



KALIHI UNION CHURCH
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KALIHI UNION CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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PASTORAL STAFF

2025 Senior Pastor's Annual Report

Oceans of Love

"Behold what love the Father has lavished upon us." 1 John 3:1

Psalm 93

*¹ The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.*

*² Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.*

*³ The seas have lifted up, Lord,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.*

*⁴ Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.*

*⁵ Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.*

Thank you to our LORD Jesus and the faithful In His church.

Thank you for the waves of love that you have poured upon our family. Since my birth in KUC, through my years in seminary, years on the mission field in Albania and since my return visit in 2010 you have overwhelmed us with love. **Thank you** for sending us off to a new season with blessing.

- Change is good when it is from the LORD, founded on the Word of God and for His purposes!
Keep Jesus at the center!
- My prayer is that we may know the massive opportunity in front of KUC in the future!

Thank you for the countless prayers you have made that have enabled me to preach and serve.

Thank you for your kindness shown to our pastors and staff who often carry heavy burdens.

Thank you on behalf of the many ministries, missions, groups and churches that we can bless through your faithfulness.

Thank you to our hard working Pastors, staff, amazing moderator Glenn Nakasaki, vice moderator Kyle Fujii and to our elders and officers who give first of themselves to the Lord and His ministry.

Thank you, servants of Christ, for joyfully giving of your time and resources to enable us to serve many thousands of people in Hawaii and around the world.

Thank you to those who cheerfully clean, tidy and help on campus.

Thank you for making worship the priority in your life. Jesus is worthy!

Thank you for warmly welcoming the regular stream of new people that come to us each week.

Thank you for stepping up to serve babies, children, young and old, and all kinds.

Thank you for loving Jesus and caring for others in His name!

Our 2025 Vision Strategies The following bullets prefaced each pastoral report to the Council: ***Vision Strategy as we Pray and Preach***

- ***Building Ohana Groups:*** starting new groups, pastoral care, and intentional follow up with leaders. ***Leadership*** (facilitating, stretching). ***Discipleship*** (growth through Biblical application, fellowship as we grow Christ centered relationships), ***Evangelism*** (everyone leaning to reach out and serve).
- ***Connecting people*** using their shape for service, fellowship, witness. Intentionally identify new people, pastoral contact, friendship, involvement, baptism, membership.
- ***Leadership Training*** saturating all ministries and initiatives (Ohana, tech, worship, volunteer ministries, Gateway, Sunday School, youth etc.), Planned scheduled, meaningful leadership training for all groups.
- ***Family Growth:*** strengthening marriages, supporting parents, nourishing children and youth ministries.
- ***Mission Partners:*** Joining with other churches and ministries to share the Gospel and make disciples.
- ***Prayer Initiatives:*** Encouraging corporate prayer, developing intercessor and prayer teams.

Some of the work and ministries the LORD developed in 2025

New people came to Christ and surrendered to Christ in baptism. Praise God!

God's people were loved, cared for, visited, called, counselled, encouraged by our pastors and ohana leaders. We consistently have funerals, weddings, baptisms, new members and special events.

Pastors worked as a team sharing and growing in the full breadth of pastoral ministry as listed above including administrative areas. We thank our worship teams with Laine, our tech teams, our ushers and greeters which serve so faithfully to glorify God.

Shantil Centino has been taking over the transition from Patricia Steeper for children's church and has also started a young mom's group.

Continued women's ministry initiatives with Beth Araki and team, with amazing events.

Our finance team: accountant, Pastor Chris Nayyir, Lorrie Kaiu, John Kim, Kent Takazawa, Terrie Plewes and finance committee, Dave Beers and investment committee have done a great job in overseeing our finances and budgeting.

Thank you to Jody Serikawa and our important HR committee. Also to Lois and our Mission Task team, to Colin Kumabe, Craig Ikeda and Craig Terada on our Kitchen Committee who are amazing!

Matt Araki growing in his position of creative media and communication had a training conference with Steven Weathers in March.

Ben Sakai and Matt Araki started an interchurch youth sports night each Thursday.

Adult Sunday School discipleship classes flourishing with Alan Nakamura coordinating.

God brought growth among our church partners in reaching people for Christ. Weekly we have 650-800 worshipping. The Kosraean community had over 1000 in Maui on Christmas day. I work weekly with some of the pastors to help train and mentor and meet monthly with all partner leaders.

God stirred new prayer initiatives and training with Grace Chun and our prayer teams: Jan 18-March 1 with Josiah Centino and Dr. Bob Doe.

Marriage conference in March with Dr. and Mrs. Friesen.

Campus improvements included the following: air conditioning, doors maintenance, coolers for our school, guest houses, storage maintenance, renovation for kindergarten/grade 1 class, sewer replacement, chapel lanai improvements, upgrading windows in GI, A7, preventative maintenance, many repairs, vehicles, guest houses etc.

Regular cleaning has been outsourced, and we thank Rowena for her excellent job, as well as Rex Alond for cleaning our floors, carpets, upholstery, sidewalks etc.

Alex and Marlyn Ramirez (Pathways) served from January to October helping with discipleship.

Kalihi Christian School with director Starlisha added staff and built a culture of care. New kindergarten/grade 1 class, weekly chapels with pastors, new events for parents and children.

An expanded Arise Academy (homeschool coop partners) brought life to our campus every Monday and Wednesday with classes from K-12. Other weekly partners encouraged in depth Bible Study with the ladies Community Bible Study (120 ladies and 70 children) on Tues. mornings and Bible Study Fellowship men's and women's groups on Tues. evenings.

Janete Fujii with Christian Vision revitalized the bell choir. Helene Smith led the Christmas choir.

Shirley Kinoshita keeps leading the charge with Stand Firm Youth seminars.

Touch a Heart keeps growing as a team, expanding its impact "one heart at a time" and blessing church and community. Cheff Curtis has been a huge blessing in training cohorts.

Manna ministries continue to reach new heights on Thursday mornings with dedicated teams in packing, hosting, registration, worship, dancing, preaching, cleaning and distribution of food. Roy transitioned leadership to Lexi and Potter. Thank you, Roy, Rowena and many volunteers as we serve 450-550 families each week with spiritual and physical food.

Trail Life and American Heritage girls trained our boys and girls with their Christ centered program and awards for practical life skills.

Mission teams were and individuals were sent out to Philippines, Pakistan, Japan, Dominican. Over 25 old and new missionaries and teams visited our guest houses. We saw the beginning of the Puppet Ranch in Philippines with Lois Pannabecker, Lisa Ching, Jody Serakawa and more.

Thank you to Jesse Pirocchi who hosted our African Bishops conference.

Outreach into Kalihi through our Christmas parade and Living Christmas as our community walked through "Bethlehem" and received the love of Jesus.

Kendal Fong and Steven Ching did a great job leading another Gateway theology class which graduated students in November.

EFCA leaders gathered in November for training at KUC with all EFCA churches.

Some Highlighted Plans for 2026

Our yearly calendar of weekly worship services and special events.

Search Committee, Transition Committees to prepare for the new pastor God is calling.

Monthly prayer and worship nights on the fourth Friday of each month.

New security teams at all our services.

Development of our ministry programs, from cradle to kupuna, children's and family ministries.

Hiring of a facilities manager.

Expanded training in prayer teams and Wounded Heart ministries.

Hawaii Sexuality Conference in March with our EFCA Pastor Gabriel.

Continued partnership with overseas missionaries and the sending of short-term teams to Philippines, Japan, Pakistan, etc.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for blessing us and working in your church!

Thank you, Patricia, Benjamin and Ben for your daily support.

Thank you to the pastors, staff, Glenn Nakasaki and Council, it is a joy to serve with you!

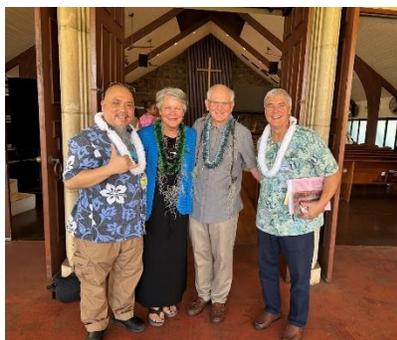
Thank you, friends, for your prayers, love, encouragement and kindness over the past years of ministry together.

May we continue to serve with joy for God's glory!

Aloha and multiplied blessings in Christ,

Jonathan Steeper

2025 Annual Report from Pastor Kendal Fong 010926



How comforting it is to know that no matter what happens in life, we can always depend on the everlasting arms of our Lord. In this annual report for 2025, I will be sharing about a personal experience, as well as many ministry experiences at KUC.

As many of you know, I was diagnosed with a disorder called vestibular neuritis in September 2024. Toward the latter part of this past year, my symptoms have diminished to a level which enabled me to press on for Christ and serve Him fully in ministry. Honestly, it was difficult at times, but God used it to help me become a better person, and hopefully, a better pastor.

Throughout this journey, God empowered me to become healthier, both physically and spiritually. Physically, I started exercising daily, counting calories, and making wiser food choices. Spiritually, God has invigorated my prayer life, my hunger for His Word, and my desire to honor Him. It also infused within me a heart that seeks to be truly grateful. I am so thankful to God, and I sincerely appreciate my family and church family for all of the prayers, encouragement, and support.

Together, God has helped us accomplish much this past year! To all who have been a part of our various ministries, thank you for the privilege of working alongside you. Here are some of the events from 2025 in which we served together at KUC:



- Connecting Point and Exploring Members monthly meetings
- Bringing people into KUC membership
- Baptisms and monthly communion
- Praying at nearby Kalihi schools

- Marriage conference with BIH and Paul & Virginia Friesen
- Plant and Craft Blessings on the lanai for missions
- Stand Firm Youth (<https://standfirmyouthhawaii.org/>)
- Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services
- KUC graduations and our annual KUC graduate celebration
- Mission Sunday/Ministry Sunday
- Equipping summer Interns (Elisabeth Fujii, John David Araki, Krystle Torres, Johanna Yonehiro)
- Summer Nights weekly program for everyone from babies to adults
- 2nd Annual All church KUC family picnic at Kualoa Beach Park
- VitaHim Health and Nutrition Journey Group
- Knife Club
- Celebrating our 112th KUC Anniversary
- Blessings Exchange for missions
- All Church Sunday School “Awakenings: Discipleship as a way of life”
- Pastor Marv and Linda Norlien visit
- EFCA Gateway cohort #4 graduating
- Kalihi parade
- Christmas Walk Thru with live nativity, animals, and fun activities
- Christmas eve services
- Joy Fellowship
- Manna Ministry
- Serving at our Kalihi Christian School
- Partner church collaborations
- Monthly workdays
- Special Sundays like Mother’s Day and Father’s Day
- Many weddings, funerals, visitations, and baby dedications.
- Prayer times with others and simply just connecting with people.

What a blessing!



I hope to see more of the following at KUC in this upcoming year: 1. Deeper growth in prayer and hunger for His Word. 2. Intentional discipleship in training and

equipping people to stand strong in their faith. 3. Christians standing for truth and being bold in sharing the Gospel of Jesus with those who are lost and in need of transformation.

On another personal note, it will be challenging when Pastor Jonathan leaves in June. I'm already beginning to miss him, even though he will be with us until June. However, as believers, we know that God works all things for His good as we trust in Him. We also need to constantly remind ourselves that God is good.

As we daily put our faith in Him and His Word, we will be blessed with His peace (Psalm 119:165), we can have full confidence in Christ, and we will gain a hopeful perspective that He has great plans in store for the future.



Only He can fix 2026!

Aloha Ke Akua,

Pastor of Connection, Kendal Fong



The last Christmas we will costume up. Thanking the Lord for times like this with Pastor Jonathan.

Associate Pastor of Japanese Fellowship and Ohana Groups Annual Report 2025

Pastor John Barrow

Kalihi Union Church

Aloha, beloved church family,

As we come to the close of another year at Kalihi Union Church, I want to begin by offering thanks to God for His steady faithfulness among us. Ministry is never the work of one person, but the shared calling of a community seeking to love God and neighbor. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve alongside you as we continue to discern what it means to follow Christ together in this season.

One of the great encouragements of the year has been the continued life and growth of the **Japanese Fellowship**. The presence of new families, including children, has added energy and joy, reminding us that God is at work across generations. Seeing worship, fellowship, and shared life take shape in this community continues to affirm the importance of culturally rooted and relationally rich ministry within our church. Events like the Mochi Pounding festival in the New Year and Family Potlucks were precious times of outreach and fellowship.

I am especially thankful for the faithful leadership of the Japanese Fellowship Leadership Team. Their quiet perseverance, generosity of time, and spiritual maturity have shaped the fellowship in meaningful ways. Over the course of the year, the fellowship has grown in depth of faith, prayer, and mutual care. This is a clear testimony to the Spirit's work through willing servants.

Another significant area of encouragement has been the ongoing ministry of our **Ohana Groups**. These groups remain a vital expression of who we are as a church—spaces where faith is practiced in everyday life, where burdens are shared, and where discipleship becomes tangible.

While the year included moments of transition, those changes also opened the door for new leaders to emerge and new groups to take shape. I celebrate the planting of two new groups in 2025, “Men of God Ohana Group” and Japanese Family Ohana Group.” I am deeply thankful for each Ohana Group leader who has faithfully shepherded others with patience, humility, and love. For a more in-depth report regarding Ohana Groups, please refer to “Ohana Groups 2026 Annual Report.”

As we look toward 2026, I believe God is inviting us to deepen our understanding of what it means to live faithfully in ordinary time. Discipleship is not only expressed through major initiatives or visible growth, but through daily faithfulness—how we pray, how we serve, how we endure, and how we give thanks.

The words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 offer a timely vision for the life of our church:

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

My prayer is that these practices would increasingly mark our life together. May we be a people shaped by joy that is rooted in hope, prayer that reflects dependence on God, and gratitude that remains steady even in uncertainty. As we move into the coming year, may our church continue to grow—not only in activity, but in faithfulness, love, and trust in the Lord who holds us.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor. I remain grateful for you and hopeful for what God will continue to do among us.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Barrow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Pastor John Barrow

Annual Report 2025- Pastor of Family Ministries

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1

Whew! What a year 2025 has been! This year was spent spending time with ministries and planning several events throughout the year.

Sunday School

- We have Sunday School for all ages – and I do mean ALL ages! The Nursery has been available for families with the littlest of babies for the 9am Service.
- Shantil Centino is taking over the Children’s church program at the 10:45 hour.
- We have additional staff in Children’s Church as well as the Youth program and continue to look to see how we can encourage more people to join the ministries.

Trail Life and American Heritage Girls

- I am continuing to attend their Monday evening meetings and getting to know the leaders and families of this ministry to children and youth.
- I helped organize the troop (both TL and AHG) to participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade on 12/07.

All Church Events

- Valentine’s Day Date Night – provided childcare to parents to allow a date night on 02/14.
- Family Movie Night – King of Kings – 23 Adults/Children attended – from differing ministries – AHG, Preschool, and Japanese Fellowship
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Family Water play day!
- Summer nights and VBS – with much thanks to our Summer Interns – John David Araki and Elisabeth Fujii, Krystle Torres and Johanna Yoneshiro
- Living Christmas – organized the games, crafts, prizes and Psalm Readings

Kalihi Christian School

- Member of the KCS School Committee. Thank you fellow members - Krystle Torres and Shantil Centino for their service on the Committee.

- Attended School special functions – Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Christmas, Easter, Graduation.

Childcare

- Provided childcare for all Women’s Ministry Events and other events as requested.

Youth

- 1 Outing (Hiking) for all youth.
- Sunday School increased staffed by two people. We have decided it is better to combine High School and Middle School for now.
- Youth joined the All-Church Sunday School.

