



# THE CONNECTION

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk...***

As I am writing this, I am also aware that tomorrow has been named by one particular preacher (Harold Camping of Family Radio) as the date of the Rapture, that is, the beginning of the End Times that herald the Second Coming of Christ. I am unsure what to make of such predictions as the Bible tells us that no one knows the time when the Rapture is supposed to happen (see Matthew 24:36-37).

The fact that we cannot know when the End Time is coming does not mean that the Rapture will not come tomorrow. All the recent predictions and media attention have given me pause to consider this fact sincerely. Would there still be the high school graduation tonight if we knew for sure that tomorrow it would not matter? Would I bother mowing the lawn? What should I do for the next few hours if there really is no earthly tomorrow?

I need to share with you as well that the predicted date of the Rapture is also Helen and my marriage anniversary date. Maybe I do not need to get her a card after all? Or, do I need to send her a card up in heaven somehow? The date is also a Saturday, and Saturday I always make pancakes for breakfast for the family. Do they eat pancakes in heaven? All of this assumes that I will be in heaven. . . .what if I don't make it?

Here is then the positive aspect of the Rapture predictions: I stop and consider the meaning of my life here on this planet, and what will happen to my eternal soul. I consider those people that I need to forgive. I take count of the sins that I need to confess. I ponder whether I have failed to live up to the Great Commandment to love one another and to the Great Commission of Jesus to go out and make disciples of all people. I truly ask myself if I am humble enough of heart to bow down completely before the throne of God.

I reconsider the lives of my children, too. I have lasted a fair time already. I want my children to live good lives as well. I want to bounce my grandchildren one day on my knee. At the same time, I really want to see Jesus come into the world again. In fact, I would like to see Jesus fix this world for the sake of my grandchildren! Or, am I supposed to fix this world so that Jesus will not have to?

I am going to consider the possibility that tomorrow is the last day. If it turns out not to be, then I will make the following day the possible last day, and so on until my heart is truly ready to be raptured, whenever that comes to pass. I hope it will come during church on Sunday morning, but more likely I will not be in an attitude of praise and prayer when it happens. Therefore, I must learn to pray and praise continually and to be watchful at all times.

If you are reading these words in heaven right now, then congratulations on the victory of your faith!

*Aloha ke Akua, Pastor Olaf*

*The mission of the Waimea United Church of Christ is to provide, through Jesus Christ, the means by which people grow spiritually, thereby preparing and empowering them to witness to God's love, to identify the needs of the community, and to minister to them.*

**Scripture & Sermon Titles  
June 2011**

June 5<sup>th</sup> John 14:15-17, 25-31  
"Spirit of Truth"  
June 12<sup>th</sup> Acts 2:1-13  
"Pentecostal Experience"  
June 19<sup>th</sup> John 15:1-11  
"The Vineyard"  
June 26<sup>th</sup> John 16:22-24, 32-33  
"Courage"

The pastor is continuing to lead us through a study of the Gospel of John. This gospel is known as the message of Love and Light from Christ to the world and is quite different than the other three gospels. Please feel encouraged to read the scripture ahead of the sermon in preparation.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study Group meets in Baird Hall at 9 a.m. This group studies the upcoming Sunday's scripture and sermon topic and gives input for the sermon. All are welcome to share in the lively discussion and prayer.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

The Evening Bible Study and fellowship meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6 pm. We are beginning a study of the book of Acts. Listen to announcements for the location each time.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOOK CLUB WILL BE ON JUNE 19, 2011, AT 3 PM, AND WILL BE HOSTED BY TERI SAKAI. WE WILL DISCUSS THE BOOK "THE FOUR AGREEMENTS" BY DON MIGUEL RUIZ. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES**

The Church Council did not meet in May because of Mother's Day. They will meet in June.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE KAUCC ANNUAL MEETING  
MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

**Youth Report:** Lance Cacal, Youth Representative from Hanapepe UCC came up and shared a vision of a new position in the KAUCC, that of youth coordinator. Mr. Cacal noted that the youth coordinator would need to be of strong biblical faith, willing to work ecumenically, able to connect with youth in their daily lives, and be able to use social media networking such as Facebook and the like. Mr. Cacal formally recommended to the meeting that KAUCC attain an island-wide youth coordinator.

**New KAUCC Youth Coordinator:** Consensus is that we should proceed with the intent to have a new youth coordinator for the island. Discussion is to go back to the Executive Committee on what would be needed to hire. Pastor Olaf asked for an action to from the *corpus* to allow application for grant monies—formal motion from Pastor Phyllis Meighen: "KAUCC be authorized to apply for grant monies as start-up funding for a new youth coordinator." Seconded: Teresa Sakai. Passed unanimously. President Aletha Kaohi added that all of our churches would need to be asked to help in the continuing cost of hiring.

