

Ohana Groups Annual Report 2025

Reflecting on 2025

As we reflect on the past year, we give thanks for the many ways God has been at work within our Ohana Groups ministry. 2025 was a year marked by transition, steady growth, and the laying of important foundations for the future. Through faithful leadership and a shared commitment to discipleship, we have seen God continue to form Christ-centered small groups within our church body.

New Initiatives and Growth

The year 2025 brought new opportunities for expansion and renewal within our Ohana Groups. We welcomed new participants into existing groups and invested intentionally in developing new leaders and hosts. These efforts reflect our conviction that small groups are a primary context for spiritual formation, relational care, and mission.

New Group Launched

- Men of God Ohana Group
- Family Ohana Group (Japanese Fellowship)

New Leaders

- Alex Magnuson (Men of God Ohana Group)
- Matt and Sakino Vogel (Family Ohana Group)

We are grateful for those who stepped forward to serve, opening their homes and lives to others in obedience to Christ's call to make disciples.

Leadership Development

Leadership development remains central to the vision of Ohana Groups. Throughout 2025, we focused on equipping leaders not only with practical facilitation skills but also with a deeper theological and spiritual understanding of discipleship. Leaders were encouraged to discern their gifts, cultivate prayerful dependence on God, and foster environments marked by trust, collaboration, and spiritual growth.

Ohana Leadership Meetings in 2025

- January 19
- April 12
- August 16
- November 29 (Off-campus)



JANUARY 19TH LEADER'S MEETING

These gatherings emphasized biblical values and practical application, particularly in the area of group facilitation. They served as important touchpoints for encouragement, alignment, and shared learning among our leaders.

Outreach and Mission

Our Ohana Groups continued to look outward in 2025, serving both the local community and the global church. Through prayer, generosity, and intentional engagement, our groups sought to live out the gospel beyond their regular meetings.

One tangible example was our Easter service evangelism initiative. Our goal was to equip our Ohana groups to share the gospel and receive those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior in our worship services by praying for them and providing discipleship guidance for new believers.

In addition, each Ohana Group continued the practice of “adopting” one of our KUC missionaries. Groups actively participated in the Missions Fair, strengthening prayer support and awareness of God’s work around the world. This collective effort reinforced our shared calling to participate in God’s mission locally and globally.

Vision for 2026 and Beyond

As we look ahead to 2026, we sense God inviting us into a season of deeper discipleship and intentional growth. With this call in mind, the following vision and goals will guide the Ohana Groups ministry in 2026.

Qualitative Goals

Cultivating a Small Group Culture

In 2026, our goal is to further establish Ohana Groups as an essential expression of Christian life at Kalihi Union Church. Participation in a small group is not optional enrichment, but a vital means of connection, care, and discipleship.

Living Out Discipleship Together

Spiritual growth flourishes in consistent, intentional community. We aim to encourage every member of our church to engage regularly with others through Ohana Groups as they grow in faith, obedience, and love.

Quantitative Goals

Long-Term Vision

- 40 Ohana Groups with 400 participants over the next five years

Current and Near-Term Goals

- Current groups: 17 Ohana Groups
- 2026 goal: Launch 3 new Ohana Groups
- Target average weekly participation: 130 people

Ohana Group Leadership Training in 2026

Leadership training will remain a priority in the coming year. In 2026, we plan to offer four leadership training meetings, designed to strengthen both the spiritual foundations and practical effectiveness of our leaders.

Training Themes for 2026

- Relational Discipleship
- Growth and Multiplication

These themes will help ground our leaders in dependence on God while sharpening their ability to guide others in faithful, intentional discipleship.

Vision and Strategy Implementation

In 2026, we will continue to evaluate and strengthen our overall small group strategy. This includes exploring new methodologies, seeking wise consultation, and refining systems that support sustainable growth. Attention will be given to identifying and equipping new leaders who can plant groups and raise up future leaders.

The call to discipleship is costly, requiring humility, sacrifice, and perseverance. Our prayer is that Ohana Groups will continue to be places where believers take up their cross daily and follow Jesus together growing in faith, love, and mission.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Barrow', written in a cursive style.

