Eddie, affectionately called "Pops," was remembered as a man of deep faith, a teacher of the Word, and a visionary. He was known for his warm smile, and his memory is dearly missed.

After Pastor Eddie went home to glory, the church was faithfully led by a succession of pastors: Pastor Luai Lisala, Pastor Jesse Seumanu, Pastor John Opeta, and Pastor Vaaiva Olomua Aiese. Each pastor contributed in their own way to strengthening the church's foundation while remaining true to its core values: God, Family, and Church.

For five decades, Central Samoan AG has stood as a steadfast witness to God's light in Hawaii, actively engaging in community projects and outreach efforts. The church has always sought to serve, helping wherever and whenever possible.

In 2024, the church celebrated its 50th Anniversary, honoring the

countless individuals who have passed through its doors. Some still call Hawaii home, while many have moved to other parts of the world, continuing to serve in ministry and living lives that glorify the Lord.

Today, Central Samoan AG remains a spiritual home for the Samoan community in Honolulu. The church continues to support missionaries around the world, uphold its commitment to faith and family, and look toward the future. With God's guidance, plans are in place to build much-needed facilities to expand the ministry and further His Kingdom.

To God be the glory—Cheers to what He has done, is doing, and will continue to do!



Hawaii Church for the Deaf

Ps Samantha Johnson

God began planting the seeds for what would become Hawaii Church for the Deaf in the mid-1960s when future pastor David Schiewek was stationed in Hawaii with the Coast Guard. A transfer to Michigan led David and his wife, Juanita, to learn sign language, where they felt a divine call to return to Hawaii. Answering that call, they moved back to Oahu in 1968.

The church's beginnings were humble, starting in 1972 with just three deaf women at First Assembly of God. In time, God provided a house near the Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind in Kapahulu, where Hawaii Church for the Deaf would grow and fellowship for over 30 years. During those early years, Loretta McDonald brought a group of deaf children from the Baptist Church, and with the support of volunteers from First Assembly of God and Honolulu Assembly of God, the church established a longstanding

religious education program to reach students at the Deaf school.

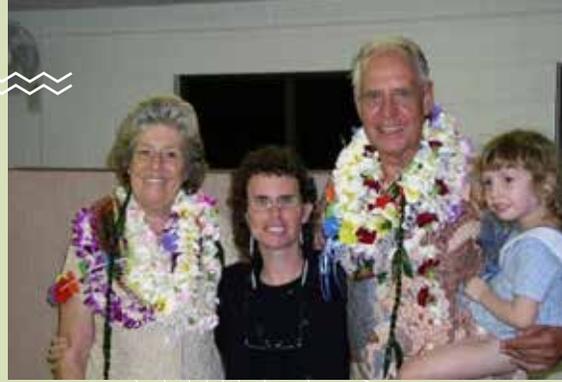
For many years, the church provided transportation, teaching, and a place of worship and fellowship for the Deaf community in Hawaii. It also expanded its ministry through Deaf camps and the Hands of Aloha Deaf choir, creating opportunities for outreach and spiritual growth.

In 1995, God led college student Samantha Johnson to spend the summer with Hawaii Church for the Deaf as part of her college internship. Two years later, in late 1997, she moved to Hawaii permanently. She first served as Assistant Pastor before succeeding Pastor David as Senior Pastor upon his retirement in 2004.

Following this transition, Hawaii Church for the Deaf initially held services in the cafeteria and later in the library of the Deaf school, continuing to serve the community until the Covid pandemic disrupted in-person gatherings. Over the years, the church developed a strong relationship with Kapahulu Bible Church, which, in a gracious act of partnership, has since opened its doors to the Deaf church for worship and fellowship.

Please keep Hawaii Church for the Deaf in your prayers, asking for God's continued guidance and provision. May the harvest of Deaf souls in Hawaii grow abundantly, bringing glory to His name.

◀ Ps David Schiewek



First Assembly of God

Ps Klayton Ko

RED HILL MAIN CAMPUS

First Assembly of God was conceived in the heart of God long before Eldon and Juanita Vincent answered the call to come to Honolulu to plant a church on December 19, 1946. On February 23, 1947, the first service was held in the old Lincoln School auditorium across from Thomas Square.