2025 was a busy year! As I reflect on 2025, it was great to get to know children/youth/families more as well as the different volunteers and fellow workers in Ministry. When I look deeper into 2025, I see a lot of activity, but not a lot of growth. In 2025 we had a lot of “beginning steps” which to start to move us to more growth in 2026. When I say “growth,” I don’t necessarily mean more numbers, which would be nice, but I would like to see children/youth/young adults and families move closer to Jesus. I would like to see more staff for children/youth/young adults as well as young people (people under the age of 30) disciplined. It starts with knowing their names and talking with the young people to build a relationship bridge. Then to prayer and finally accountability/discipleship as the result.

Let us be more aware and prayerful that in everything we do for our families, we are intentional in seeing steps of faith (spiritual growth!) happening.

Please consider what you can do for our young people and families at KUC, but moreover, please pray with me that we will see the Holy Spirit move in the lives of our young people as they progress to maturity in Christ.

In His Service,

Pastor Kyle Fujii

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2025 MODERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

In January, we had the pleasure of re-imbursing 10K in loan interest to Mililani Community Church, a fellow EFCA church. In 2023 we had loaned them \$370,000 to help pay off a construction loan. Three projects were completed this year: Gym Kitchen/Pantry Renovation, Sewer Line Replacement and Chapel Improvements. In March, funding was set aside for the "Repair of the Welcome Center Bathrooms." The work was started but then got postponed to May 2026.

Pat Chun joined the Elder Council in 2025 and made good contributions. Thankful to Colin Kumabe (Elder), Gordon Lau (Assistant Treasurer) and Craig Ikeda (Clerk) who will be stepping down after productive service. In June, the Elders decided to allow Elder/Officer nominations from the Congregation with satisfactory results. Adrian Lee (Elder) and Lynn Ching (Clerk) came through elder nominations. The Congregation made recommendations to nominate Chester Centino (Elder) and Jon Leong (Assistant Treasurer). The 2026 Elder Council is now ten members strong.

Revised By-Laws vote was scheduled for the Annual Meeting on February 1. However, the Revised By-Laws vote was postponed due to issues still needing to be clarified and it being too big of an issue to add to the Annual Meeting. Revised By-Laws were re-worked, and the vote was scheduled for May 31, however it did not pass by a vote of 55 to 56. Two key issues were the deletion of the petition and not allowing proxy voting. I believe God is in control. As a result, the elders enacted four policies: Policy for Church Discipline, Policy on Termination of Church Leaders, Petition Policy, and Absentee Voting Policy. At the Budget-Election meeting in November, absentee voting was introduced and allowed 20 + members to vote. Looking forward to the Revised By-Laws Vote in 2026.

In January, a Prayer, Worship and Healing Night was started on the 4th Friday of the month, headed by Grace Chun. In April of 2025, the Elders initiated making prayer available to the congregation after each service. Three prayer teams, one for 7:15 am, one for 9:00 am and one for 10:45 am service. Each team consists of six members, an active elder, former elder and four church members.

7:15 am Elder Scot Sterenberg, Gary Taketa, Lei Hilton, Emily Siu, Uilani Ciacci, Michael Wade

9:00 am Elder Glenn Nakasaki, Nelson Kanemoto, Pat Chun, Amy Shinagawa, Grace Chun, Bobbi Lee Pang

10:45 am Elder Kyle Fujii, Rod Urbano, Elaine Ararkaki, Liz Kong, Lynn Ching, Hainrich Rodriguez

Starting January 11th, 2026, Elders will be available for prayer on Sundays anywhere on the church campus.

So thankful for Kyle Fujii as our Pastor of Family Ministries. Kyle has worked hard to understand and work with our youth. It was good to see some of our youth start to be involved in our Adult Sunday School.

In 2025 the Elders have been involved in missions: approved flight cost for Pastor Chris Nayyir and Stella to Pakistan, approved fund raising and seed money for Puppet Making/Training Ministry- Lois Pannabecker, and approved request from Jody Serikawa to raise funds for Short term Mission's trip with Pannabecker Puppets to the Philippines.

At the end of November, the Elders accepted Pastor Jonathan's resignation to be effective June 1, 2026. In 14 years, he has done quite a lot, it will be difficult to replace him, and he and his family will be missed. We are in search of an Interim Pastor. We have selected a Pastoral Search Committee to search for our New Permanent Pastor. Still in the process of setting up transitional committees.

2026 will be my last year in serving as your Elder/Moderator. Thank you for your prayers and support since 2023.

2025 CLERK REPORT

BAPTISMS

2025

February 23	Wendell Miguel Sandie Shinsato Wayne Uejo	
April 20	James Akama Alexandria “Lexxy” Nelson Jonathan Stephens	Michaela Stephens David Niihau Joseph Niihau
December 21	Ryan Chang Arella Chun Curtis Kekahuna	Anna Longhi Kody Furukawa Arwen Kapilio

RECEIVING INTO MEMBERSHIP

2025

January 15	Brandon Chang Lyndsey Chang Paul Pan	
March 19	Leonard Aguinaldo Janessa Chun Joshua Chun Frank Fraticelli Ella Konno	Wendell Miguel Alex Ramirez Marlyn Ramirez Alisa Sako Wayne Uejo
April 16	James Akama Curtis Kekahuna Jonathan Stephens	Michaela Stephens Sandie Shinsato
May 21	Jesse Bravo Valerie Bravo	Alexandria “Lexxy” Nelson Tony Speed
June 14	John David Araki	
August 20	Liz Kong Gabriel Lum	Rob Potter Joy Morioka
September 3	Josephine Santiago	

BABY ARRIVAL

2025

April 30	Ezra Lee (Bradon and Sheri Lee)
February 5	Caleb Kazu Makoleokalani Ahue (Jadon and Chelsie Ahue)
May 13	Judah Torres (Kystle Ulep and Bert Torres)
August 10	Xariyah-Sage Nalani Kawazoe-Quevido

BABY DEDICATION

2025

March 13	Judah Torres (Kystle Ulep and Bert Torres)
March 30	Caleb Ahue (Jaydon & Chelsie Ahue)
April 13	Luke Halweg (Garrett & Aja)
November 23	Xariyah-Sage Nalani Kawazoe-Quevido (Vince & Kristie)
November 23	Xoey Kawazoe-Quevido (Vince & Kristie)

WEDDINGS

2025

January 3	Hironobu and Mayumi (PJB)
January 4	Allie Yamashiro's Wedding Reception
February 15	Hope Yuasa & Jacen Ancheta (PKF)
February 21	Laurie Ching & Andrew Young (PKF)
March 29	Mele Uta & Wai Kalama (PTP)
November 8	Machinio Einat & Ketsy Nethan (PPA)
December 29	Ryan Chang & Anna Longhi (PKF)

FUNERALS

2025

January 6	Jimmy Gabriel (PJS)
January 18	Mazie Higa (PJS)
January 25	Sumiko Chinen (PJB)
February 1	Amber Nishina (PKF)
February 22	Florence Lina Laae (PA)
March 1	Paul Arakaki (PJS)
March 1	Amber Nishina (PKF)
March 27	Douglas Kishimoto (PJS)
April 12	Sheryl Park (PKF)
April 12	Asae Nakano (PJS)
April 25	Petrus Luke (PET)
May 2	Ausetalia Talia (PKF)
May 2	Jacob Alexander Sigras (PET)
May 16	Faith Wynne Lolouwila (Jones) Yates (PKF)
May 17	William Ajimine (PJS)
May 19	Susie Coloma (PKF)
June 19	Catherine R. George (PET)
June 21	Kimia Mori (PEK)
July 7	Roland Kurashige (PKF)
July 10	Alice Asasaki (PKF)
July 15	Mary Fisher Jarman (PKF)
July 17	Resta Nithan (PET)
July 26	Katsuyoshi Kobashigawa (PJB)
August 13	Sam Arakawa (Non KUC Pastor)
August 22	Makoa BJ Mike (PET)
September 6	Jane Matsumoto (PKF)
September 27	Mitsuharu Matsushita (PJB)
October 4	Kilafwa Clarence (PET)
October 25	Keyrin K. Betiry (PPA)
November 6	Pastor Peter Sisra (PBE)
November 11	Nancy Nakamura
November 13	Ray Suhl (PJS)
November 15	Shra K. Nena (PET)
November 15	Stan Johnson (PJS/PJJ)
December 4	Schallar George (PET)
December 5	Fancis Fukumitsu – Living Celebration (PJS, PJB, PKF, PKF)



John David Araki



James Akama



Sandie Shinsato



Jesse Bravo



Valerie Bravo



Jonathan Stephens



Michaela Stephens



Tony Speed



Lexxy Nelson



Curtis Kekahuna

Welcome Into KUC Membership



Alex Ramirez



Marilyn Ramirez



Alisa Sako



Leonard Aguinaldo



Ella Konno



Frank Fraticelli



Janessa Chun



Joshua Chun



Wendell Miguel



Wayne Uejo

Welcome Into KUC Membership

BAPTISMS



EASTER SUNDAY | 6AM SUNRISE | APRIL 20, 2025



JAMES AKAMA



ALEXANDRIA "LEXXY"
NELSON



JONATHAN &
MICHAELA
STEPHENS



DAVID & JOSEPH
NIIHAU



Curtis



Anna & Ryan



Arwen



Ariella



Kody



Jonah

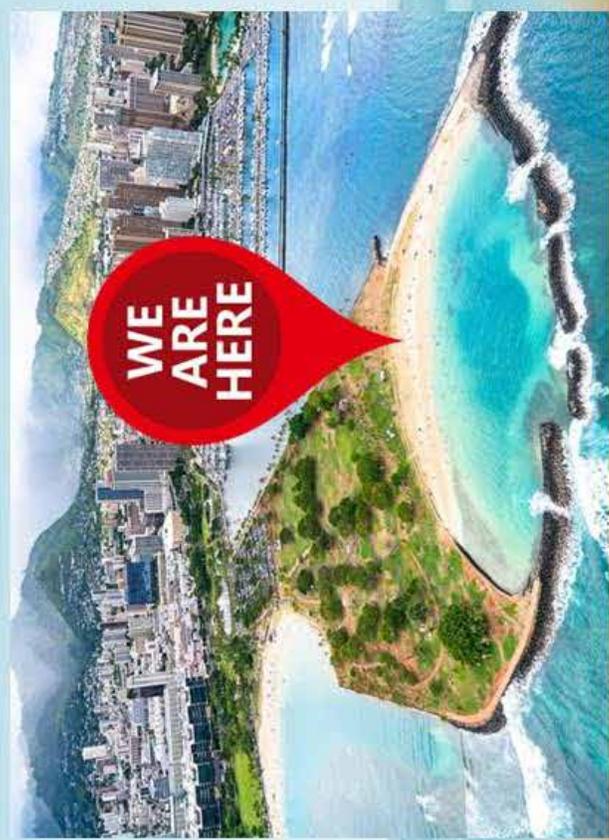
Baptism Today

12/21/25



KALIHI UNION CHURCH
loving God, loving people

4PM AT MAGIC ISLAND



KUC STANDING COMMITTEES

I am grateful for the current and new committee members who have come forward to serve God and KUC. We are seeking to be good stewards and to be fruitful to the Lord.

If you have an interest or a question, please contact the church office and leave your name and number and I will a Pastor/Elder shall get back to you.

In His Service,

Glenn Nakasaki - Moderator

Investment Committee

1. Leighton Lum – Elder Designate
2. Dave Beers - Chairman
3. John Kim
4. Caroline Kim

Facilities Committee

1. Kathleen Taua- Chair
2. Dave Beers
3. Adrian Lee-Elder Designate
4. Dennis Santo
5. Nora Tsuji

Kitchen Committee

1. Colin Kumabe
2. Craig Ikeda
3. Craig Terada-Elder Designate
4. Roy Nakamura
5. Sepe Ochoa

HR Committee

1. Jody Serikawa -Chair
2. Nielson Chun
3. Clare Terada-Elder Designate
4. Karen Speed
5. Vernon Von
6. Theresa Shelby

Finance Committee

1. Kent Takazawa
2. Dave Beers
3. Bernard Asato
4. Craig Ikeda
5. Terrie Plewes-Chair
6. John Kim
7. Gordon Lau
8. Jon Leong

Mission Task Force

1. Lois Pannabecker- Chair
2. Pat McArdle
3. James Kwong
4. Aya Kwong
5. Flora Georgia

KUC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

I give thanks for all that God is doing here at KUC. It is amazing how God has provided so abundantly for us. The finance committee reports to the Elder Council. We give recommendations regarding the annual budget as well as any other tasks that the Elder Council requires us to pursue.

As part of preparing the annual budget, we invite various ministries to give a report of what they are currently doing as well as hopes for the future. It is so exciting to hear their reports and see all that the Lord is doing here at KUC. To see our school growing and new ministries starting, as well as existing ones expanding is a true joy. We truly want our finances here to reflect where God is leading KUC and we want to follow to His direction.

For 2026 we hope to discover ways to come along side to provide financial tools for the youngest to our most mature to grow in financial wisdom and to find ways that we can support some of the upcoming projects at KUC. We have already had a class for young people to help give them tools to help them with basic finances. Our desire is that we help people gain a Biblical perspective of money and give them practical tools to assist them in the future.

Blessings,

Terrie Plewes

Investment Committee

The Investment Committee serves the Elder Council in stewarding KUC money assets by establishing bank and investment accounts to segregate our unrestricted and restricted funds, then determining appropriate cash account balances that anticipate projected near-term cash flow requirements, while holding the remainder of funds in higher yielding investment accounts. When formed two years ago the Investment Committee determined a simple 2-step very conservative investment policy: 1) strive for a return on investments that outpaces inflation so the buying value of our funds remains at least constant and does not erode over time; and 2) minimize the risk of loss of capital should markets suffer a downturn. The members of the Investment Committee have personal opinions, and we found that we manage our personal investments differently. We recognize that it is best that personal investment biases should not influence KUC investment decisions, and we agree that our role is not to 'play the market' with KUC's resources. Our function is to select and manage a professional investment management firm. Once informed of our investment policy, the firm recommended asset allocations to implement our policy, and we agreed with the firm's recommendations. The Investment Committee permits the firm to directly manage day-to-day operations of our investment accounts, and we meet with the firm quarterly to review results. Our investment results continue to exceed expectations.

By Dave Beers

Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee faithfully met four times in 2025 (once a quarter) to discuss position descriptions, salaries, and other personnel matters. This Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Senior Pastor and Council of Elders. Members serving on this committee are Glenn Nakasaki, Pastor Steeper, Theresa Shelby, Vernon Von (former elder), Claire Terada, Neilson Chun (former elder), and Jody Serikawa.

By Jody Serikawa

Kitchen Committee

1. Kitchen renovation 12/26/2024- 2/2/2025
 - Demolition of the wooden storeroom
 - Repair leaking ceiling.
 - Clear all wooden shelves.
 - Install intake and exhaust fans for better airflow.
 - Relocation of the A/C unit
 - Repair 80-year-old grease trap and water piping
 - Repainting whole kitchen walls & floors
 - Sort through and reorganize everything stored in the kitchen (i.e., pots, pans, utensils, etc.)
 - (TAH) Setup monthly pest control
 - Setup periodic waste oil & grease collection with Baker's Commodities
 - Repair oven under six burner stove.

Touch a Heart taking care of general cleaning and maintenance of the kitchen, supporting other KUC ministries i.e., KUC School, Manna, Joy Fellowship, work day, etc.

Unable to Setup a line-item budget in the KUC Annual Budget for kitchen maintenance

The Kitchen Committee has not been able to establish a kitchen usage policy or cleanup and maintenance list other than what is posted.

- Periodic exhaust and flue maintenance
- (?) Fire protection equipment maintenance & repair/ replacement
- Consistently enforce trash bin rules for cardboard & trash by everyone on campus
- Establish a Kitchen spending lime item in the KUC Annual Budget

By Colin Kumabe

Facilities Committee

Facility committee met two times in 2025 to talk about church projects. This committee serves in an advisory capacity to Pastor Jonathan and the elders. The members include Glenn Nakasaki, Pastor Jonathan, Dave Beers, Adrian Lee, Dennis Santo, Nora Tsuji, and Kathleen Taua.

