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December 2025

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE



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MELE KALIKIMAKA!

From the Hawaiʻi Conference & Foundation Staff

THIS MONTH'S EMERGING THOUGHT

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

IS YOUR CHURCH PREPARED?

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REMINDERS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

OUT OF OFFICE

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Prayers of Aloha

Praying for & with each church of the Hawaiʻi Conference UCC

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

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Bishop Memorial Church, Church of the Crossroads, United Church of Christ Pohnpei Hilo, Bethel of Amazing Grace, Mokuaikaua Church

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