An empty lot at the corner of Lunalilo Street and Victoria Street was eventually purchased, and services were initially held outdoors under a canopy, then in a Quonset hut. As the congregation grew, it became necessary to move into the unfinished church building in June 1948. From the very beginning, Pastor Eldon Vincent established a thriving children's

ministry, reaching 700 children, and founded the Aloha Bible Institute to train future leaders.

In May 1950, First Assembly of God hosted the first Island-wide Convention of the Assemblies of God in Hawai'i. During this historic gathering, the new church building was officially dedicated on Sunday, May 21.

Encouraged by Pastor Vincent, Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Yasuhara began the Japanese Ministry of First Assembly of God. (Rev. Yasuhara served as Associate Pastor for over 50 years and as the Superintendent of the Hawaii Assemblies of God for a total of 30 years.)

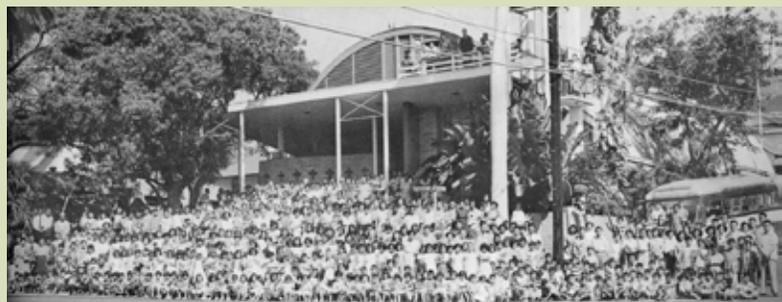
In December 1969, Pastor Francis Sturgeon was elected as senior pastor and led significant renovations to the church. In 1973, Pastor Sam Sasser brought a fresh wave of worship and ignited a passion for missions. Pastor Sasser's leadership also laid the groundwork for global outreach. In 1976, Pastor Roy Sapp expanded the church's influence both locally



and internationally, leading to significant growth in its impact and reach.

It was soon apparent that the church had once more outgrown its facilities. Pastor Sapp played a pivotal role in moving the church to its current property at 3400 Moanalua Road on Red Hill in October 1990.

In September 1994, Pastor Klayton Ko was elected Senior Pastor. Under his leadership, the church moved beyond simply giving to actively planting churches, expanding the reach of the gospel. The church's missions program regularly sends dedicated teams to nations around the world, while its local outreaches serve the community through our Ambassadors for Christ evangelisms, Food for Friends, Prison Ministry,





the Shelter Homeless Ministry and much more. The Shelter, that was started in 2018 in Kahaluu, now has great plans to expand and begin another chapter in Waianae.

Since humble beginnings, First Assembly of God has witnessed exponential growth, now extending across six vibrant campuses on Oahu and one on the Big Island.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD — WINDWARD



The Windward campus held its first service in October 1999 at the Mount Zion property under the leadership of Pastor Hock Lin Chua. This marked the beginning of a flourishing ministry in the Windward region. On August 14, 2005, Pastor Janet Kusuhara took over as regional pastor and continued to lead with vision and heart for the community until 2011. Pastor Robert Tokunaga then took on the role of regional pastor on June 5, 2011, continuing the work in Windward with renewed energy and commitment. In January 2017, Pastors Horace and Talei Chee-Manuia were installed as the new regional pastors, bringing with them a strong vision for the future. One of the key milestones for the Windward campus occurred in December 2018, when the first group of single mothers and children moved into The Shelter, a ministry designed to offer hope and refuge to families in need.



FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD — CENTRAL OAHU



The Central Oahu campus began its journey on April 20, 2003, when it held its first service at the old Kinney Shoe store property. Pastor Ernie and Pastor Siew Peng served as the regional pastors, leading this new community of believers with a passion for reaching the lost. As the campus continued to grow, Pastor John Rogers was installed as the regional pastor on July 1, 2009, continuing the mission of outreach and discipleship. In September 2012, Pastor Scott Sonoda and his wife Debbie took the helm as the new regional pastor, bringing fresh vision and leadership to the Central Oahu campus, continuing the legacy of faithfulness and growth. Working alongside Pastor Scott and Debbie is Pastor Francine Cabbab, who was credentialed under the AG in 2021.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD — LEeward