Projects completed in 2025

- MPC pergola installed
- Sewer line from gym one to MPC complete
- PVC irrigation lines replaced by copper piping.
- Copper piping on MPC side of walkway to Women's restrooms.
- Dirt in the grassy area in front of MPC is replaced with infill with slope.
- Manhole cover is raised.
- French drain installed at edge of walkway in front of MPC.
- Footings installed for Pergolas
- Dirt removed from the grassy area was hauled to the area at the back of the property.
- Astroturf installed in the grassy area in front of MPC.
- MPC garden was changed to concrete and a canopy added for outdoor gatherings.
- Five weep holes installed at MPC garden area for drainage.
- Outdoor portable sink, with stainless steel counter.

By Kathleen Taua

Missions Task Force

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (ESV) John 3:16.

Just as God the Father lavishly gave his son to us, the body of Christ at Kalihi Union Church has given generously to the work of missions around the world. Many lives are being impacted through evangelism, training and discipleship, Bible translation, the support of local bodies of believers, and humanitarian aid.

The KUC Missions Taskforce team this year included Flora Georgia, Aya Kwong, James Kwong, Glenn Nakasaki, Pat McArdle, and Lois Pannabecker.

Fifteen Global Missionary units were supported – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. These missionaries reside in [REDACTED]

eight different countries, but their diverse ministries have impact in far more countries around the world.

Eleven Local Ministries were supported – Aloha Pregnancy Care, AHJCC-Association of Hawaii Japanese Christian Churches (radio), BIH (Bible Institute of Hawaii), Camp Agape Hawaii, Christian Vision, Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Seafarers Ministry, PEACE GLOBAL, River of Life, Shelter of Wisdom, Touch a Heart.

Missions Sunday was held on May 25. James Kwong designed a prayer booklet using information gathered by our team. It was used to guide group prayers during the morning worship services, and each family received a copy for use throughout the year.

As missionaries returned to Oahu, the team met with them for an in-person update. This occurred with Gary Myers, [REDACTED] and Dennis and Jeanette Frahm.

As a team, we provided recommendations to the Council of Elders for missionary support amounts for the 2026 budget. The ultimate decision was made by the elders.

By God's grace and with his guidance, we have finally completed a revision of the Missions Policy document which has been submitted to the Council of Elders. As a result, the Missions Task Force will be disbanded, and a Missions Committee will be formed by the Council of Elders. Our prayer is that our work will empower the ongoing work of KUC missionaries and ministries and as a result many souls will be brought into the Kingdom of Jesus.

It has been a privilege and a joy to work together as the Missions Task Force. Thank you, team!

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Pannabecker

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. Psalm 67:1-4

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.” Psalm 90:17

Thank you for your prayers for our church, ministries, pastors and staff! It has been and continues to be my honor to serve with you at Kalihi Union Church. Please continue to lift up Pastor Jonathan and our Kalihi Union Church ohana as he retires this summer and we transition to a new season of fruitful service. Pray that Pastor Jonathan smoothly transitions to a new season of service as we look to God as our ultimate Leader and Provider.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our neighbors across the island of Oahu by providing them with practical resources and spiritual nourishment. Serving with Kalihi Union Church’s Manna Ministry on the Registration Team continues to be a highlight as we serve over 500 families by giving them God’s Word and groceries each week. May God continue to bless Kalihi Union Church and your families with His sweet Spirit, enduring Word and faithful Presence in all our days to come!



Our Amazing Manna Ministry Team at Kalihi Union Church – August 21, 2025

Office Manager's Annual Report – 2025

Kalihi Union Church

Aloha Kalihi Union Church Family,

As we reflect on 2025, my heart is filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness. This year brought both blessings and challenges, yet through it all, His provision and mercy sustained us. Personally, 2025 was a difficult year as my husband and I faced the loss of loved ones—family members and dear friends who were pillars in our lives. Their passing left me broken, but God's assurance that they are with Him gave me comfort and strength to continue serving. I am deeply thankful for the prayers and support from our church family; they carried me through the hardest moments.

Despite personal trials, I witnessed God's faithfulness in our church, ministries, and other lives around me. Fourteen years ago, when I first visited KUC, I saw a church rooted in faithfulness—and that remains true today. Working here has shown me that even in seasons of hardship, God is present and active.

Office Operations and Highlights

Security:

Safety remained a top priority. We continued implementing strict sign-in and visitor pass procedures and followed up diligently to ensure accountability. Our Sunday security program, launched in mid-2024 with the partner churches, expanded this year to cover all English services, ensuring full-day coverage. Praise God for the men who stepped up to serve faithfully in this role. Let us continue to pray for these faithful servants who serve the Lord so faithfully.

Internet:

Spectrum began working on our internet (WIFI) on February 3, 2025, to install the new fiber-optic system. The project involved utilizing existing conduits as well as drilling and running new wiring to extend connectivity across the campus. The work was estimated to take three weeks with an additional week allocated to complete the installation of the campus wide hotspots. It was completed and tested on Marc 10, 2025. We rejoiced over this day because it was a long overdue project. Praise God for bringing it to completion.



Facilities/Campus Usage:

Our campus was vibrant and active, hosting up to 15 events daily, with a record of 22 events in one day. Every event was Christ-centered—focused on worship, teaching, and building relationships. This is a testimony to God's work through His people. Praise God for the many godly saints who host these events and prayers especially for the participants. We were able to schedule a campus-wide closure in order do maintenance work and cleaning and maintenance break from December 29 to January 4, allowing contractors to deep-clean carpets and polish cement areas.

Parking:

In November, our long-time parking partner, Ronald N.S. Ho & Associates ended their four-year partnership using our parking lot. While we valued that partnership, having full access to our lot again has been a blessing, especially during large events.

Volunteers and Teamwork

Our office volunteers are the backbone of our ministry. From reception and bulletins to altar flowers and planning center support, their dedication makes everything possible. Thank you to each one who served faithfully in 2025—you are a blessing!

SPECIAL THANK YOU:

I want to express my sincere gratitude to my office volunteers. Your kindness, dedication and selflessness mean so much to me and I deeply appreciate each of you.

Many of you have served faithfully for more than 5 years and your commitment has been a true blessing. I could not run this office alone, but together-with your support, unity and prayer, we are able to face everything challenge through the strength of Jesus Christ. thank you for your faithful service and for all you do.



- **Consuelo Cabayao** (Planning ctr., Partners)
- **Helen Yap** (Reception, Homebound, bulletin) Sunday Partners attendance
- **Honorita Dois** (New-Reception)
- **Jon Leong** (Attendance)
- **Lei Hilton** (Altar Flowers, Filing)
- **Margaret Woo** (Building report, filing, greeting cards, reception)
- **Patty Ching** (Office, KUC News)
- **Myrna Tong** (Library)
- **Selma Kelly** (Reception)
- **Wendy Kamimura** (Reception, Planning Ctr.)
- **Uilani Ciacci** (Reception, Name tags, Altar flowers, Bulletins, Altar Flowers)

Major Events and Ministry Engagement

- **Office Retreat (March 17–18)** – Strengthened team unity and spiritual growth.
- **Women’s Ministry Events** – Tea, dinners, and Christmas gatherings were beautifully Christ-centered and relational. They always do a great job. Touched many lives, and
- **Kalihi Parade (Nov 28)** – A joyful outreach to our community. Many children and families were out by the roadside to see the parade; but those who were in the parade were really enjoying the walk and fellowship with each other. It was so good to see all the people came down to join in the walk.
- **Living Christmas (Dec 13)** – A powerful event with partner churches volunteering and serving together.
- **Christmas Celebration (Dec 20- Kosraean) (Dec 24-KUC Eve)** – Honoring the birth of our Savior with worship and f



Personal Reflection

Serving as Office Manager is more than an administrative role—it is a spiritual calling. My goal is not only to manage operations but to pray with people, point them to Jesus, and help them experience His love. Our motto, **“Loving God, Loving People,”** remains at the heart of everything we do.

Looking Ahead

As we enter 2026, our goals include:

- Continuing to strengthen partnerships with churches and ministries.
- Enhancing security and campus management systems.
- Implementing First Aid training for staff and volunteers.
- Seeking God’s guidance for every decision and praying for a refreshing spirit in the new year.

Thank you, Kalihi Union Church family, for your prayers, support, and love. Together, we glorify His name and serve as a lighthouse to our community and beyond.

Glorifying His Name,

Submitted by
Sepe Ochoa
Office Manager

Preschool Staff & KUC Office Staff and Volunteer Christmas Party 2025



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KALIHI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
love God love others impact the world

2025 was a busy year for our school! We have lots to celebrate this year! We changed our name to Kalihi Christian School to fully transition from a preschool to an elementary school! We have 60 students currently enrolled in our programs. We have 8 School Staff, including:



- ❖ Starlisha Sylvester-School Director
- ❖ Angelyne Menor-Toddler Lead Teacher
- ❖ Laura Gherghinis-Assistant Teacher
- ❖ Ailin Adatan-Assistant Teacher
- ❖ Debbie Matsumoto-Team Lead/Jr Kindergarten Lead Teacher

We had new staff members join our team

- ❖ Janet O'Sorio-PK3 Lead Teacher

- ❖ Rose EIAM-Floating Teacher
- ❖ Grace Otto-Toddler Assistant teacher

We said goodbye to a few members of our staff:

- ❖ Michelle Tom—Floating Teacher & Office Assistant
- ❖ Bonnie Jo Alle-Substitute Teacher
- ❖ Cleo Gonsales-PK3 Lead Teacher
- ❖ Odet Lopez-Jr K Assistant Teacher



- ❖ Dorie Gross-Kindergarten Teacher

We opened the First Grade Elementary Class! It is a combined class with our Kindergarten

Praise Reports for 2025:



All Preschool classrooms are full! During our Christmas outreach, 16 adolescent patients at Queen's Medical Center were blessed with toys, activities, and supplies. We partnered with Fern Elementary School and blessed 30 students with Christmas gifts.

KCS



Music and Movement with

Manna Ministry. Through our Kona Ice, Chuck E Cheese, and Habilitat Fundraisers, we were able to raise \$2k for our school!



Parents and staff participated in the Saturday workday, the Kalihi Parade, and the backpack drive. We continued partnerships with ministries of the church, such as Touch of Heart, monthly Joy Fellowship visits, and our combined Grandparents Day celebration,

Aunty Wendy, and weekly Volunteering with



We continue building relationships within our school and church through our Church office and School Staff and volunteers' quarterly potluck and fellowship! We had our first-ever staff retreat! For the first time in KUC history, 25 school families attended a KUC service and also sang for the congregation!

Special Thanks You:

- Classroom volunteers: Jody Serikawa, Sarah Williams, & Patty Ching
- Sound techs: Lisa Ching and Laine Furikawa
- Wendy Kamimura for our music and movement class
- Sepe Ochoa & the dance team
- Pastor Jonathan, Kyle, and Kendal for your continued involvement with the weekly chapel and programs
- Manna Ministry & team volunteers
- Joy Fellowship & volunteers
- Matt and the KUC Media Team, and
- Touch of Heart Staff!
- THANK YOU KUC FOR SPONSORING OUR SCHOOL AND YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!

Exciting things are happening this year:

1. Continue working on the expansion of our license capacity so we can enroll more preschool students!
2. Opening Second and Third Grade Combined Classroom!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A BLESSED 2026!

WORSHIP + TECHNOLOGY

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

“TO PUT FORTH WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY THAT IS CHRIST-CENTERED, CONTINUALLY STRIVING TOWARDS A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE, WHILE EMBODYING SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY TEAM UNITY AND GROWTH.”



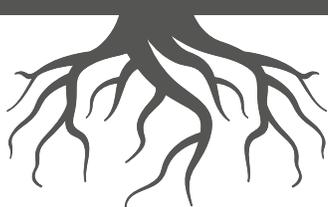
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES & REHEARSALS

In 2025, the ministry served in over 150 worship services and has given over 156 hours in Wednesday night rehearsals.



DISCIPLESHIP & TRAINING

This past summer the ministry hosted the “Joyful Noise” Percussion Workshop where attendees learned about the history, importance and role of percussion in worship. We also saw our very first “Worship Leader Intern” Luana Kaiu! Luana completed a month long internship that included service planning meetings, Sunday integration & rehearsals.



By God’s grace we were able to add more faithful volunteers to the team. This year we welcomed Luana Kaiu, Anna Chang, Chenchen Zhao, Micah Stephens and Robert Potter.

TEAM GROWTH

WELCOME

2025 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Joyful Noise Percussion Workshop in July
- Served in Healing Prayer & Worship nights throughout the year
- Setup & completion of Network Device Interface (NDI) tech project that enables communication across multiple screens via IP networks.
- Weekly training provided to musicians and techs year round.
- 1st ever worship internship completed by Luana Kaiu
- Ministry Fair Booth combined team effort that lead to volunteer sign ups.



THANK YOU TO THE HELPING HANDS OF 2025

Steven Ching . Wyatt Heine . Lisa-ann Ching . Blake Taira . Matthew Araki . Omar Machado . Chenchen Zhao . Tad Kamimura . Aya Kwong . Krystle Torres . Bert Torres . Rhema Balisbisana . Gay Hongo . Lisa Lee . Todd Yokotake . Lois Pannabecker . Kent Takazawa . Theresa Shelby . Evelyn Plata . Felizardo Plata . Vernon Von . Marion Von . Keith Matsumoto . Joann Fu . Cindy Fujiwara . Christina Hur . April Ikeda . Janete Fujiki . Starlisha Sylvester . Janessa Chun . Rowena Puaoi . Eddy Bishai . Brandon Chang . Lyndsey Chang . Matthew Steeper . Kelly Steeper . Jeany Serdan . Steve Dahlin . Uilani Ciacci . Carl Chickasuye . Anna Chang . Robert Potter . Mike Wade . Micah Stephens . Luana Kaiu . Sepe Ochoa .

Creative Media Ministry - Kalihi Union Church 2025-26

Director: Matthew ZKJ. Araki

(01-09-2026)

Overview

In 2025, the Creative Media Ministry was established at Kalihi Union Church to promote and glorify Jesus Christ both within the church and beyond. As the ministry began in November of 2024, its primary focus for the year was to lay a strong foundation during its inaugural year.

Several significant projects were completed, including the promotion of events such as Easter, Summer Nights, Baptismals, the Living Christmas Walkthrough, and the Christmas Eve services. The ministry operated under the Communications role, with the primary goal of keeping the church body informed about upcoming events.

A key platform for promotion has been the Sunday service announcement videos, which are featured in all three Sunday services. These videos aim to honor the Lord through worship and serve as invitations for the congregation and community to participate in church events.

Social media plays a significant role in the Creative Media Ministry, utilizing platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. These outlets serve as tools to inform the congregation and broader community about church activities, extend event invitations, and provide weekly reminders. Additionally, they offer opportunities to share the Word of God throughout the week. Through weekly Bible verses and sermon highlights, these platforms help people stay connected to Jesus and reinforce their faith.

The Kalihi Union Church Radio Ministry also operates under the Creative Media Ministry. It broadcasts 26-minute sermons Monday through Friday at 4:00-4:30 AM and 9:00-9:30 AM, reaching listeners across the State of Hawaii. In 2025, the ministry prioritized organizing sermon archives and ensuring the most recent series were made available, furthering the church's mission to share God's Word effectively.

Outlook for 2026

In 2026, the Creative Media Ministry aims to build a dynamic, intergenerational team where church members of all ages can serve by creating videos and learning that serving God is a calling for every Christian. This ministry will serve as both a mentorship and a creative outlet, teaching photography, videography, and audio production while fostering a collaborative environment for sharing and developing ideas.

