



HAWAII CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

October 2024

The month of October is...

Pastor Appreciation Month MAHALO

Take the opportunity to express your appreciation for your pastor and celebrate the many gifts our pastors, chaplains, and ministerial leaders bring to our local churches, schools, medical settings, communities, and the Hawai'i Conference. **We are truly blessed!**



Pastoral Leaders Retreat 2024, Hilo Coast UCC

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



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domesticviolenceactioncenter.org
(Hawai'i-based agency)

dvawareness.org/free-materials

Support the UCC Transition House
hcucc.org/transition-house

Pray for their annual fundraiser on October 17

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EMERGING THOUGHT

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

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Chuukese Cong'l Church of Christ
♥ Bread of Life Church ♥
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Mānoa Valley Church ♥ Church of the New Testament ♥
Malamalama Ole Alofa Tunoa CCC UCC ♥ Haili Cong'l Church ♥

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