The Leeward campus was born on March 27, 2005, when it held its first service at Makakilo Elementary School. Pastor Robert Tokunaga led the campus in its early stages, laying the foundation for growth and ministry in the Leeward region. On June 5, 2011, Pastor Mel Corpuz was installed as the new regional pastor. Under his leadership, the Leeward campus has continued to grow and serve the surrounding communities, reaching more lives with the gospel message.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD — EAST HONOLULU

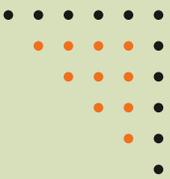


The East Honolulu campus began on April 2, 2006, when it held its first service at Koko Marina Theaters, with Pastor Andrew Yasuhara leading the charge. This new campus brought the message of hope to the people of East Honolulu. On June 5, 2011, Pastor Janet Kusuhara transitioned to become the regional pastor of East Honolulu, continuing to serve the community with compassion and dedication. Later, on April 1, 2014, Pastor Atama Vakalalabure was installed as the new regional pastor, bringing fresh leadership and vision to the campus until God called him and his family to East Timor as missionaries. The baton was passed on to Pastor Joshua and Kimberly Ko when they were installed on January 22, 2023, marking another new chapter in leadership. With Pastor Josh's passion and dedication, they continue serving and impacting the people of East Honolulu.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD — METRO



The Metro campus launched in March 2013, holding its first service at the Atherton YMCA with Pastor Andrew Yasuhara as the regional pastor. This was a pivotal moment in the expansion of First Assembly of God Hawaii, as the church reached further into Honolulu's metropolitan area. In November 2019, the Metro campus embarked on a significant milestone with the Miracle for Metro campaign, which raised funds to purchase a theater in Chinatown. This new location has become a powerful hub for outreach and ministry, meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the local community.



Solid Rock Christian Fellowship

Ps Taavao Alualu

Solid Rock Christian Fellowship Assembly of God held its first service on November 7, 2004, with just seven families. Since then, God has abundantly blessed this ministry, and His blessings continue to pour in.



As the Founder and Senior Pastor, along with my wife, Pastor Levaai Alualu, we have had the privilege of serving our community for nearly 20 years.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility we used for services was closed, as it

was a state-owned building on shutdown. In response, we transitioned to Zoom services for about two months from our home. When churches were declared "essential" by President Trump and we were allowed to gather under specific guidelines, we set up a large tent at our home and called our church families to gather.

While not all families returned, we were still able to continue our services and were richly blessed in the process.

For nearly three years, we held services at our home, utilizing all our instruments and sound equipment. Our home became a church for our neighbors as well, spreading the message of hope and faith.

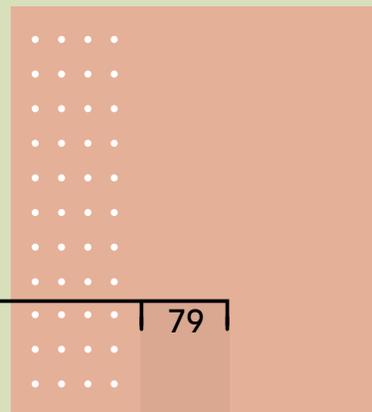
In the summer of 2023, we returned to our original facility at the Kuhio Park Tower Community. We resumed our regular services, offering two bilingual Sunday services: 10:00 AM Morning Worship and 5:30 PM Evening Testimonial Service. On Wednesdays, we host Bible Engagement for all ages.

Our church members remain dedicated to various ministries, including Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Young Adults, Youth Ministries, and Kingdom Builders. Our outreach efforts include homeless feeding programs and prayer support, encouraging everyone to pray for others as the Holy Spirit leads.

Each year, we hold Hallelujah Night as a safe, alternative event to Halloween, and Jolly Night on Christmas Eve, creating an opportunity for families to gather and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

We also travel frequently to Samoa for mission work, including our extension in Vaitele-uta, Samoa. We praise God for His continuous blessings!

Our Mission Statement, S.O.L.I.D., is derived from Matthew 6:33: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." We believe in putting God first in all things. We are committed to Standing firm, Outreaching lives, Loving God in everything we do, being Inspired by God, and Dedicating our lives and all our actions to God every day and at all times.