The primary goal for 2026 is to expand the ministry by establishing a consistent rhythm of weekly social media content and actively growing the team. This will involve reaching out to individuals across the church and inviting them to join, providing an opportunity to use their talents for God's glory and grow together in creative service.

Upcoming

In 2026, the Creative Media Ministry will focus on several key projects to further its mission of glorifying God and engaging the church community. Significant attention will be given to Christian holidays, such as Easter and Christmas, as these are pivotal times for outreach and worship. The ministry plans to create impactful and meaningful content for these occasions, including promotional materials, videos for services, and creative elements to enhance the celebration of these sacred events.

Additionally, the ministry aims to produce smaller but equally significant content throughout the year. This includes personal testimonials, where members can share their stories of faith and how God has worked in their lives, as well as Q&A videos that address spiritual questions or provide insights into various aspects of Christian living. By planning these projects in advance, the ministry seeks to maintain a consistent flow of content that encourages, educates, and inspires both the congregation and the broader community. Through these efforts, the ministry hopes to strengthen connections within the church and share the message of Jesus Christ in fresh and creative ways.



Annual Report (for the Year 2025) From the Bookkeeper's Office

I give God thanks for providing me this opportunity to work & serve here at Kalihi Union Church. It's a privilege and a blessing to serve alongside a team of pastors and other coworkers who really love God and love His people. There is a difference between working in the secular business world and working in the church environment. In the business world we work and that is work only, but in the church environment we work and serve, which is big difference and I count this as a blessing.

I joined KUC Ohana as a bookkeeper in Jan 2024 and now by the grace of God it's been 2 years that I have been serving here at KUC.

In the accounting team at KUC I have Laurie Kaiu with me, and we take care of church accounting responsibilities, and we are blessed to have very capable and dedicated people who continue to help and guide us in different capacities; Kent Takazawa and John Kim, our Treasurer, provide continuous support and guidance by overseeing our financial records & investments every month to keep check and balance for smooth operation KUC financial activities. We are blessed to have such a dedicated Finance Committee operating under the leadership of Terri Plewes to guide and advise us. I give God thanks for their commitment to serve at KUC.

KUC Accounting Team

Chris Nayyir Bookkeeper



Laurie Kaiu Accounting Clerk



7:15 am First Service Counting Team	Japanese Fellowship Service Counting Team	10:45 am Third Service Counting Team
		
<p>Wayne & Susan Hokama, Wendy Kamimura, Jerry Kimata, Gayle Oguro Bernard Asato,</p>	<p>Mayumi Trimble, Toshiko Tamura, Dennis Santo, Kuniko Kino (Missing) Kaoru Ekimoto, Kendall & Yuko Zuckeran</p>	<p>(BR) Kent Takazawa, Joyce Wong, Gordon Lau, Gayle Char, Roger Ching, Grace Ginoza, (FR) Theresa Shelby, Jody Serikawa, Rowena Puaoi (Missing) Rose Greenwell</p>

Special thanks to these hardworking servants of God, who week after week, ensure that your Sunday offerings are properly processed and deposited in a timely manner. We have 4 counting teams that count after each worship service:

Brothers and sisters, what a blessing to be a part of the team member at Kalihi Union Church. Our goal is to do the best for the organization to achieve the goal and glorify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the blessings of God almighty be upon and your families.

Blessings,

Chris Nayyir
(Bookkeeper)

OHANA GROUP

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

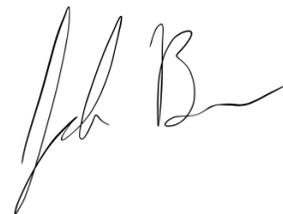
These themes will help ground our leaders in dependence on God while sharpening their ability to guide others in faithful, intentional discipleship.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "B".

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



Annual Report 2025
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 a 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



BIBLE TEACHING

Adult Sunday School Committee Annual Report 2025

The Adult Sunday School Committee consist of Linda Stringer, Alan Nakamura and Pastor Jonathan Steeper.

Adult Sunday School Classes Offered in 2024			
Spring Feb. 4-Apr. 28, 2024	Summer May 4-July 27, 2024	Fall Aug. 4-Oct. 26, 2025	Winter Nov. 2-Feb. 2 2026
6	7	1	9
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CHRISTIANITY 201 @ 9 am Jan & Randal Yee 2. CHRISTIANITY 201 @10:30 am Elder Glenn Nakasaki, & Alex Magnuson 3. EXODUS THROUTH DEUTORONOMY Dr. James Kwong 4. GOD’S ATTRIBUTES Dave Beers 5. JOURNEY GROUP Level 1 Jody Serikawa 6. NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY David Gonzales 7. PARABLES OF THE BIBLE Frances Fukumitsu & Alan Nakamura 8. REVISITING THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE Sara Tompkison & Harriet Ajiomine 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AN OLD MAN & PSALM 119 Gary Taketa 2. BEATITUDES OF THE BIBLE Frances Fukumitsu & Alan Nakamura 3. BEING SPIRITUALLY FORMED THROUGH A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LORD’S PRAYER Dr. Craig Nakatsuka, 4. CHRISTIANITY 101 Jan & Randal Yee 5. CHRISTIANITY 301 @ 9 am Willy & Shirley Ginoza 6. CHRISTIANITY 301 @ 10:45 am Elder Glenn Nakasaki & Alex Magnuson 7. IS OUR BIBLE THE WORD OF GOD? Dave Beers 8. JOURNEY GROUP Level 1, Jody Serikawa 9. REVISITING THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE Sara Tomkison & Harriet Ajimine 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ALL CHURCH ADULT, MIDDLE & HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL AWAKENING (Discipleship As A Way Of Life) @ 9 am in Gym Pastor Kendal Fong Alex Ramirez, Pastor Kyle Fujii Bobbie Pang Alan Nakamura 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BOOKS OF JOSHUA & JUDGES @ 9 am Dr. James Kwong 2. CHRISTIANITY 101 @ 9 am, Adrian Lee, Philip Regier & Rowena Puaoi 3. CHRISTIANITY 101 @ 10:30 am Alex Magnuson, Karen Speed & Robert Potter 4. CHRISTIANITY 201@ 9am Randal & Jan Yee 5. FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY By Dave Ramsey Geoffrey & Wendy Lau 6. JOSEPH: A MAN OF INTEGRITY & FORGIVENESS Dr. George Nagato 7. JOURNEY GROUP Level 1, Jody Serikawa 8. MAKING SENSE OF SUFFERING: Lessons from JOB, Dave Beers 9. 30 AMAZING PEOPLE Senior Women Class Lucy Taketa & Lei Hilton 10. TRAINING FOR HEAVEN Dr. Craig Nakatsuka & Dr. Carl Chikatsuye

	<p>6. THE HOLY BIBLE: OVERVIEW David Gonzales</p> <p>7. THE MEANING OF THE PENTATEUCH Dave Beers</p>		
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Overall, in 2023, God’s Word continued to be taught by Godly teachers, men and women, who were motivated to teach, proclaim and live out to the students who learned, grew and matured in Jesus. Together, teachers and students looked to Jesus for God’s glory, joy, love and fellowship to be faithful and obedient to God. We strived to become one with our Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit.

Meeting with Pastor Jonathan and Alan on Adult Sunday School in April 2024

Types of Adult Sunday School Classes Curriculum Guidelines Proposed

Number	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
1	Christianity 101^	Christianity 101^	All Church Class In gym (All ages)	Christianity 101^
2	Christianity 201^	Christianity 201^		Christianity 201^
3	Christianity 301^	Christianity 301^		Christianity 301^
4	Christianity 401^	Christianity 401^		Christianity 401^
5	Bible Course: New Testament	Bible Course: New Testament		Bible Course: New Testament
6	Bible Course: Old Testament	Bible Course: Old Testament		Bible Course: Old Testament
7	Theme	Theme		Theme
8	Leadership	Leadership		Leadership
9	Family/Church	Family/Church		Family/ Church
10	Senior Women	Senior Women		Senior Women
11	Senior Men	Senior Men		Senior Men
12	SHAPE^^			

^Core foundational classes requirement for everyone. ***Bold print**-Alan added ^^Pastor Kendal suggested

Positives: 23 Classes during the four terms in 2024.

Improvements: We need to continue to seek those who are not attending adult Sunday School.

Provide young adult classes for college and career students.

In the future: Developing & mentoring students need to become teachers.

Developing and training need to be teaching assistants.

Establish more classrooms for Sunday School classes.

Establish a Sunday School Committee to oversee all of Sunday School.

Future Strategies: Pastors and elders to visit the Sunday School classrooms on a regular basis.

Sunday Open House to invite those who are not attending Sunday School

Sunday School tours to visit the Sunday School classrooms.

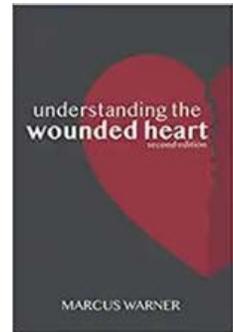
Establish Sunday School Sunday theme to highlight Sunday School testimonies in the services as advertisement to encourage new students to attend.

New members class to include the current Sunday School classes.

Submitted by Alan Nakamura 12/5/2023

UNDERSTANDING THE WOUNDED HEART

This Summer during the evening (May 21 to August 6, 2025) 9 members met weekly to journey together through the study “Understanding the Wounded Heart.” Members discovered a different way of learning together and sharing their life experiences. Additionally, participants learned how to address known wounds, the lies they believed, vows they made and strongholds they unknowingly carried. Of the nine participants, three served as small group facilitators. This was the second time the class involved facilitators, and the Holy Spirit brought forward hidden wounds and God’s truth to everyone. Glory be to God!



2025 Annual Report - Children's Ministries

Praise the Lord for His love and faithfulness. 2025 has been a year of learning and supporting our nursery and Sunday school teams by checking in, completing administrative tasks and praying as they faithfully serve our keiki. My family and I have been nothing short of blessed serving and loving our KUC keiki.

Nursery

- We ended the year with 8 volunteers rotating through the nursery once a month.
- Weekly attendance ranges from 4-6 babies.

Sunday School

- We have 4 Sunday School classes for children and youth, with 11 volunteers faithfully serving children and youth, ages 3-18.
- Weekly attendance per class ranges from 6-20 children.

Children's Church

- We currently have over 25 leaders/helpers faithfully serving in Children's church.
- Weekly attendance ranges from 10-25 children (between 2 classes).

As we step into 2026, I will continue supporting both the nursery and Sunday school teams. In addition to this, I will be working on building a team of teachers to rotate teaching our keiki in Children's Church. It is my heart's desire to have a strong team of disciples who are also being disciplined.

Plans for 2026

- Nursery –
 - There will be 2 new people serving beginning in January.
 - I will continue the search for more people to help in the nursery.
- Sunday School –
 - Sunday School Curriculum – Move to teaching one lesson per week.
 - Make time to check in and pray with teachers on a regular basis.
- Children's Church –
 - Build a team of teachers to rotate on a monthly rotation. New teachers will be paired with lead teachers. Once trained up, new teachers will take the lead on teaching the class.
 - Training process would look like this (with flexibility if new teachers need more time with support):
 - Months 1-3 Shadow
 - Months 4-6 Practice teaching with support
 - Month 7+ Be added into teaching rotation
- KUC Preschool – Work with the preschool committee to see how we can further support the preschool teachers as well as incorporate more of the preschool into our church.
- Recruiting –
 - Check in – Have a list of people who are willing to sub and help with check in.
 - Sunday School teachers – the goal is still to have 2 teachers per Sunday school class.
 - Children's church – Continue the process of recruiting and training new teachers who are willing to teach on a rotation.
- Child Care – Work with Pastor Kyle to put together a team of people to help with child care for different events happening on campus where child care is provided (for example, women's ministry events).

My family and I are incredibly blessed to be part of Kalihi Union and look forward to all that God has in store for 2026!!

WORSHIP



First Impressions Ministries (Ushers) 2025 Annual Report

Thank you, God, for your greatness and we want to praise and worship you in all that we say and do. We are blessed to have a faithful and Spirit led church encouraging each person to seek our Lord Jesus and to have a personal relationship with Him for all eternity.

As ushers and greeters in the first Impression Ministry, we are often the first contact for visitors and members of KUC, which allows us to make a powerful first impression for our Lord Jesus. Hallelujah!

Our Purpose:

Kalihi Union Church desires to express Christ's love by warmly welcoming everyone into the presence of Christ. It is our desire to create an atmosphere of warmth and genuine acceptance. We do this through a gentle smile, a handshake and/or a hug, and a pleasant gesture, always keeping in mind that we are Christ's representatives.

Motto:

Welcoming them into His presence with Joy!

2 Corinthians 5:20 "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."

Mark 12:30-31 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Summary 2025:

One of our longtime, dedicated, and faithful ushers in the 7:15 am service, Susie Coloma, went to be with our Lord this past year. She reflected Jesus's light and Love in each person she met and greeted. We will miss her welcoming smile and gentleness when she ushered people here at KUC.

All our seasonal festivities such as the Candle light service, Easter, and Christmas walk-thru, were well served by our Usher teams. A special thanks to those who volunteer to help with parking duties on teams of 3; Blake Taira, Jody Serikawa, Mac Cabalo, Ed Sato, Craig Ching, Jerry Chang, Adrian Lee, James Akama, Les Araki and Shirley Ginoza.

We thank God for all He has done and all He has planned for this coming year. We thank all our Pastors and Elders for all their hard work and dedication to KUC and the office staff and volunteers for all the information and suggestions that make this ministry run smoothly. Thank you to all the joyful ushers and greeters that willingly serve KUC. Thank you, Rod Fong, for taking care of the 1st Service ushers and greeters and my 3rd Service captains: Don Stevens, Duane Chang, and Ed Sato. Thank you goes out to Craig and Clair Terada, along with Amy Shinagawa, who faithfully ushered the 9:00 am service this past year. I'm grateful for all of you as you serve the Lord.

We rejoice that we have a Great and Loving Lord that we serve with joy and gratitude. I am praying to recruit more people to serve in this ministry, so if you or anyone you know is willing and able to serve, please let me know. Our goal would be to have at least 6 members in each team. Join us in welcoming people at KUC and usher in the New Year with Joyful noise for Jesus!!

In Christ,

Willy Ginoza

DANCE MINISTRY 2025



“Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.” Psalm 150:4
“Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”
Romans 12:1 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” 3:16

Looking back to 2025, We went through a lot. We were living out the scriptures in Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 & 11 *There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.* He made everything beautiful in its time.

In 2025, we continue to do local outreach and worship the Lord through dancing and singing. We believe God is before us and continue to reach out to the community. We visit senior home, care homes, private homes, seeking those who needs the love of God. We also take opportunities for global missions.

We lost some of our faithful pillars from this church, Kalihi Union Church. We want to honor them through our service to the Lord like they did in their days. They left us such great shoes to fit. With great voids in our hearts, we serve the Lord and worship Him and thank Him for the privilege of knowing these saints.



We worship HIM through dance, inspire the congregation, and reach our community with the messages of hope and joy. Below are some of the events we participated in.

