



June 2026



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"Meetings that Work Better"

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Conference Office CLOSED:

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- **Friday, June 19**, in observance of **Juneteenth**

PASTORAL TRANSITIONS



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THIS MONTH'S EMERGING THOUGHT

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—Excerpt from a sermon preached by **W. Keoki Kiwaha**, at the Hawai'i Island Association's Spring 'Aha Moku-puni on May 16, 2026, at Hōkūloa UCC, Puakō.



Prayers of Aloha

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

We encourage you to pray for any or all of these churches listed for the month of **June**, in whatever way you are moved.



Helani Cong'l Church, Pu'ula UCC, Lāna'i Union Church, Puka'ana Cong'l Church, Laupahoehoe Cong'l Church, Hauoli Kamana'o Church, Wahiawa UCC



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"Sent forth by the Spirit, we walk humbly in Christ's footsteps pursuing peace, justice and the renewal of all creation."



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