Honolulu Assembly of God

Ps Bryan Ashpole

The Lord is building His church at Honolulu Assembly of God. Thankfully, the work is not dependent upon our might or power, but upon His Spirit. We rely on Him to help us become the church He has called us to be, to fulfill our mission to Love God, Love People, and Serve the World.



Honolulu Assembly of God was founded in 1974 by Pastor Harold Headrick, a dedicated leader with a background in both ministry and construction. With a passion for building both churches and

communities, he planted and pastored several congregations across Hawaii, including this one.

His faithful leadership spanned nearly three decades until his retirement in 2001, when he relocated to the Mainland.

Following Pastor Headrick's tenure, Dean Reid was elected as the church's second pastor, serving until his retirement in 2012. At that time, Pastor Bryan Ashpole stepped into leadership, continuing the church's mission with a heart for reaching the community and strengthening the body of Christ.

On November 24, 2024, Honolulu Assembly of God celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special worship service reflecting on the church's rich history. The celebration featured a message from Pastor Renee Lo, who grew up in the congregation, followed by a joyful time of fellowship over an "ono-licious" meal. It was a beautiful day of gratitude and rejoicing in the Lord's faithfulness.

Leading up to the milestone event, the church

▼ Harold & Helen Headrick



G. Dean and Marjorie Reid (2001—2012) ▲



underwent significant renovations, including a complete transformation of the platform, new seating, flooring, paint, and lighting, as well as extensive plumbing and bathroom repairs.

Beyond the church walls, Honolulu Assembly of God continued its commitment to serving the community through monthly “Drive-Thru Prayer” outreaches and generous missions giving, supporting 16 missionaries and ministries locally and globally. The church also hosted its 13th annual “Christmas Lunch and Treasure Trade” outreach for women and children, marking its largest attendance yet and the most brand-new items donated.

In Scripture, every 50th year was designated as the Year of Jubilee—a time of freedom, restoration, and renewal. Land could be returned, slaves could be set free, and debts could be canceled. It was a sacred time to “proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants” (Leviticus 25:10).

While the church is deeply grateful for 50 years of God’s faithfulness and provision, there is an even greater expectancy for what lies ahead. The mission remains clear—to proclaim the Year of Jubilee not just for one year, but every year until Jesus returns. May the people of Honolulu Assembly of God continue to minister Christ’s grace and mercy to those in need, boldly declaring the freedom that only He can give. Let’s do it!

▼ *Old Church*



Kailua Assembly of God

Ps Dan Preciado

It all began in 1949 on the corner of Kainalu and Mookua in Kailua with the founding Pastor Alfred Morrison. The property, owned by John Tavares, was leased to the church for \$100 per month. Upon John Tavares' death, the property was willed to Kailua Assembly of God.



In 1961 the original structure was transitioned to the building that still stands today. In 1963 (important date) Pastor Dave Tanner was installed as the Senior Pastor. This was his first church. Following him was Pastor Ray Shurance who became one of the

longest standing pastors. During the years, Kailua Assembly of God was blessed with faithful pastors, and the church was meeting the spiritual needs of its people.

In 1983, the property at 669 Iliaina Street, where the church stands today, was purchased under the leadership of Pastor Ray Shurance. The church took 10 years to complete before its first Sunday in 1991 under the leadership of Pastor Gerald Ogg. He was also one of the longest standing pastors in the church's history.

In 2007, Pastor Ogg stepped down, leading to a challenging six-year period with three different senior pastors.

In 2012, a Kailua businessman, moved by the Lord, blessed the church with a \$300,000 gift, making it debt-free, a testimony to God's provision.

In 2013, the church invited Pastor Dave Tanner to serve as interim pastor and assist in finding the next leader. He soon invited his spiritual son, Pastor Dan Preciado, for a visit. After receiving positive feedback, the board held a special business meeting, and on September



▲ Ps Gerald Ogg

▼ Celebrating 75 years

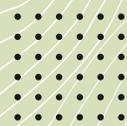


Ps Alfred Morrison ▲

29, 2013, the church voted Pastor Dan in as Senior Pastor. He was installed on November 17, 2013, by Pastor Dave Tanner—exactly 50 years after Pastor Dave's own installation. This 50-year milestone reflects the Year of Jubilee, a season of restoration described in Leviticus 25:13 (NLT): "In the Year of Jubilee each of you may return to the land that belonged to your ancestors." In 2013, Pastor Dan returned to the church—a spiritual inheritance from Pastor Dave in 1963.