Pastor John Barrow

Ohana Group List 2025

Ohana Group Name	Leader/Host
Aiea Ohana	Jonathan & Patricia Steeper
Ala Moana Ohana	Linda Stringer, Bob and Nancy Okuda
Ala Moana #2 Ohana	Dan and Flora Georgia
Family Ohana (Japanese Fellowship)	Matt and Sakino Vogel
Kaimuki Ohana	Alvin Kawazoe, Blake Taira, Marion and Vernon and Marion Von, Bill Plewes
Kalihi Ohana	Craig and Eve Ikeda, Craig and Patty Ching
Kalihi Ohana (Japanese Fellowship)	Sonya Harada, Kuniko Kino
Kalihi #2 Ohana	Roger and Lynn Ching
Kaneohe Ohana (Japanese Fellowship)	Yuriko Nakamura
Kingdom Men Ohana	Kendall Zukeran, John Barrow
Manoa Ohana	Garret and Lynne Uyehara
Men of God Ohana	Alex Magnuson
Mililani Ohana	Glenn and Rachel Nakasaki, Ducky and Beth Gabriel
Sunday Lunch Ohana (On-Campus)	Willy & Shirley Ginoza
Tuesdays Men's Work Crew Ohana (On-Campus)	Ricky Fong
Women's Fellowship Ohana (On-Campus)	Carole Takushi, Adele Yoshida
Young Families Ohana	Laine and Jessica Furukawa, James and Aya Kwong

Men of God Synopsis for KUC

This Ohana group meets once a week on Wednesdays at 6:00PM in the room next to the weight room.

We meet together as men in the name of Jesus. We discuss many topics in depth. We all share a common past but have a new and present hope as we continue to learn about Jesus and His love for us.

We are all trophies of God's grace. Each of us have overcome major obstacles in our lives. We are able to relate and share with each other because of our common background and encourage each other. We hold each other accountable to have obedience to Jesus and His teachings.

We know that we are dearly loved by our God and hope we can glorify Him in all our words and deeds. Our blessings and lives continue to grow and multiply as we study and practice God's principles.

During certain months we perform outreach activities and serve food, water, and Bibles and tracts to the homeless in Honolulu. We visit various parks and locations such as, under the H1 Freeway trestle, Ala Moana Beach Park, Old Stadium Park, and Chinatown. Totally self-funded, we make about 20 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Vienna sausages, and food bars or cookies and various snacks to go in our bags. We hand out these paper bags and bottles of water to those in need and ask them if we can pray for them. We realize there is such a great need in our world, and this is a small way we feel we can help.

A few of us at Fort Street Mall



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Women's Fellowship Ohana Group

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.
(v.1)

A time to be born and a time to die. (v.2)

A time to cry and a time to grieve. (v.4)

Two precious sisters from our Ohana Group passed away this year, Irene Yamakawa and Nancy Nakamura.

We prayed, cried and grieved together.

We celebrated their lives and rejoiced that they are both with our Abba in heaven.

A time to laugh and a time to dance. (v.4)

4 new sisters have joined our Ohana Group.

We will love and nurture them.

We will continue to worship, study, pray and serve together.

We look forward to laughing and dancing together in 2026.

2025 Sunday Ohana Annual Report

Our Ohana meets in the KUC library on Sunday, after the 10:45 am service. We desire our Ohana to be a safe place, keeping confidences, where we all can share, grow, and pray together honoring God and each other. We thank God for Florence Matsuoka who graciously co-leads our Ohana, sharing invaluable insights, keeping us on track, and sharing her delicious cooking.

This past year we had numerous newcomers and visitors that came, and some stayed on to continue to join our group. We welcomed Bob Potter, Jess & Nina Manuel, and Sandie Shinsato to our Sunday Ohana. We have been averaging between 17 – 23 members each week with lively discussions on the Word of God.

We praise God for our faithful Ohana members, each one bringing their own different strengths and gifts enriching our time together. Our meetings are dynamic and each meeting has its own character as visitors or guests bring different perspectives to the discussions. We also connect through texts, supporting, praying, and encouraging one another.

In 2025 our Ohana was assigned missionary to pray for. They are serving in Southeast Asia teaching English to different levels of age groups, while spreading the Gospel. We keep praying for their safety, health, and God's protection from the evil one.

In 2026 we look forward to Sunday Ohana gatherings of joyful fellowship as we continue getting to know and encourage one another as we study and discuss His Word each week!

In Christ's Love,

Willy and Shirley Ginoza