2025 COMMUNITY OUTREACHES – Worship Him throughout the Nation

April 3, 2025 – Wellness Fair w/ community vendors and Joy Fellowship

- April 8, 2025 - One In Christ Aisa (Intl) Church
- April 21, 2025 – Sunday Service for Easter - KUC EASTER
- April 25, 2025 – Worship at Manna Service – Every Month
- May 20, 2025 – Worship at Arcadia w/ Bell Choir, Choir & Pr. Jonathan, Coordinated by Christian Vision and Dance Ministry.
- May 19 - Susie Coloma- Valley of the temple
- May 29, 2025 – Japan Mission: Ui, Janete with Gay Hongo went to Japan and were able to worship through singing and dancing for Jesus. They did outreach and worship in the Sunday services and minister to families that attended the service. They also met Liliko and the Pagaragans Hawaiian concert. They got connected well with some of the people there.
- September 9, 2025 – Worship at the Women’s Ministry Dinner.
- September 15, 2025 – Ministry Fair recruiting worshippers for Jesus.
- September 21, 2025 – KUC 112 years Celebration Gods Faithfulness.
- November 13, 2025 – Worship at Manna.
- December 6, 2025 – Celebrating Francis Fukumitsu’s Life w/ friends & Family.
- December 7, 2025 - Outreach to Hale Ku’ike Care home sharing Christmas
Joy with Ada & Ginie Lum. Worship and singing with the residents.
- December 13, 2025 - KUC Living Christmas – A Joyous event, Celebrating the coming of Jesus with the Kalihi Community and Partners
- December 14, 2025 – Outreach to Edith lee and her Carehome – She was very happy and was making jokes. What an honor to know her. Quite a precious event we had with her. We laughed, singing, dancing, making jokes.
- December 20, 2025 – Women Ministry’s Breakfast. We sang and Danced to Christmas songs.
- December 24, 2025- Christmas Eve Candlelight, celebrating the Coming of the Messiah,



Motto: Always be ready! And we worship for the audience of one, Jesus!

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS AMAZING WAYS, THESE EVENTS WERE ALL ORCHISTRATED AND DELIVERED BY HIM. ALL GLORY TO HIS NAME JESUS

“Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing” Psalm 30:11

We lost many of our friends, family and loved ones in 2025 but then again, we know that they are of the Lord and with that, our mourning turns into joy. Thank you, Lord, for the assurance we have in you. We know that our loved ones are with you where we long to be.

Thank you for the gift you gave us which is Jesus and through Him we have the Holy Spirit as we received HIM as our Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit is the gift we received from God after he died and ascended to heaven. He was placed at the right hand of God, exalted and God gave Him the Holy Spirit. Thank you for giving us access to have an eternal relationship with you. We know our loved ones are with you and we will meet someday. We will continue to worship you for all you have done for us.

Looking Ahead to 2026:

- Please keep us in your prayers for 2026
- Expanding outreach to additional care homes and other times of the year.
- Training new dancers and youth participants- reaching out to the partner churches
- Introducing more worship workshops
- Creating choreography to songs that reflect Scriptures
- Continuing to serve in Sunday services and holiday programs

We remain committed to worship, service, and community—moving wherever the Holy Spirit leads.

Conclusion

The Dance Ministry is grateful for every opportunity the Lord provided in 2025. Through worship, outreach, fellowship, and joy, God used our ministry to touch lives in meaningful ways. We look forward to continuing His work in the coming year.

We thank God for Pr. Jonathan and Patrisha Steeper for all their love and support for the Dance Ministry. We also thank you both for always wanting to be part of our outreaches. We want to thank Pr. Jonathn Steeper and Trish for always willing to be part of our outreaches. KALIHI UNION CHURCH DANCE MINISTRY LOVES YOU AND WILL MISS YOU! Mahalo nui loa.

*Sepe Ochoa,
Dance Ministry Director*



2025 KUC Healing Prayer Group

Ministry Name: KUC Healing Group Reporting Period: January 2025 – October 2025

1. Ministry Overview

The KUC Healing Group exists to provide a dedicated space for spiritual restoration, intercessory prayer, and deep worship. In 2025, we continued to serve on Friday nights monthly at Kalihi Union Church, facilitating environments where individuals could encounter God and receive prayer support.

2. Celebrating Impact: Key Achievements & Milestones

Consistent Monthly Gatherings; Our primary milestone in 2025 was the consistency of our monthly worship and prayer nights. Despite busy schedules, we successfully maintained a regular rhythm of gathering, creating a reliable sanctuary for our members and guests.

Leadership Collaboration We celebrated a strong partnership between lay leaders and pastoral staff this year.

- Worship Leadership: Our worship times were faithfully led by Aya and the worship team, whose dedication helped create an atmosphere conducive to healing and reflection.
- Pastoral Support: We were blessed to be hosted by KUC pastors, with a special acknowledgment to Pastor Jonathan Steeper for his consistent presence and spiritual oversight.

3. The Heart of Our Ministry: Stories & Reflections

"Worshipping God and Praying for Each Other" The true "heart" of our ministry in 2025 was found in the simplicity and power of our gatherings. It has been a season defined by:

1. Vertical Focus: It has been a great time of simply worshipping God—stripping away distractions to focus on His presence.
2. Horizontal Care: The ministry facilitated deep community care, where people consistently prayed for one another. We witnessed the body of Christ bearing one another's burdens in real-time.

The collaboration between the worship team and the pastoral leadership has created a unified front, allowing attendees to feel safe, shepherded, and spiritually refreshed.

4. Looking Ahead

We are grateful for what the Lord has done in our midst throughout 2025 and look forward to continuing this work of prayer and worship in the coming year.

Submitted by Grace Chun

SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

Kalihi Union Church Women's Ministry 2025 Annual Report



2025 was a year of spiritual growth and fellowship as the ladies came together for large events, Pop-Up activities, prayer, Bible study, worship, community service, and one-one moments of encouragement. It brought not only the women together, but lent itself to opportunities for the men of KUC to come together as well. Through the support and service of our men, the ladies were free to enjoy moments of sweet fellowship.



The Women's Ministry is a multi-generational group of ladies who desire to Grow in Grace Through All Seasons of Life through God's Word, Worship, Prayer, Community, and Service. At Kalihi Union Church there are endless opportunities for women to grow in their walk with God, to connect with others, and to use their gifts to serve!

Our current Women's Ministry team is comprised of Lisa Ching, Caroline Kim, Jane Tai, Michaela Stevens, Jody Serakawa, Erin Masuda, Mary Erler, Sarah Williams, and leader, Beth Araki.

As a Women's Ministry, it is our desire to model the mission of Kalihi Union Church as we "love God and glorify Him, proclaim Christ, establish other believers in their faith, properly equip believers to minister according to their spiritual gifts, and to multiply disciples both locally and around the world."

As a ministry within KUC, we desire to work in tandem with the pastoral leadership and other ministries to provide opportunities for spiritual growth through:



God's Word (Romans 15:4 "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."),

Worship (Isaiah 42:12, "Let them give glory to the Lord and proclaim his praise in the islands.")



Prayer (1 Thes 5:17, “Pray without ceasing.”)

Service (Matt 25:35 “ For I was hungry and you gave



me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”)



Community (Hebrews 10:24-25 “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”)

Special Events of 2025

One of our desires as a ministry team is to provide opportunities for the ladies of all three Sunday services to come together for a time of fellowship, worship, inspiration, and connections.

In January, Pop-up activities included:

Game Night
Lei Making with Dawn
Movie Night



In February, we kicked off the new year with a special event \ called **A Taste of Italy** which was attended by approximately 115 ladies.

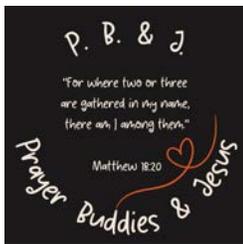


In March, we hosted a special showing of the movie ***The Greatest Showman***.



We welcomed the coming of Spring with our ***Ladies Tea***. Craig Ikeda and his team prepared a decadent array of sandwiches and desserts, and the gym was transformed into a beautiful garden of tables. We were excited to see 160 ladies at this event, and as usual, over 20 men rose to the occasion and blessed the ladies as they served together.

During the summer months, the Women's Ministry spear



headed an initiative called P, B, & J, better known as ***Prayer Buddies and Jesus***. Women and men alike were encouraged to find others to pray with. The challenge culminated in a viewing of the movie, War Room. It was an inspiring evening as we were challenged to pray with authority and expectancy.



In addition, we kicked off our ***Come Walk With Me*** initiative in hopes of pairing women together for the purpose of encouragement in the word, prayer, and doing life together.

In September, we gathered for a ***Night of Aloha***. Once again, Craig prepared a delicious Hawaiian dinner complete with poi! The evening was filled with laughter, worship through song and dance, and a challenging message from Dawn.



October brought with it a day of ***Scrap Booking with Mary*** and a sweet time of fellowship during lunch.

We finished off the year with our most recent event, a breakfast celebration entitled a ***Parade of Songs***. Each table was decorated based on a familiar Christmas song. Gay Hongo shared several songs, the worship team led us in Christmas carols, and Beth reflected on the life of Mary and Jesus from the Manger to the Cross. This event brought 160 ladies together for a joy-filled time of laughter, worship, and encouragement.



We look forward to future Pop-Events such as hiking, a cooking class, *Recipe Scrapbooking*, movie and game nights, and more.

On April 18th, we will host another special ***Mother's Day Tea!***

Over the summer, we hope to partner with other ministries within the church to provide an all-church event.

We will continue to set up the Women's Ministry table each week on the foyer as a means of connecting with the ladies and providing resources, ministry opportunities, and information about upcoming events.

Prayer Requests for 2026

*That God would continue to be at the helm of all that we do within the Women's Ministry.

*For continued unity within the leadership team

*For a hedge of protection around the women of KUC and their families

*For continued vision and direction as the Women's Ministry grows

*That the women of KUC will continue to grow in their relationships with God and one another, and that in doing so, they will find opportunities to serve within the church and community.

It is a pleasure to serve the ladies of KUC through the Women's Ministry. I have been challenged, encouraged, and blessed beyond measure. I'm excited to be a part of all that God is doing and will continue to do in the days ahead. I am so grateful to the many individuals who have served alongside of us over the past year through providing childcare, serving, setting up and breaking down events, sharing table space with me on the lanai, leading worship, the halau, beautiful decorations, providing rides...the list goes on. The Women's Ministry is a wonderful example of many coming together to serve!

Gratefully Submitted,
Beth Araki

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP HI0808

American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a faith based scouting program that Kalihi Union Church sponsors and supports. Our AHG Troop is currently at 17 registered girls for our 2025-2026 program year. We have events for our girls to keep them working on new skills. We covet your prayers for our Troop!

The girls have been working on skills, such as, flag ceremony, prayer, and public speaking during our opening flag ceremony on Troop Meeting nights. Our new theme this year is Priceless, based on Matthew 13:45-46, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful PEARLS, who, when he had found one PEARL OF GREAT PRICE, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Some of the fun things we have done with our AHG Troop HI-0808 this year include:

- Daddy/Daughter Event, where the girls did activities with their dad's, like dads doing their daughter's hair, dad's working out with their daughters, dad's blind folded while their daughters had to guide them through an obstacle course. It was a great time!
- Mother/Daughter Tea Party. What a great time to invite friends and family to see our girls practice their hostess and serving skills. The girls had to decorate each table with an animal/insect of their choosing. They were able to get really creative, we had panda bears, otters, butterflies, dragonflies, owls & lizards.
- Onizuka Day- a scouting event that we were able to participate in, where we were able to share about God with families that came to our booth.
- During the summer, we did archery every Monday night with Mr. George.
- On Veteran's day we held a Flag Retirement Ceremony on campus where we retired a few donated tattered flags and Christopher Ikeda shared about his experiences in the military.
- We participated in the church's Living Christmas Walk Thru as shepherds & also helped at the game booths with two different games.
- Celebrated Christmas with Trail Life by playing games and fellowshiping with food and friends. The girls exchanged homemade Christmas ornaments and the boys exchanged Hot Wheels!

Please keep on praying for our Troop, our parents, and our leaders!

Blessings,
Kathleen Taua, Troop Coordinator
AHG Troop HI0808

TRAIL LIFE USA, TROOP HI-1926

Our Calendar year report for 2025, Our Trailmen have been working hard on the Branch Pins for the Woodland Trails (K-5th grd.) and Trail Badges for the Navigators and Adventurers 6 Grade to 12 grade. We started with about 50 Trailmen by the end of the year we had 26 Trailmen. We have also participated in the following activities:

- Our Trailmen Conducted our TL/AHG Joint Awards Night January and 23 May 2025.
- We conducted an Archery Training Program during Summer on Monday night.
- Trail Life, USA HI-1926 and AHG Troop HI-0808 Participated in the Aloha Council BSA Ellison Onizuka Day at UH West Oahu Campus, the Theme was how to find the Direction North without using a compass
- Joint TL/AHG Service Project participated in Kalihi Community Christmas Parade in November.
- A Joint TL/AHG participated in a Veteran's Day Recognition Ceremony with Chris Ikeda as our guest Speaker, we had about 39 participants for that activity.
- Participated in the December 7th Pearl Harbor Parade with great enthusiasm we had lot of positive response from the audience.
- We assisted with Kalihi Union Church, Christmas Walk Thru Celebration, we were in charge of 2 games Climbing Bears and Walking Turtles.
- We had a combine Christmas Party with the Young Ladies of our AHG Troop and had games and refreshment; gift exchange, Trailmen had Hot Wheels and the AHG young ladies exchanged Christmas Ornaments.

We have been searching for new Core Leaders, the Lord provided a Kalihi Union Church members to fulfill position of Committee Chairperson and Treasurer we also have Kyle Fujii as Chaplain for the Troop. have new Parents who are willing to take on the Adult Leadership roles in our Troop, we pray that the Lord will guide the Trailmen.

We pray that the LORD will guide us in this New Year.

Submitted by:

George H. Kamimura, Troopmaster

Japanese Fellowship Leadership Team Annual Report 2026

Throughout this past year, we are deeply grateful that our church has been able to walk under the Lord's abundant grace and protection. Above all else, we offer our thanks and praise to God, who has faithfully guided us in all things.

We sincerely thank God that the Japanese-speaking and English-speaking congregations of Kalihi Union Church were able to unite as one and offer a generous financial gift in support of the high school evangelism ministry of the Japanese mission organization Hi-BA. Through this offering, we earnestly pray that the number of Christians in Japan will continue to increase for many years to come.

We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the English-speaking congregation for installing a large roof covering around the Japanese Fellowship area and for further preparing an outdoor kitchen space. Being given sufficient space and facilities for outdoor meals and fellowship is a great blessing.

Within the Japanese Fellowship, the Ohana Bible Studies have been richly blessed. On Wednesdays, a group of about ten people—primarily seniors—gathers, and after Sunday worship, a large group of younger participants also meets for Bible study. The Bible study materials prepared by Pastor John are truly wonderful, providing each of us with deep insight, opportunities for repentance, and fresh perspectives. We are deeply thankful for this.

Throughout the year, we were blessed with many opportunities for fellowship and events, including the New Year's mochi-pounding celebration, Mother's Day and Father's Day luncheons, a Thanksgiving potluck, a Pastor Appreciation potluck, and a picnic. As we shared meals, laughter, and conversation together, we are grateful that the fellowship of our church was further strengthened.

We are also sincerely thankful that the English-speaking congregation graciously allowed us to use their sanctuary for the Kokoro ni Hikari o Christmas Concert, and that so many members of the English congregation served generously in various ways. We were greatly helped and supported. Thank you very much.

It was also a great joy and blessing to participate in the AHJCC Praise Festival, where we were able to lift high praise to the Lord together with many members, using piano, violin, and guitar.

In committee meetings, we shared devotional times together, received reflections from Pastor Jonathan, and discussed various agenda items. We then reported the outcomes

during Sunday worship, and when there were shortages in service, we were able to support one another and overcome challenges together. We earnestly desire to continue protecting and caring for this flock of the Lord.

As we look toward 2026, we pray that we may continue to seek God in prayer, receive His wisdom, join our strength with our brothers and sisters, and walk together as one family of God. We also sincerely pray that our families and those around us may be led to salvation.

With gratitude for all the blessings we have received throughout this year, I pray that it will be a year in which each of us lives out the Word of God in practice.

Kuniko Kino

JOY FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2025

“The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength” Nehemiah 8:10

Highlights of Joy Fellowship in 2025:



Senior Health & Wellness Fair

April 3, 2025

Joy Fellowship's 20th Anniversary

November 6, 2025

Other highlights:

Visitations to the homes, care homes and hospitals.