Pastor Dan and Pastor Jan, who was ordained in 2022, have faithfully served Kailua Assembly of God from 2013 to the present, continuing to lead in God's purpose.





Waimanalo Assembly of God

Ps Janet Cordeiro



In the early 1960s, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Canonigo laid the foundation for Waimanalo Assembly of God. The ministry was later entrusted to the First Assembly of God in Honolulu for continued development and growth. Among those who labored faithfully in the early years were

Iva Gilbert, Robert and Dorothy Leong, Clara Tomita, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Suzuki, and Edith Roberts.

In 1954, George Ching generously donated a piece of property to the First Assembly of God. The present church land was purchased in 1958 for \$10,000. By God's grace, the ministry has continued to thrive to this day.

In September 1961, Bill and Barbara Severn became the first pastors. In 1962, Pastor Harold Headrick, the Superintendent, officiated the groundbreaking ceremony, and the construction of the church began with God's provision of 5,000 free tile blocks.

In June 1963, Loren and Nora Jo Gral joined the ministry as associate pastors. On June 25, 1964, the church building was dedicated, marking a significant milestone in the church's history.

Following the Severns' tenure, several pastors carried on the work, including: Pastor & Mrs. Gordon Jaus, Pastor & Mrs. Glen McCollister, Pastor Homer Rugwell, Pastor Dorothy Reed (Ma Reed, and Pastor & Mrs John McCandless.

In 1980, Pastor Janet Cordeiro became the associate pastor under Pastor John McCandless. After his passing in 1998, she

stepped into the role of senior pastor, where she continues to serve faithfully.

Throughout the years, the power of God has been evident in the church—souls have been saved, believers have spoken in tongues, miraculous healings have occurred, and prayers have been answered. The congregation has celebrated water baptisms at the beach, carried out outreach ministry within the community, held weekly prayer meetings, and maintained a vibrant ladies' ministry. Many members have also completed their earthly journey and entered into glory.

In April 2024, on a Sunday morning, a brother in Christ visited the church. After the service, he approached Pastor Janet and shared that the Lord had spoken to him: "You need a helping hand to paint the church." As a painter, he offered his skills, along with a friend's assistance, and together they began the renovation—laboring freely as a blessing to the church.

Additionally, members from the Spanish congregation, Torre Fuerte, generously donated their time and materials to support the renovation efforts.

To all who contributed, the church expresses heartfelt gratitude. Their kindness and generosity are a testament to God's provision.

As Philippians 4:19 reminds us:

"My God shall supply all your needs, according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus."

Thank you for being a part of this journey of faith.



Wells of Blessings Ministries

Ps Lono Kealoha

Our church began in 2007, thanks to the generosity of Pastor Edgar Hanohano, who graciously let us use the space at Palisades Community Chapel. In 2012, we relocated to Hawaii Cedar Church, where we have remained ever since. Over the years, we have witnessed God's faithfulness and provision in countless ways.

In response to our prayers for worship leaders, God answered abundantly by sending two talented keyboard players and three powerful singers. To God be ALL the glory!

Recognizing the growing need for food assistance, especially among single parents and the homeless, we launched a food distribution ministry. Every week, we loaded two vans with donated food and distributed it in the harbor and town areas, serving those in need with compassion and love.



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Our focus has also been on strengthening in-house discipleship and leadership development. Members are encouraged to discover and cultivate their unique gifts, growing into effective leaders. We believe in the transformative power of serving others, rooted in our love for Jesus and guided by the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

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Assemblies of God History on Kauai

Ps Darryl Kua

I want to share a brief history of the Assemblies of God on Kauai, as it was told to me. In the early 1950's, Pastor Michael Black felt God calling him to Kauai to start a church. However, the General Council of the Assemblies of God believed that a man in his 50's was too old for the assignment. Undeterred, Pastor Black and his family arrived by boat, determined to follow God's call.

