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October 2023

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 Here are a few ideas to let your clergy know they are appreciated and valued:



Send a hand-written note that specifically mentions how you appreciate your pastor, chaplain, or church leader.

Give a membership to Audible.com or another online audiobook and podcast subscription.



Give a day off (or better yet, a weekend off) with pay. Arrange for a guest speaker for a Sunday's worship service.



Sharing a homemade treat is always appreciated!

Are there folks in your congregation who are good at fixing things around the house, doing yard work, planting gardens, etc.? Offer to provide such services to your pastor and his/her/their family.



Keiki at your church can make cards or practice a song to sing to the pastor during a worship service.

STORY TIMES FOR HARD DAYS

MAUI, GRIEF, AND KEIKI:
AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK STORY

**MONDAY
OCT. 16
6:30 PM
Zoom**

MEETING ID:
878 6534 5161
PASSCODE:
208692

Sponsored by the HCUCC Innovation & Engagement Missional Team

During this Zoom presentation, Jihey & Jonathan Roach will share some favorite story books for hard days and invite everyone to share & reflect.

From pastors & Sunday School teachers, to families with small keiki & kūpuna, this story time will offer ways to engage at whatever level you are comfortable with.

REMINDER

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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 October, in whatever way you are moved.

Iao UCC ♡ Moanalua Community Church ♡ Imiola Cong'l Church ♡ Maui Marshallese Ministry ♡ Kanaana Hou - Siloama UCC ♡ Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church ♡ Maui Evangelical Church ♡ Kaahumanu Church ♡ Manoa Valley Church ♡ Kaluaaha Cong'l Church ♡ Kahakuloa Hawaiian Cong'l Church ♡ Malamalama Ole Alofa Tunoa CCC ♡

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