



April 2025



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OTHER MEETINGS TO BE HELD DURING THE 'AHA:

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'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu
Thursday, June 12
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lihue Parish Hall
(4340 Nawiliwili Road, Lihue)

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Annual Meeting
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Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church
(4-1325 Kuhio Hwy, Kapa'a)

Register by Monday, May 12, 4 p.m.

www.hcucc.org/aha-paeaina

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THIS MONTH'S EMERGING THOUGHT

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Prayers of Aloha

Praying for & with each church
of the Hawai'i Conference UCC

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Hualoha Cong'l Church, Ko'olau
Hui'ia Protestant Church,
Kanaana Hou - Siloama United
Church of Christ, United
Community Church, Kōloa Union
Church, Waiola Church, Honolulu
Marshallese Ministry, United
Church of Christ - Judd Street



We also encourage you to pray for our
Justice & Witness Missional Team, our partners in the
Protestant Churches of China,
and the **UCC's Education for Faithful Action Ministries (EFAM)** this month.

REMINDERS

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The Conference Office will be closed during Holy Week for:

April 17 Maundy Thursday
April 18 Good Friday

April 22: Earth Day



April 27: PAAM Sunday
hcucc.org/paam-sunday



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