Jackson Ndecheck's two messages

Dave & Lydia Hall's extended stay at KUC

Yvonne Awai's Senior Information

Crafts, Games, Exercises, Singing, Praying, Fellowship & Joy

Peter Pacada & family and Don Stevens setting up Wednesday evenings

Washing the Pastors feet for Pastor Appreciation Month in October

Annual Christmas luncheon

Grandparents Day with Kalihi Christian School

Kalihi Christian School, 2nd Thursday participation

Visitations from missionary friends

Leadership Meetings

Average attendance is about 55 participants.

Praise the Lord for Joy Fellowship Servants:

Coordinator: Alan Nakamura

Co-Coordinator: Sandy Oshiro

Pastoral Staff: Senior Pastor Jonathan Steeper

Prayer Team: Alan Nakamura, Amy Shinagawa, Evelyn Plata, Karen Speed, Yokichi Suzuki & Vernon Von

Registration/Attendance: Don Stevens

Music Leaders: Evelyn Plata & Gay Hongo

Singers: Marion Von, Vernon Von, Carol Kamalu, Fel Plata & Gay Hongo

Piano team: Evelyn Plata, Janete Fujiki & Carol Kamalu

Accounting: Don Stevens, Christma Paraso & Yvonne Awai (Bookkeeping)
Crafts: Sandy Oshiro, Harriet Ajimine, Gail Inayoshi & Lynn Yasutomi
Games: Sandy Oshiro, Sally Wong, Lynn Yasutomi & Yvonne Awai
Exercise Leaders: Yvonne Awai, Gail Inayoshi, Erin Masuda, Amy Shinagawa & Joan Sedeno
Special Events: Sandy Oshiro, Yvonne Awai & Lynn Yasutomi
Food: Joan Takitani
Food Preparers: Touch A Heart & Craig Ikeda
Food Line Servers: Joan Takitani, Christma Paraso, Koji Takeno, Amy Shinagawa
& Gail Inayoshi
Food Helpers: Gayle Char, Fel Plata, Gail Inayoshi, Yvonne Awai, Lisa Arashiro, Ben Viray
Dorothy Leong, Evelyn Plata, Harriet Ajimine, Don Stevens & Erin Masuda
Leis: Gayle Char
Flowers At Tables: Margaret Woo
Visitations: Sandy Oshiro
Helpers: Chris Wong, Jess Manuel, Julie Smith, Koji Takeno. Yvonne Awai, Lisa Yasutomi
Lisa Arashiro, Jane Tai & Carol Kamalu,
Set up Crew: Peter Pacada, Mark Pacada & family, Don Stevens & Alan Nakamura
Cleanup Crew: Everyone, Nina Manuel, Jess Manuel, Pastor Kyle Fujii, Fel Plata,
Chris Wong, Jane Tai, Yvonne Awai, Lynn Yasutomi, Don Stevens,
Christma Paraso, Ben Viray, Pastor Barrow & Pastor Kendal Fong

Strengths:

Team work

Support and love for one another

Theme verse: Joy of the Lord is our Strength-Nehemiah 8:10

Needs:

Transportation for seniors

More visitations

Bible lessons & memorizations

Invite more seniors to participate at Joy Fellowship

Table leaders for each table

Greeters

Safety for seniors

Aloha time with fellowship

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Future:

Joy Fellowship will continue to serve God and people in 2026 and beyond, with God's leading, guiding, teaching, encouraging, love and strength. Come and join God and us! To God be the Glory and Kingdom! Alan

Submitted by Alan Nakamura

Date: November 2025

SEVEN PILLARS

Kalihi Union has been a marvelous host for a Seven Pillars men's group through leaders connected to me [Steven]. Seven Pillars, a group ministry series through Pure Desire Ministries International, is the flagship group for men who want to live in integrity and live into the healing and grace that Christ gives us. The men in this group have been able to grow deeper together and in their walks with Christ in the total pursuit of holiness. My life has been deeply touched by the work of PDMI. If you're interested in learning more, give me a holler! Wherever you yourself are at or the people all around you, someone in your world is looking for a next step in the pursuit of purity.

Submitted by Steven Ching

2025 VitaHim Ministry Annual Report

This year, I am incredibly grateful to reflect on how the Lord has moved through VitaHim, a ministry/journey group dedicated to using nutrition as a tool to support physical, spiritual, and perhaps emotional well-being as well. Throughout 2025, God continued to shape the vision of VitaHim: using the group to help individuals honor Him through their health, trying to learn to respect the body as God's temple, and make more informed and healthy choices rooted in stewardship and God's grace.

One of the key achievements this year was expanding our educational outreach. Through nutrition workshops, group discussions, and interactive games, VitaHim tried to equip people with practical nutrition knowledge while connecting it to biblical principles. Many participants shared testimonies of improved energy, healthier habits, and a renewed understanding that caring for their bodies is a form of worship. Seeing these transformations reminded us that nutrition is not just science, it is a ministry of improving life choices, and good way to develop more discipleship.

In all things, the Lord has shown His faithfulness—opening doors, providing wisdom, and transforming lives through simple acts of care and education. As VitaHim looks ahead to 2026, we do so with gratitude and expectation, trusting that God will continue to use nutrition as a bridge for lifestyle changing, encouragement, and spiritual growth. All glory to Him for what He has done and what He will continue to do.



Wahine Fitness 2025

Wahine Fitness has been meeting twice a month on Wednesdays. We meet between 5 and 6:30pm. This change allowed ending early if it was only line dancing or starting at 5:30 if our other guest leaders like Jenny Urbano or Sara Tompkisson lead our small group with circuit training or Zumba-plus Tai Chi.

Due to family and health constraints, our group was blessed with a one-time session with Jenny in November. We cherish our times together whether it's two of us or six. We miss Aunties Nobu and Susie who have gone home to our Lord.

We celebrated with a "pot-blessing" with the ladies from the Hula Ministry, then took a break from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. We will start again in January! Many thanks to our fearless leaders: Jenny Urbano, Sara Tompkisson, and Wendy Kamimura. We welcome other ladies to join or lead us as we start again, the first and third Wednesdays in the gym at 5pm.

Wendy, Jenny, and Sara

MISSIONS

Christian Vision Annual Report 2025

“Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious!” **Psalm 66:1,2**



Ukulele ministry & Kids Under Christ minister in Thanksgiving Service

Thank you for another year of your support and prayers for Christian Vision. Your support made it possible for us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in Japan as well as in Hawai'i.

Gay Hongo, Janete Fujiki, and U'ilani Ciacci went to Saitama, Japan from May 28 to June 6. We ministered at a special needs preschool, a nursing home, a church worship service, and we held a Hawaiian Evangelistic Concert.

Our ukulele ministry has grown from 8 members to 24 members in less than 6 months! Janete has been leading this ministry with the help of Leilani Caywood and Auntie Jean James. They rehearse on the first and third Saturday of the month from 10 to 11:45 am.

The handbell choir, led by April Ikeda, meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. They ministered twice at Arcadia Retirement home, as well as at Christmas and Easter services at KUC. The adult choir performed for Easter, led by John Kim, and for Christmas. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. The children's ministry, "Kids Under Christ," ministered on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, and on the 110th anniversary of KUC.

We did 2 nutrition seminars and ministered in 6 nursing homes. Janete has been the pianist for manna ministry, Joy Fellowship, KUC 7:15 services, Japanese services, and funerals. Janete also teaches private piano. She and the hula ministry have helped Chris Nayiir at One In Christ Church.

It has been a joy serving the Lord with all of you. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

Manna Ministry Annual Report – 2025

Mission Statement

Manna exists to reveal God’s love both spiritually and physically by serving our community with compassion, dignity, and faithful stewardship. Through food distribution, fellowship, and service, we seek to meet tangible needs while pointing others to the hope found in Christ.

Manna and Our Community

Throughout 2025, Manna experienced continued growth in both reach and operational effectiveness. By strengthening systems, expanding volunteer engagement, and improving accessibility, the ministry served the community more efficiently while remaining firmly rooted in its Christian mission.

Program Highlights

Registration & Training Improvements (March–June 2025)

Updated registration training and the implementation of a **QR code registration card** allowed participant information to be entered directly into the food bank database. This resulted in faster registration, improved data accuracy, elimination of monthly registration reports, and a smoother experience for both recipients and volunteers.

Weekly Distribution Impact

Manna distributed an average of **450 food bags every Thursday**. During the government shutdown and temporary SNAP suspension, demand increased significantly, and Manna served **approximately 575 food bags in a single distribution**, the highest total in ministry history—demonstrating God’s provision during a critical time.

Volunteer Engagement

Weekly operations were supported by **40–50 volunteers**, including individuals from neighboring churches. This collaboration reflects the unity of the Body of Christ and remains essential to sustaining the ministry.

Facility & Accessibility Improvements

New sanctuary seating arrangements were implemented to better accommodate participants with disabilities, improving comfort, safety, and accessibility for all.

Leadership & Oversight

Manna is guided by a leadership team consisting of **Lexxy, Peter, Rowena, and Fale**, providing oversight of operations, volunteers, and planning. Leadership continues to track key metrics—individuals served, food bags distributed, and volunteer participation—to ensure accountability and responsible stewardship.

Operational Enhancements

December 2025: A forklift was purchased to support warehouse and distribution operations, improving efficiency, safety, and workflow while reducing physical strain on volunteers.

Ministry Team & Spiritual Emphasis

Faithful volunteers serve in registration, food distribution, logistics, prayer, and packing food bags. Spiritual encouragement is fostered through **monthly Bible verse memorization**, including *Jeremiah 29:11–12*, *John 3:16*, *John 10:9–10*, and *Ephesians 4:31*. Prayer is intentionally held before worship, registration, and food packing, acknowledging God's guidance in all aspects of ministry.

Looking Forward

As Manna moves into the coming year, the focus remains on faithful growth, improved efficiency, and service rooted in Christ's love. The ministry continues to rely on a **flexible volunteer model**, welcoming individuals to serve as their schedules allow, while recognizing the ongoing need for additional support. Through continued prayer, outreach, and community involvement, Manna remains positioned to serve faithfully and invite greater participation in the work God is doing.

Pannabecker Puppets Philippines Puppet Ranch

In 2025, my God given dream of making puppets in the Philippines to use in ministry became reality. Lisa Ching and I have set up a workshop on a ranch in Montecillo, Quezon Province, near Sariaya. Our goal over the next few years is to assemble 5000 puppets.

Ten women from the nearby community work with us and are paid a day rate in accordance with government guidelines. Jobs are hard to find in this area, so puppet making is meeting a significant need in these women's lives. God has provided us with space on the ranch to make puppets and with an apartment to live in.

The workday begins with a thought from Scripture followed by prayer. Only two of the women are Jesus followers, so this is highly important part of our interaction with the women. They are being introduced to the truths of God's Word, are learning work skills necessary for puppet construction and are building relational skills as they work together. One lady said to us, "When I make puppets I forget my problems.

Once the puppets are made, we conduct puppet manipulation and script writing workshops over two days. During this training, they receive a puppet as part of their registration fee to use for future ministry. While the puppets are all made at one location, the manipulation trainings can occur anywhere throughout the nation.

Lisa Ching and Steven Weathers work closely with me. This project is definitely a team effort!

KUC has tremendously impacted this work through financial support, prayer, advice and encouragement. As we work in the Philippines, we are keenly aware that we are an extension of the Body of Christ here in Honolulu. Thank you so much for your help in making this possible.

Please pray that our presence in the Monticello barangay will lead women and their families into God's family.

Serving our Savior,

Lois Pannabecker
Pannabecker Puppets

Greetings from Manila,

My trip here was pleasant, although a bit delayed. That's a first in my travels with Korean Air.

The last two months back in the US are a bit of a blur as they took on a life of their own. Thankfully God was with me all along and I have many reflections of his presence and care. His paths are filled with surprises. Through it all, relationships were the major blessing. In that department I am wealthy!

Unexpectedly, I was able to enjoy Christmas with both of my sons, Brandon and Andrew, and their families. It's been a very long time since we've been together at Christmas. A trip that was supposed to have me in two states, took me to nine states with a 13-hour road trip thrown in for good measure. Sadly, this change was precipitated by a death in Crystal's (Brandon's wife) family, but it resulted in my being able to connect with family and dear friends and return to the Indiana/Michigan area in time for a beautiful snowfall. The changes were a daily reminder of the words of Proverbs 16:9, "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps."

Steven also arrived here in Manila two days ago, and tomorrow we have an important meeting with 13 Awana Philippines leaders. They are coming together from around the country and invited us to be a part of their retreat discussions regarding future ministry. This interaction is an answer to prayer and will be our third opportunity to brainstorm and dream together.

If you'd like to learn more about Awana's global ministry, please visit their site. <https://www.awana.org/> We've had discussions with a leader at the international headquarters in Illinois. The hope is that we can use the Philippines as a test program, and as we develop a plan together, they will be able to expand the use of puppetry in their clubs to a global platform. Awana annually interacts with 10 million children around the world.

Throughout the remainder of January, Steven and I will be involved in puppet trainings, strategic planning sessions with various organizations, and attend a workshop on human trafficking.

Please keep us in your prayers.

- The enemy has made it clear that he does not like our work. I praise God for his protection!
- Ask God to anoint our conversations with his profound Spirit guided wisdom and creativity.
- We have many miles of road travel. At times, driving here becomes crazy! God protected us from a serious accident on our last trip.
- Stamina is needed. Ask that I will gracefully and quickly adjust to an 18-hour time difference
- We desire that our lives and ministry will reflect the work of God's Spirit in us.
- Lisa will join me at the beginning of February and puppet making will resume at the ranch. Pray that this time at home will be refreshing for her.

My theme word for this year is "HOPE." The world desperately the hope of our Savior, and we desire that our ministry will be used to introduce children to the God of all hope. Matthew 12:21, says it well. "In his name, the nations will put their hope.

Thank you for journeying with us as we grow the ministry here in the Philippines.

Serving our Savior,

Lois

Dear SPAM Ministry Team,

Thank God for 2025 and thank you so much for supporting the SPAM Ministry throughout the years. This ministry has helped many families in our Kalihi area and is so appreciated by those we serve. Many families have been blessed in 2025 and we hope that we reach even more this year 2026.

Attached below is the schedule for 2026. Have a wonderful Christmas and great New Year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord!

Blessings to you and your families,

Nora

Food Distribution at Mayor Wrights: Thank you for blessing these people during the Holiday season.



The following is the 2026 schedule we'll be following for donation deliveries and other important information:

Collection Date	Recipient	Contact	Delivery Person
January 4, 2026	Kalihi Waena School	Office Staff 832-3210	Nora Tsuji
February 1, 2026	Fern Elementary	Office Staff 832-3040	Ricky Fong
March 1, 2026	Kokua Kalihi Valley	Staff 1475 Linapuni St., Ste A115 791-9400	Nora Tsuji
April 05, 2026*	Fern Elementary	Office Staff 832-3040	Ricky Fong
May 3, 2026	Kalihi Waena School	Office Staff 832-3210	Nora Tsuji
June 7, 2026*	Mayor Wright Homes	Sepe Ochoa	p/u by Sepe
July 5, 2026	Kokua Kalihi Valley	Staff 1475 Linapuni St., Ste A115 791-9400	Nora Tsuji
August 2, 2026	Mayor Wright Homes	Sepe Ochoa	p/u by Sepe
September 6, 2026	Kalihi Waena School	Office Staff 832-3210	Nora Tsuji
October 4, 2026**	Kokua Kalihi Valley	Office Staff 791-9400	Nora Tsuji
November 1, 2026**	Fern Elementary	Staff 832-3040	Ricky Fong
December 6, 2026	Mayor Wright Homes	Sepe Ochoa	p/u by Sepe

*School will be out the last week in May, switch with Mayor Wright Homes.