He began with a Bible study in his home, which later expanded to another home in Kaumakani. As God moved, people from across the island came, leading to many salvations and baptisms. Pastor Black then raised up local pastors and planted four Assemblies of God churches:

- Koloa Assembly of God – Rev. Charles Blake (formerly a Congregational church)
- Kapaa Assembly of God – Rev. Louis Hanohano
- Lihue Assembly of God (now Aloha Church) – Rev. William Ashpole (late 1960s)
- Kekaha Assembly of God (now Westside Christian Center) – Rev. Yuzuru Okuhara

These four churches were established because of Pastor Black's obedience to God's call.

Today, they remain vibrant and work together as a section to reach the island of Kauai. While the Hawaii Assemblies of God celebrates 60 years this year, the movement has been present in Hawaii much longer, thanks to missionaries like Pastor Black who answered God's call to "GO."

It has been my honor to serve as Presbyter of the Kauai Island for the past eight years.



Black Family ▲



Left to Right: Rev. Okuhara, Rev. Louis Hanohano, Rev. Blake, Rev. Bill Ashpole ▲

The Church at Koloa

Ps Harold Kilborn



The Church at Koloa has a rich historical heritage on Kauai dating back to the 1800's, known as the "Big White Church" originally built in 1859.

In the early 1950's, the Koloa Church changed from a Congregational church to a Pentecostal church when the Assemblies of God

took over the work. Rev. Michael Black was the first AG minister to pastor the Koloa Church.

Pastor Harold and Christy Kilborn will celebrate 44 years of pastoring The Church at Koloa on April 1, 2025. Prayer has been the foundation, as God has drawn families into our fellowship—families eager to grow in the Lord and actively serve in ministry.

For over 20 years, church services have been

broadcast on Hoike Television, extending the reach of the ministry. The church remains active in the community through outreach programs and ministries, including Hula, Men's, Women's, and Youth Ministries. Youth Pastors Isaiah and Melissa Jones faithfully lead the next generation, while the church recently welcomed Assistant Pastor Lon Malapit and his wife, Liane. Pastor Lon will also launch the church's new podcast ministry.

This year, home fellowship meetings will begin across the island. The church has expanded its kitchen and added a new patio behind the fellowship hall to accommodate its growing congregation.

A historic landmark on Kauai, The Church at Koloa has long stood on high ground, visible from the sea as a guiding point for approaching ships. Today, it remains a place of refuge for those navigating life's storms.

With a heart for mentorship, the church is committed to helping people grow and use their God-given gifts. Every opportunity to expand God's Kingdom is a blessing, and above all, the goal is to glorify Jesus Christ.





Aloha Church

Ps Tim Munley



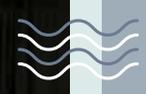
Aloha Church has its beginnings in 1945 by a group of devoted individuals who sought to create a place of worship and fellowship for the residents of Kauai. They laid the foundation for what would become a cornerstone of spiritual life in Lihue. In 1951 the first building was built and dedicated.

In 1953 a building committee led by Rev. Harold Headrick constructed a concrete block auditorium, which was completed and dedicated in 1954. As the work continued and the need for a larger sanctuary grew, the

remodeling was completed and dedicated in 1967, with Reverend William Ashpole sent as an appointed home missionary. God blessed the ministry of Lihue Assembly of God. Reverend Villamor Galiza was installed as assistant pastor. In 1980, Pastor Vil and his wife Grace became the senior pastor.

Throughout its history, Aloha Church faced numerous challenges, including a natural disaster in 1992 when hurricane Iniki devastated the island and damaged the church building, making it necessary for the church to meet in schools and hotels. Pastor Vil found a prime piece of property in Lihue. The church met under large tents for 10 years before the building of the new building began.

In 2017, Pastor Vil and Grace's son, Silvin, became the pastor and served until 2022 before



relocating to Texas, where he continues to minister. Meanwhile, Pastor Vil remained active through Aloha International Ministries and Kauai Island Ministries. However, the church was in need of a lead pastor. Kauai Presbyter Darryl Kua and Pastor Alan Bartolome reached out to the church to be a support during this time. The District Presbytery sent Pastor Don Yoshida to serve as interim pastor. He lived and served for 20 months on Kauai until the Lord sent Pastor Tim and Kim Munley and their two sons from Pennsylvania to serve as the new lead pastor. The congregation's unwavering support and dedication played a crucial role in overcoming these obstacles and solidifying the church's place in Lihue.