**By-Laws:** Action on the By-Laws to be deferred back to Executive Committee to review further needed clarifications of language and content.

**Conference Minister's Report:** (by Associate Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Iese Tuuao) The Conference has updated its website to a new format. It was noted by Pastor Olaf that the new Conference format no longer supports links to the Kauai Association or Kauai Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches websites.

**Treasurer's Report:** Received as presented with clarifications that the "Waineke Reserve" listed under "other asset" is money left over from a previous Kokua Fund Grant from the Conference Foundation and that the balance of the unused portion of the Mabel Wilcox grant that was designated for the Spring Youth Retreat had been returned to M. Wilcox Trust.

**Incoming KAUCC Officers:**

*President: Rev. Glenn Frazier (Church of the Pacific)*

*Vice-President: Helen Hoeckmann-Percival (Waimea UCC)*

*Treasurer: Joanne Nakashima (Hanapepe UCC)*

*Secretary: Russel Maeda (Lihue Christian Church)*

*Chaplain: Pastor Bemry Bunglik (Koloa Marshallese Ministry)*

**KAUCC REGULAR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS AND ARE HELD ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, MARCH AND MAY.**

**THE KAUCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF ALL THE OTHER MONTHS.**





**"JESUS IN THE HOOD" Ministry**  
**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Church Parking Lot**

Yup, Jesus is back in the hood! If you would like your car checked out by Pastor Olaf and his helpers, please leave your car hood open after church on Sunday after service. Helpful advice and sound prayer is always guaranteed!

*A LETTER FROM SEA*

*Aloha All:*

*We hope this note finds you in good spirits and good health. We are enjoying our cruise and especially the ports of call. Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and India were all great. Then we visited Muscat, Oman -- a very modern and rich city. Next, we sailed past (rapidly) Pakistan and Iran, through the Strait of Hormuz, and into the Persian Gulf. There, we toured Dubai then sailed on to Abu Dhabi where we explored that Emirate. As you can imagine, all of the ports are super interesting. However, the wealth of these big Arab cities is almost beyond belief: the world's tallest building, the world's largest indoor ski slopes, huge resorts and plush shopping malls, and etc.*

*We have now left the Persian Gulf and are now in the Gulf of Aden passing between Yemen and Somalia where we will soon enter the Red Sea on our way to Jordan and Egypt. Then, on through the Suez Canal to Greece and Italy. Well, that is a thumbnail update on what is presently going on in our lives.*

Glenn and Sally Molander



**GARDEN WORK DAY!**

**If you like working in dirt and nurturing plants, then please come to the Community Garden on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> for a workday. Come early to beat the heat.**



*The Church's Ministries*

**Food Pantry:**

*Packing- Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Distribution-Wed., June 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Rummage Sale: Saturday,**

*June 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.*

**Quilting Group:**

*Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>*

**Church Council Meeting:**

*Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>*

**Finance Committee:**

TBA

**June Lay Reader:**

Mike Vidinha

**June Deacon:**

Elaine Ganeko



**Our Prayers**

For Virginia Aguilar (knee surgery), Naoko Ogata, Sheila Ueno, Marlene Matutino; Lynn, Susie Somers' sister; Robbie (Nora's son-in-law) Beth Hanashiro, Jean Thompson, Wayne (Lyndel Erdmann's brother), Satoe Oyama, Nobue, Mary Watanabe, Ruth Cassel, Gladys Okada, Catherine Wilson, Nancy Jones, Jane Masukawa, Gayle Mizukami, Sue Metivier, Jim Kimoto, Nelson Keller, Elmo Douglas, Frank Watanabe, our graduates, the youth in Waimea High School, Nora Vidinha, Loddy, Michael, Lance; Michael Nizo, Veronica Botelho, Sosei Chinen, Selden Burtch, Verna Kauahi, Desiree Kamai-Santos, our local, state and national leaders and our troops overseas.



**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
**WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM**  
**CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
**All voices welcome!**

### Waimea UCC Goes Global

Worship is now being live-streamed on the Internet at [www.hoike.org](http://www.hoike.org) at the same times as the regular broadcasts. If you have any cousins in Timbuktu that would like to worship on-line with us, please let them know!

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### SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

It's summertime again, and the Choir is taking a break. We welcome anyone who would like to offer special music during our church services. Please see Helen or sign-up in the Narthex bulletin board. Mahalo.

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Thank you to everyone who helped in the Mother's Day breakfast. All of us truly enjoyed the good food and good fellowship. Mahalo, men and keiki!

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Thank you to Teri Sakai, Helen and Kimberly Hoeckmann-Percival for representing the church at the annual HCUCC Aha Pae'aina meeting in Honolulu, June 10-11<sup>th</sup>.

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**Did You Know?** In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.



God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it...  
Dad  
- Author Unknown

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**  
Sunday, June 19th

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