**Fern and Kokua Kalihi Valley switched in Oct/Nov as school is on fall break.

Other SPAM Members:
Gabriel Lum

Overseen by: Nora Tsuji – 808 358-1310

PARTNER CHURCHES

January 09, 2026

KUC Annual Report (2025)

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DOOR OF FAITH

On March 2024, we resume our service again at Kalihi Union Church after paused when late pastor Peter Sisra was sick he was not able to walk for his serious illness until he passed on October 2025.

Thank You:

We are very pleased with pastor Jonathan for his kindness to allowed us back to Kalihi Union Church under our new pastor Banerio. Our church is getting improve of each members from 15 to 30. On this coming March we plan to promote some of the church members to fill up in our church such as deacon for Pehonsis Sisra as youth president.

Future Goal

We still try to encourage some of church members to join to fill up empty chairs in our church. We would like to focus on keeping each one that comes to church to be consistent and grow.



Emmanuel Report 2025

First, I just want to thank the Lord for guiding us through the year of 2025. Our group Emmanuel Church has been growing faith over time through our bible study and service every day. We had been losing members but even if we had less members our faith and trust for the Lord is big. Then two couples joined us, they came from Mainland, Salem. The man is a pastor and he would spread the word of God during services. We also have created an online bible study for our families and Emmanuel church can join on every Friday. Many families from Mainland and Alaska joined our bible study online.

I am grateful for the year of 2025. In December, it was great. We were so happy to join the KUC. Each group got to perform their own songs and were so happy that we got to show ours to the Church and to everybody. I am so thankful for the year and the new year that we jumped into. I feel grateful for the year of 2025 and hope our Church and everyone else in the KUC grows more faith and blessing through the year of 2026.

These are the family that joined us in our ministry
Emmanuel Church



FAITH CHURCH (Chuukese)

Rààn Annim and Happy New Year.

2025 was an amazing and blessed year for Faith Church. We did outreach to friends and families that we know and some repented and received the Lord as their Lord and Savior. They continue to join us for Sunday services and other events. Most of the families we have has repented and are still learning to build their faith in Jesus.

We praise God for the privilege to worship here at Kalihi Union Church.

Highlights:

- **Salvation:** We had 8 people receive the Lord last year and made Him their Lord and Savior. Praise God!
- **Outreach:** We reached out to some of our families and friends and pray for them and encourage them especially during funerals and for the sick.
- **Conference:** HEGC Honolulu Evangelical Gospel Church. On 2 churches come together.
- **Christmas Celebration:** We got together all families and friends and celebrated the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25, 2025 at the Kalihi Union Church Chapel.

Thank you:

On behalf of the pastoral in Faith church we would like to say, thank you very much pastor Jonathan steeper and your wonderful leadership team for allowing us to be part of your ohana in serving his kingdom building, we have been blessed and we pray that the Lord will always blessed you all.

Future goal:

We would continue to do outreaches and worship Him and gather to our community. Our Theme for 2026 is *"To Know Jesus and To Make Him Known. "to know Jesus and make Him known."*

In deuteronomy 28:1-14

Sincerely yours
Ereki Kaur
Senior pastor
Faith church.





HCEGC ASSOCIATION: FOUPO FOUPO CHURCH

2025 Annual Report

CHURCH As a Chuukese Church here in America, our mission is to
MISSION: spread the Word of God to our Chuukese people living in the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, and the mainland.

CORE VALUES:

Faith: To trust God wholeheartedly, avoid relying on our limited understanding, and submit to His guidance.

Respect: Treat the Lord and others with kindness, empathy, and respect, just as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Community: True greatness lies in serving others rather than seeking personal recognition or status.

Teamwork: When people work together selflessly, they experience blessings.



FINACIAL REPORT:

Our 2025 financial report indicates that we have made \$3,500 in savings specifically for the church.

YEARLY ACTIVITIES:



Foupo Foupo Church with KUC:

- Helped out with the Christmas
 - Mekaren Enita (Chaperone)
 - Melvin Enita
 - Kimston Joseph
 - K-Ner Karen
- Abstinence Free Workshop: for our youths
 - Mekaren Enita (Chaperone)
 - Melvin Enita
 - Jfourreen Karen
 - Kimston Joseph
 - Mike II Otokichy
 - Marancy S. Esa
 - Wijay Nathan



Foupo Foupo Church with HCEGC Association:

- Please refer to the HCEGC Agenda Calendar provided, that shows the Months, Activities and which Church will be hosting each event.
- New selected Council Leaders after the passing of the HCEGC present President. They took and signed their oaths on the Nov. 13, 2025.
 - Kinder Rally
 - Our youths from the ages of 5-18 participated in a singing competition where they would sing a couple songs and spread a few Bible verses as a group against 7 other churches in the HCEGC Association.
 - Youth Rally
 - Our Youths from the ages of 12- 25 would also participate in a day where we would have different competitions such as doing a Solo, singing Duet, singing trio and having a group song that would be written to match the Theme given based on the Sermon of the day, which was “Eniga Kot non Imach” (Give Praise to God in our Home)



Foupo Foupo Church with Off Island Foupo Churches:

- Foupo Mwichefel, Seattle, Washington:
 - We’ve reached out to help with funerals of our family members.
 - with funds and being a part of their program.
- Foupo Church Conferences:
 - Our different Foupo Branches in the US, Guam and Chuuk, hold a conferences/workshop where each church in the Foupo Association sent about 2 representatives to attend a Pastors seminar about how they can lead and help our people in our churches as well as going over different topic on how they can better leaders for their congregation.



Foupo Foupo Church:

- Donated \$5,000 and more to our Home/Mother Church of all Foupo Foupo Mwichefels (churches) for renovations.

Firstly, our Foupo Foupo Church would like to thank our Father for guiding and blessing each and every one of us in the past year of 2024. We would also like to thank Pastor Jonathan Steeper and the KUC community for allowing us to be apart of the KUC Family as well as allowing us to use your facilities to have our church services, meetings, and gatherings.



Thank You,
Foupo Foupo Church
Pastor Masy Karen
(808) 225-7872
pastormasy808@hotmail.com

Kosrae Honolulu Congregational Church- KHCC 2025

Aloha & Lenwo

First, I would like to thank God our Heavenly Father for taking care of us, the blessings that HE always poured upon us. He has been so good to us even when we have challenging obstacles we have been through, HE still saves us and blesses us much more than what we deserved.

On Behalf of the Kosraean in Honolulu I, Pastor Elwel Taulung want to extend our sincere gratitude for allowing us to use your wonderful facility for our Church-meetings- mid week services etc., and of course for allowing us to be part of KUC Family of Christ. We were so fortunate.

Our church committee members from last year 2025 we have gained 4 members and when up from 56 to 60 at the end of year 2025. We also lost 4 during the year because someone lost their lives, moving back home or mainland. We also have the children baptism, and we have 35 newborn that are being blessed.

For our Etawi endeavors, its members started with 220 members but during the first 3 months, the church implemented Youth Adults endeavor and have them on separate services from the Adults Endeavor (Etawi matuh).

Activities that were made with every 3months (fufasyusr) we gained 33 new members for Etawi, it total members now at the end of Dec was 253 members.

Other highlights that happened during the year was Christmas Toeni at one of our sister church at Maui congregational church on Dec 25th, 2025, to celebrate Christmas day with all the inter-island churches and some from mainland churches like Texas, Sacramento, Seattle, and Georgia. The church pastors decided to do again with in every 3years. Next hosting Church is Hilo Congregational church.

We also have groups visiting from our motherland, Kosrae.

Last but not the least, 4 members at Maui Church got Ordained – 1 Deacon, 1 Deaconess, 2 lay ministers.

Kulo ma lulap and God blesses and have a wonderful day.

Kosrae Honolulu Congregational Church



ABOVE KHCC 2026 Etawi Leaders (l-r) Faulsto Sigrah (Secretary), Joseph Renton (Vice President), Joab Welly (President)

BELOW Sr. Pastor Elwel Taulung and his Core Leaders for 2026 Prayes and Dedicaiton of these Leaders on 12/28/2025

2025 CHRISTMAS TOENI HELD IN MAUI



LADIES FORM HONOLULU IN THEIR UNIFORM

Big Stars leaders leading the team into formations.



Honolulu men in uniform marching and playing with their wreaths directed by the Bell Ringer to worship the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.



Bell Ringer in action!! Giving directions to the team. Worshipping.



East-Side Team Ready to Perform their marching and worshipping on December 20, 2025.

KOSRAEAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PASTORS AND LEADERS



KOSRAEAN CONGREGATIONL CHURCH SPEAD THROUGH THE UNITED STATES. KOSRAE HONOLULU CONGRGATIONAL CHURCH BECAME THE MOTHER CHURCH TO ALL THE KOSRAEAN CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES REGION.

Above we have pastors and leaders that came from **Seattle, Sacramento, Texas (Killeen, and Dallas) Georgia, (Hinesville, and Conyer) and from the Hawaiian Islands, groups were from, Lanai, Hilo, Kona, Maui, and Honolulu.**

December 25, 2025, became the first gathering for this Christmas Toeni. It was held in Maui at the Kihei Community Center. The place was packed and every group brought their unique ways to worship Jesus Christ through marching, singing, playing with wreaths, directed by the Bell Ringers.

What a Wonderful event! It was an amazing reunion for so many families from Kosrae. The Kosraean Congregational Church across United States together Celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

It was such a successful event that the Churches decided to gather every 3 years to Celebrate Christmas.

Next Christmas Toeni will be in Hilo in 2028. People are already looking forward for the next Christmas Toeni. Praise God and Peace on Earth.

Annual Report 2026
Mallen Raan Fellowship Church (MRFC)

"Highlighting God's Faithfulness in MRFC"

Building up his servant leaders:

1. Pastor Johnny Uruman
2. Deacon Karson Ruda
3. Deacon Marvin Moses
4. Secretary Teresita Sos

Answers to prayer:

1. Choir Ministry led by Deacon Karson Ruda has positively impacted our Chuukese community this year.
2. Youth Rally and Youth Sports Ministry has positively impacted our Churches, Youths, and Young Adults.

Unexpected Blessing:

1. MRFC has been blessed with the opportunity to serve the ECCA organization in major leadership roles.
 - a. Gary Enlet is currently serving as Youth Advisor for ECCA Youth Executive.
 - b. Karson Ruda is currently serving as the Deacon President for ECCA Deacons Executive.
 - c. Teresita Sos is currently serving as the ECCA Youth Executives Secretary.

Prayer Request:

1. Pray for MRFC and ECCA leaders:
 - a. Wisdom
 - b. Love
 - c. Humility
 - d. Spirit-Led
2. Pray for our youths and young adults:
 - a. Freedom from Gang influence
 - b. Spiritual Revival
3. Pray for Spiritual Revival in all of our Churches

Encouragement:

(1 Timothy 1:12-17) ¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy

because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Thank you very much Pastor Jonathan Steeper and your wonderful leadership team for allowing us to be a part of your ohana in serving our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May the Lord continue to bless you all as we keep each other in our prayers! Have a blessed New Year!

Sincerely,
Gary Enlet
MRFC Family

The Annual Report of the Maranatha Church for the Year 2025

First off, all, I would like to thank our Heavenly father for another year added to our lives and for guiding and blessing us in the year 2025.

As I reflect on the past year 2025, I have experienced growth in my faith and my ministry. Throughout church activities outreach programs. I have strengthened my bonds and reach out to those in need. I am grateful for the blessings God has bestowed upon me and the way he has guided my efforts. I have embraced opportunities to serve our community and share the love of Christ. As I look forward in this new year 2026, I will continue to seek Gods direction in all I do, trusting that he will establish my steps as I strive to fulfill his purpose.

I am grateful to share that I have initiated or officiated two (2) wedding ceremonies and one (1) funeral service. My church and I hosted our conference for our eight churches in our congregation. And we also when to visit the sick people in the Chuuk House in Salt Lake; we donated food and drinks and housing supplies like soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, toilet papers detergent, etc. Chuuk House have 12 patients.

The “Chuuk House” in Honolulu likely refers to Chuuk State Government Office Located at 1061 Ala Lilikoi Street, Purpose: an official office for the state of Chuuk, offering community support and governmental liaison for Chuukese residents in Hawaii.

Thank God for using me and my church my brothers and sisters last year 2025 as an instrument for his glory. And now I am an employee for the State of Chuuk here in the state of Hawaii. I’m working for the Chuuk House as a Patients Coordinator, Glory to God in the highest.



NEW BEGINNING MARSHALLESE CHURCH

Aloha,

2025 was a good year. We gather at the Gym every Sunday from 6pm-9pm..

During this year we did outreach with the Marshallese citizens that was flown from back home to seek medical attention. We prayed for them and provided foods and bathroom supplies.

Towards the end of that year, we lost our son. Even though it's a difficult time for us, we still praised and worshiped God for he has a reason behind all his doings.

This new year, we will continue to be happy and continue to preach the Gospel in Jesus name.

Komoltata

Pastor Keston Jima
Marshallese New Beginning Church



STAR OF HOPE

Another year serving the Lord! Praise the Lord. We have made it through another year. Although we've ran into a lot of road blocks in our ministry this past year. We thank God for the strength to overcome every obstacle that stood in our way.

Through prayer and petition, God continues to make a way.

In the past year, Star of Hope continues to grow in terms of active members; youth, renewals, and Sunday service visitors/attendees. Numbers still fluctuates week by week but we continue to give God the Glory he deserves. This year we made a few changes by adding Mother's Ministry where we gathered every Monday of the week and did different activities to help each Woman of God in their spiritual walk with the Lord. We also added Starlights also known as Ministry for Children under 9 years of age.

2 New families dedicated to being members of Star of Hope.

On Easter we had our Sunrise service at Ala Moana Beach Park and held Baptism where 12 lives were baptized that day. Praise be to God.

In October- 1 Baby Dedication

No death was recorded in 2025

December- Christmas Eve we held a Christmas Dinner and each Family was to bring a basket of household goods to exchange with another family.

As our motto states "All gas, no brakes" we are determined to keep pushing God's kingdom at our full potential in 2026.

We would also like to sincerely thank Pastor Jonathan and the Kalihi Union Church for your partnership; and opening your doors for us to Worship in your space. May the love of God continue to flow over us all as we approach this upcoming year of 2026.

Love & Blessings,

Pastor Tony Paleafei and Star of Hope Worship Center

VICTORY SAMOAN ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

I thank God for His Love & Mercy to Victory Samoan AOG Church. Of course we are now in the end times. We have many family's came in this year as we reach out, they came in and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, 1 family want to be listed as members of Victory Samoan AOG, and some they only accepted Jesus and wanted only to come church. Now some move out and said they going back to where they came from. I pray and our Church pray for them to make a right decision. Please pray for Victory Samoan AOG. As we know we are in the end times. As 2 Timothy 4:4 At the end many will turn their ears away from the truth and turn a side to myths. But God said in Matthew 18:20-for where Teo or three gather in my name there am I with them. God bless you all.



Voice of Christ Full Gospel Church (VOCFGC)

We are pleased to present the Annual Report for Voice of Christ Full Gospel Church (VOCFGC), summarizing our activities and growth from January 2025 to December 2025. This past year has been a testament to God's grace and the dedication of our beloved community.

****Church Leadership & Services:****

Our spiritual guidance is provided by a dedicated team, including our Senior Pastor, supported by two Laymen Preachers and one Deacon. Our regular Sunday worship services are held from 6:00 AM to 8:30 AM, providing a consistent time for fellowship and spiritual nourishment.

****Community Growth & Membership:****

We rejoice in the expansion of our church family throughout 2025. We welcomed a family of three who relocated to the mainland in December, and a large family of approximately ten individuals from Maui joined our congregation, enriching our vibrant community. We also celebrate the joyful anticipation of a new life joining our families this year. Our church now encompasses approximately 8 to 9 households, totaling close to 100 dedicated members.

A highlight of the year was the safe return of our military members who were serving abroad. We praise God for their safe journey home, allowing them to reunite with their families and loved ones. Their service and safe return are a source of immense gratitude for our church.