Over the years, Aloha Church has grown in size and influence, attracting more members through its welcoming atmosphere and

community service. It has introduced various programs, including Sunday services, Bible studies, youth groups, and a Filipino church in Hanapepe, pastored by Nida Agpaoa.

Embracing modern technology while staying rooted in its values, Aloha Church remains known for vibrant worship, community involvement, and strong fellowship, as they continue to spread love, faith, and hope to the Lihue community.

The history of Aloha Church is a story of faith, resilience, and community. It reflects the journey of a congregation that has weathered many storms and emerged stronger, united by a shared purpose and a deep connection to their heritage. As the church continues to write its story, it stands as a testament to the enduring power of faith.



Ps Villamor & Grace Galiza ▲



Ps Silvin & Grace Galiza ▲



Kapaa Assembly of God

Ps Nathan Hanohano

Kapaa Assembly of God began in 1950 with just 13 in Sunday School, led by Rev. and Mrs. Harry Houghton in an old Korean Methodist church in Kapaa. After Rev. Houghton's passing in 1951, Mrs. Alva Houghton carried on until Rev. and Mrs. Michael Black stepped in for a year. From 1951 to 1953, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Webster pastored, securing land for the church. Rev. and Mrs. John Kenney (1957–1960) oversaw groundbreaking despite financial struggles. Rev. and Mrs. Louis Hanohano (present pastor, Nathan Hanohano's father) took over in 1960, leading much of the construction. In 1962, Rev. and Mrs. Edward Decker arrived, completing the church and parsonage before leaving in 1966. The Hanohanos and Rev. Harold Starks (1966–1969) alternated leadership until 1973, when Rev. and Mrs. George Gross from Missouri assumed the pastorate. Through



perseverance and faith, Kapaa AG grew into a thriving church.

In recent years, Kapaa Assembly of God has undergone a significant transition. After Pastor Jerry Bourgoin retired in 2022, the church was without a full-time pastor for about a year. In October 2023, Pastor Nathan Hanohano took leadership, bringing fresh vision and growing the congregation. Serving with his wife, Deby, and daughter, Kayla, who leads children and youth ministries, the church has seen remarkable transformation.

The first Harvest Fest (Oct. 2023) drew 300+, and the first Easter Egg Hunt (2024) welcomed



900+, with many receiving Christ, thanks to the many dedicated volunteers. Christian Academy has been a tremendous support to the church during their annual missions trip.

Spiritual growth has also been a priority. Kapaa AG launched early morning prayer and later evening prayer to accommodate work schedules. In Feb. 2024, six people were baptized at Kapaa Park Beach.

Now, Kapaa AG is strengthening its leadership and volunteer teams for future growth, praying to remain a beacon of light on Kauai. Praise God for His faithfulness!



Westside Christian Center

Ps Darryl Kua



As we look through our church records, we find that Pastor Michael Black founded our church in 1954 under the name Kekaha Assembly of God Church. It began as a Bible study and later moved into an old dance hall, which was eventually gifted to the church.

In 1970, construction of the current church building began, and it was completed in 1971.

One of the most inspiring aspects of our church's history is the way all four Assemblies of God churches on Kauai came together to help build it. Historical photos show Pastor William Ashpole, Pastor Hanohano, and Pastor Charles Blake, along with members from their congregations, working side by side to establish our church.



In the early 1980s, the church's name was changed to Westside Christian Center Assembly of God to reflect its mission of serving the entire Westside of Kauai. We are deeply grateful for the pastors who have served before us—laying the foundation, constructing the church, and reaching the community with the love of Christ:

- » Pastor Michael & Sister Black – 8 years
- » Pastor Yuzuru & Chiyoko Okuhara – 25 years
- » Pastor Rick & Dotty Kurnow – 2 years
- » Pastor Allen & Cherie Tyson – 6 years
- » Pastor Sammy Sett & Sister Sett – 10 years
- » Pastor Darryl & Liz Kua – 20 years and counting

Recently, Pastor Darryl and Liz Kua were honored as Aloha Ambassadors for the Westside, recognizing Westside Christian Center's ongoing outreach efforts through its food pantry, homeless ministry, and community programs.

We look forward to many more years of transforming lives and setting people free through the power of Jesus. With God's guidance, we remain committed to reaching our community and sharing His love with all who seek Him.





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