



May 2024

HAWAII CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Join in collecting needed period products and bring them to the 'Aha Pae'āina at Central Union Church, June 13-15. At the 'Aha we'll assemble the kits for Ma'i Movement, who will distribute them to those in need on all Hawaiian islands. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted and will be used to purchase the needed products.

More details available at hcucc.org



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May 20 -28:
Period Poverty Awareness Week

THIS MONTH'S EMERGING THOUGHT

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September 2022.



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REMINDERS

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REGISTER BY MAY 13
FOR THE 'AHA PAE'ĀINA

SPONSOR A YOUTH!

The 'Aha Pae'āina Youth Event Planning Team invites HCUCC churches and members to **Sponsor A Youth!**

For \$125 you can sponsor 1 youth's full participation in the 'Aha Youth Event.

Let's work together to make the Youth Event accessible to every family in our Conference!

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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 **May**, in whatever way you are moved.

Honolulu Cosmopolitan UCC ♡
First United Protestant Church ♡
Kokokahi UCC ♡ 'Opihikao Cong'l Church ♡
Tuvalu Fou Church of Hawai'i ♡
Hilo Marshallese Ministry ♡
Savali Ole Filemu (Message of Peace) ♡
Lihu'e Christian Church ♡
Hilo Coast UCC ♡
Samoan Church of HI, LMS, Nanakuli ♡

We also encourage you to pray for the **Hawai'i Island Association** and **UCC's Office of Public Policy and Advocacy, Washington, DC** this month.

"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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