****Ministry Highlights:****

* ****Praise & Worship Ministry:**** Our Praise and Worship team continues to faithfully lead the congregation, creating an atmosphere conducive to experiencing God's divine presence during our services.

* ****Youth Ministry:**** Our Youth Ministry is thriving, demonstrating significant spiritual growth. Weekly Bible sharing sessions and engaging youth activities are held every Friday at 6:00 PM. We have observed a profound spiritual awakening and a genuine hunger for God's Word among our young people. Beyond spirited bible games and fellowship over refreshments, the most impactful aspect has been the evident life transformation as we consistently teach and declare Jesus Christ as King and Lord over all. We are also proud to celebrate the academic achievements of our youth, with some graduating from high school and others transitioning from middle school to high school.

* ****Women's Ministry:**** The Women's Ministry stands as a powerful and integral component of our church life, characterized by a strong commitment to prayer and mutual support. We are actively praying for the establishment of a dedicated time and space to host weekly group meetings, allowing this vital ministry to flourish even further.

****Partnership and Future Outlook:****

Voice of Christ Full Gospel Church is experiencing continuous growth, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving the Lord alongside our cherished partners, brothers, and sisters in Christ here at the KUC CAMPUS. We eagerly anticipate the blessings and plans God has in store for us in 2026. We extend our sincere gratitude to KUC for consistently opening your doors and providing us with the opportunity to serve the Lord within your facilities.

Thank you, and may God bless us all.

Sincerely,

Lofa Siolo-Tuiasosopo.

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Aloha!

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ. As we reflect on all God has done this past year of 2025, our prayer will always be to honor Him in all our endeavors and seek to keep Him solidly in the center of all we do.

Arise Academy aims to support parents' efforts as they obediently follow the biblical responsibility to "train up a child in the way he should go." (Proverbs 22:6) (Deuteronomy 6:7) and specifically offers support in families' decisions to homeschool their children. Our prayer for these children is that they would grow in wisdom, virtue and wholehearted devotion towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our mission and vision of this co-op is to provide a place for homeschooling families to assemble and help us all to grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. This means that we do, say and consider all things, endeavoring to put God first and recognize His sovereignty in our lives and act in obedience to His leading. He is leading us to raise our children in:

Wisdom - to not only know right, but to try to do right knowing that grace is available to them

Stature - to learn about, take care, and honor our bodies

In Favor with God and Men - In that order, we seek to please God through obedience, and will then be found blameless before men. (Luke 2:52)

Arise Academy meets on Mondays and Wednesdays and is founded and directed by Nohea Daliva. This 2025-2026 school year has enrolled 112 students from prek-12th grade, and we are proud of the 7 students that are graduating in May.. We have also added the options of cohort groups for our students ranging from grades 7th - 12th who are enrolled dually at Arizona State University. We have also added courses to help our students test for college credit using CLEP and Modern States.

We celebrate the second year of Arise Speech and Debate, one of two locations on Oahu of NCFCA, (National Christian Forensics Communication Association) and will compete in regional and national tournaments this year.

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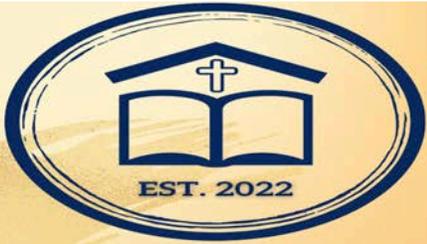
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PARTNER MINISTRIES



ARISE ACADEMY

Colossians 2:6-8





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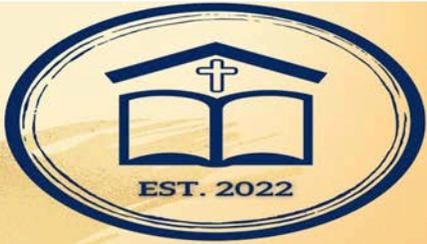
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Mission: Global, in-depth Bible classes producing passionate commitment to Christ, His Word and His Church.

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Values: Dependence on God, Passion for Christ, Compassion for people, Excellence, Integrity, Humility.

BSF's 2025-2026 study year began in September 2025. This year the BSF study is titled: Exile & Return: A Time to Build - included in this study are the books of Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi.

Three phrases that describe the year for the mens class are: **1.** The importance of fervent prayer as the means by which we engage in spiritual warfare **2.** God's preservation of His remnant **3.** The necessity of living in obedience to God and His Word.

We are thankful to be able to hold BSF class night for the student program (K-8 in the women's student program and 9-12 in the men's student program), men's group including a satellite discussion with our brothers in Hilo and Maui and women's group.

2025(Sept – Dec.) BSF Mens Class numbers:

- 13 Tuesday class night meetings
- 13 Saturday morning leaders training meetings
- Average of 6 students in-person each week (Grades 9 – 12) in addition to 4 Children's Leaders
- Average of 40 men in-person and 8 outer island zoom members each week in addition to 11 leaders

In 2025, we pray for more men and students to come and join us in this rich study in God's Word. We also pray for God to call leaders to serve in BSF so that we may equip more believers to be effective serving in their local churches

We thank you Lord for KUC's open doors to partner with BSF! We are thankful to KUC and how you have so generously ministered not just to us, but to so many other churches and ministries, so that God may be glorified and His Church would continue to grow in faith. We continue to pray that God will bless KUC and its members -

BSF Evening Men's Class Staff:

- ❖ Garrett Jalving – Teaching Leader
- ❖ Wyatt Nakamura – Substitute Teaching Leader
- ❖ Aaron Brandt - Children's Supervisor
- ❖ Ross Harada – Class Administrator

Meeting Times:

Tuesday fellowship/discussion/lecture at 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Saturday leaders meeting at 7:00am to 8:30am



Tuesday Night Lecture at KUC



BSF Leadership Team

2025 - 2026

KUC Annual Report

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Some key truths about God that the members and students are learning this year:

1. God's desire to call a people unto Himself - Deuteronomy 7:6, 1 Peter 2:9-10
2. God's restorative grace - Ezekiel 36:26, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
3. The messianic King and kingdom, which transcend the constantly revolving realm

of human kings and kingdoms - Daniel 2:44, Romans 14:17

We are so thankful to be able to hold BSF class night for the student program (K-8 in the women's student program and 9-12 in the men's student program).

2025 (Sept – Dec.) BSF Women's Class numbers:

- 10 Tuesday evening leaders for class night meetings
- 14 Saturday morning leaders training meetings
- Average of 7-8 students in-person each week (Grades K – 8) in addition to 4 Children's Leaders
- Average of 30 women in-person each week in addition to 10 leaders

BSF was also grateful to volunteer at the monthly KUC work days and the KUC Christmas Outreach.

In 2026, we pray for more women and students to come and join us in this rich study in God's Word. We also pray for God to call even more leaders to serve in BSF so that we may welcome more members and students. Most of all, we pray that God's Word and the Gospel of the Good News will penetrate hearts, as BSF members go out into the community sharing with others what the Lord is teaching them. Thank you Lord for KUC's open doors to partner with BSF! We are so thankful to KUC and how you have so generously ministered not just to us, but to so many other churches and ministries, so that God may be glorified and His Church would continue to grow in faith. We continue to pray that God will bless KUC and its members in 2025 and for many years to come.

BSF Evening Women's Class Staff:

- Carolyn Hamasaki - Distant Online Trainer
- Dori Hughes - Distant Assistant Online Trainer
- Jess Thomas - Distant Assistant Online Trainer
- Lindsey Hunt - Children's Supervisor



Community Bible Study (CBS) 2025 Report Honolulu Class for Women and Children

The Mission Statement of Community Bible Study (CBS) is *to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth bible study, available to all.* The Vision of CBS is *to see lives transformed by the Word of God.* Our class year runs from September through May for a total of 30 weeks. Our class is held on Tuesday morning in person and online from 10:30am-12pm and Tuesday evenings online from 6-7:30pm. Our leaders meet from 9am - 10:15am on Tuesday. We have 120 women enrolled including 22 servant leaders and more than 80 children. The women meet in small groups of not more than 15 women facilitated by a trained Core Leader to discuss their lesson for the first half of the class time, then meet in a large group for worship and a summary teaching in the chapel.

We have 5 children's classes for babies to 17 years of age. The preschool children learn Bible stories and have memory verses and crafts to reinforce their lessons. The primary, juniors and teens do a parallel study of what the women are studying. This year we are studying the Book of Psalms.

Each year we ask God to raise up leaders and to gather women and children to our class. We continue to praise God for the amazing ways he is growing us and adding to his ministry. He is always faithful to provide what we need and to accomplish his purposes in and through us. The focal point of our ministry is the daily study of God's Word. The fellowship that we experience with Jesus and each other is the best part! We are growing in our knowledge of God and His Word and becoming faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are so grateful to the KUC Ohana, Pastor Jonathan and staff for opening your church to us each year. Our prayer is that we can be as much of a blessing to all of you as you have been to us.

Goals/Vision for 2026:

To see our women and children grow deeper and stronger in their relationship with Christ. Our main goal is to always bring GLORY TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST in all we do!



Christmas Brunch Fellowship



Leadership Team



The Year 2025 was the Sixth Year of Stand Firm Youth Abstinence Classes

Serving churches, ministries and other community groups, affiliates with Kalihi Union Church. It is with deep appreciation that we thank our pastoral leadership and the parents who send their youth (5-12 graders) to our classes to learn:

Healthy and wise decision making and refusal skills,

Following the Biblical path to save all sexual activity for marriage.

We present 3 Free Stand Firm Youth Workshops with refreshments, lunches & certificates

In 2026, they will be held on April 24 & 25, June 5 & 6^{and} October 23 & 24 in the Welcome Center. We will wish "Aloha" to Rev. Dr. Jonathan Steeper in June and welcome Thomas Walter of Manaio Church to teach our young men. We are thankful for the rest of the team assisting as experienced instructors or classroom volunteers:

Pastor Kendal Fong, Kim Adams Ana Barrientos, Lynn Ching, Toni Jimenez, Leslie Jones, Shirley Kinoshita and Merleen William

"Christ in you the hope of Glory"

Annual Report for Stampin' Up! Inspiration Nights

Held in the Welcome Center at KUC Stampin' Up! Inspiration Nights is a fellowship group of Stampin' Up! demonstrators who gather with our upline, Cindy Baughman, for creativity, community, and encouragement.

Our evenings include card making, shared meals, and meaningful time spent together. I serve as both the sponsor and a demonstrator for this group. Our purpose is to come together to have fun, visit, fellowship, and enjoy stamping together. A special highlight of our gatherings is the wonderful meals lovingly prepared by my husband, Craig Ikeda, which are greatly appreciated by everyone.

Three words best describe who we are and what we do:

Craft – Connect – Care.

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Prior to the pandemic, we met once a month on Tuesday evenings. Since the pandemic, we now meet every other month on Friday evenings.

In addition to fellowship, our group is actively involved in community service projects, which we refer to as **“Creativity for a Cause.”** These efforts include fundraising initiatives and donating handmade cards to cancer centers and other organizations to bring encouragement and hope to others.

Cindy Baughman is a Christian who reflects her faith through her actions and leadership. She thoughtfully organizes our fundraisers and coordinates our card-making projects throughout the year, serving as a strong and compassionate leader to her downline. While not all participants share the same beliefs, our group is welcoming and respectful. We typically begin with prayer and are grateful for the opportunity to fellowship, grow together, and remain attentive to opportunities to pray for and encourage the women who attend.

Thank you for allowing us to share our time, talents, and hearts through Stampin' Up! Inspiration Nights.

Blessings,

Eve Janean Ikeda

TAKI-FIT ANNUAL REPORT 2025

MISSION

To help athletes build a **firm foundation** of fundamentals, faith, and character for success in life and basketball.

VISION

To create a safe and encouraging basketball community that invites athletes and families to experience the power of prayer, encounter Jesus, and grow in faith for an abundant life beyond the game.

AT TAKI FIT

We encourage students to apply The Word of God in all areas of their life at our skills & development classes, club teams, and leagues.

PROGRAM INCLUDES: Basketball services for athletes K-12th Grade

- **Classes:** teach fundamental basketball skill sets to help athletes be equipped and confident to play in basketball games
- **Club Teams:** for athletes looking to be part of a team and excel in their basketball development which includes athletic development, practices to understand game strategies, scrimmages, and games against other teams.

Classes and Club Practices Include:

- Scripture
- Testimonies and praise reports
- Prayer
- Journaling and reflection



PRAISE REPORTS:

2025 has been a year of witnessing God's favor and faithfulness! Since God opened the door and blessed Taki-Fit to have its basketball program at Kalihi-Union's gymnasium it has brought hope to Taki-Fit's program and the participating families! Our program has expanded to providing club teams for children to grow in their basketball skill sets and receive more intimate discipleship. These teams consist of the same children for an extended period of time anywhere between 3-5 months and meets Tuesdays and Thursdays to practice, share praise reports, study The Word, pray, and grow in faith with their peers.

Teams are comprised of boys and girls and it is consistently growing. The teams have increased with the 2 seasons we held. From 2 teams in the summer to 3 teams for the fall, each team ranging from 9-12 players of boys and girls 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade. The children engage in an activity or game prior to starting practice. Practices start with a huddle, where coaches provide a space for children to share praise reports, request prayer, and learn to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The children participate in a lesson from the Bible on various topics. This year, we studied knowing Jesus as our Shepard (Psalm 23), the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18), love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7), and other spiritual disciplines. All practices end with a time of journaling, reflecting the lesson of the day, and prayer.

This year we have had over 20 volunteers to assist with security, children supervision, and administration tasks. We were able to expand to 5 volunteer assistant coaches who help facilitate practices. Multiple families have shared with us how they appreciate this unique experience they find at Taki-Fit where faith is incorporated and modeled through basketball. Many families have expressed appreciation for how Taki-Fit provides a community where their children's faith is nurtured and their relationship with Jesus is encouraged outside of church.

This year, we were able to further develop a strong sense of community for families through our club teams and leagues. The Lord answered our prayer by providing a Bible study for parents to participate in during their children's practices. One parent testified that the Bible study gave her hope and led her family back to attending church. Glory to God!

This year we have had parents testify that their children have developed hunger for Jesus and have begun seeking The Lord in prayer since attending Taki-Fit. One parent shared that since her children started attending Taki-Fit, their health has significantly improved—they haven't gotten sick and no longer need their inhalers. Another parent shared how her children have become bright lights in their family and how their love for Jesus has began influencing their family members who do not know Jesus yet. Children K-6th grade have begun boldly sharing testimonies of what God has been doing in their lives during our huddles and it has ignited faith and courage for peers and coaches to ask for prayer and share their testimonies! Children and families have also been witnessing Jesus' healing power, and it has opened families up to prayer and receiving from Jesus. We have seen flus, a torn rotator cuff, a hairline fracture, ankle sprains, and diabetes be healed by Jesus Christ this year through prayer being offered at Taki-Fit. Glory to God! These healing testimonies have ignited faith in the children to go out into their schools and extend the ministry of Jesus to their classmates! A 4th grader in our program testified how her classmate had an ear infection and was sad that the ear infection would not allow her to attend another classmates birthday, pool party. The 4th grader offered to pray for the classmate's ear infection and the following day the ear infection was completely healed and the classmate was able to attend the birthday party. Glory to God!

At the end of each season, our club team hosts a league and welcomes outside teams, bringing families from all over the island—many who are not believers yet—into a place where they can hear the gospel and meet Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Our prayer is that through Taki-Fit, families would encounter His power and love, be transformed, and grow into devoted disciples.

We look forward to 2026 and are excited to see what The Lord will do. The best is yet to come!

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Since 2019, individuals rebuilding their lives have stepped into a space shaped by grace — where dignity is affirmed, accountability is practiced, and belonging is real. We are deeply grateful for a church community that lives its faith not only on Sundays, but through daily acts of love and service.

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The fruit of both long-term investment and new growth became especially visible in 2025:

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