# CrossWinds

Sending good news about God’s work in action across the seas from Hawaii, Guam and Saipan

## Dates To Remember

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President’s Article:  The sermon we heard last Sunday in Seattle was about silence, and one of the points was to be silent in all of the busy-ness of our daily living to listen for the word of God.

The year 2018 has been one of so many things happening and full of that busy-ness.  There have been many high points, starting with attending my very first Assembly in Columbus, then Annual Conference and Mission u, so it’s been full of good things.

We were busy with the planning for the fundraiser for our Pledge to Mission and for the Legacy Fund, and many of you were full of aloha for Jane Stewart, our Conference Legacy Fund Coordinator, who was here to celebrate the events with us.

After all of that, Alan and I enjoyed some long-awaited personal travel.  A group of my classmates from high school do something special every decade, and this year we planned on a first time cruise to Alaska.  We flew in and out of Seattle and were happily there for two weddings of special friends, so it was a very full trip.

Underlying all of this was constant worry about our house, which was severely affected by the April 13 flood.  Each time since Assembly in May that I left home, I hoped to see progress upon my return, only to be disappointed at the slow pace of the restoration.  It’s been 4 1/2 months so far, and there’s still a lot to be done.  We hurried home to beat the hurricane and can now only hope for the best for all of our islands.  I’m not sure of my reaction were we to flood again. . . .

Another point made in the sermon was about taking off the earphones and putting aside all of the technology that occupy so much of our attention. . . and just BE.....with your environment, with nature, with the people around you.  We give thanks that our family was happy to have us home and that we can bear whatever Hurricane Lane brings together.  My busy-ness has been enriching for the mind and spirit, full of new experiences and renewing of relationships, as well as nagging moments of frustration that required more of those silent times with God.  I even came home with a black eye and bruises from bird-watching an eagle in Totem National Park in Sitka, but even that was an adventure.

We look forward to more great UMW activity in September and hope that you will be there.  The Mission Festival on September 8 will feature Mission u studies, and our Annual Celebration will welcome National UMW Director Estella Wallace as our keynote speaker.  We will also recognize with gratitude the transition of Executive Directors for Susannah Wesley Community Center.  We will elect our District Officers and review our budget for 2019.  After the business, we will have an encore of the wonderful Diversity Celebration we had last year, featuring the many cultures that come together in our Hawaii District that enrich us and so naturally make us welcoming and embracing of diversity in its truest form.  E komo mai.

Take those precious moments of silence, then open your spirit to learning and celebration with your UMW sisters!  Aloha!
**PUSH YOUR PLEDGE OVER THE EDGE!**

We had an unexpected boost from memorial gifts celebrating the lives of several of UMW sisters this year. One in particular was given by the family of Elsie Yokoyama, who is dearly remembered as a faithful member of Parker UMC and a strong voice on our Hawaii District Leadership Team. This generous gesture is a living legacy of her spirit and action for her beloved United Methodist Women, as well as encouragement for all of us to keep the faith and move to action to fulfill the purpose of our organization. We give thanks for Elsie Yokoyama’s model of devotion and dedication and for the generosity of her family.

Another boost was from the benefit concert featuring operatic tenor Ta’u Pupu’a and Friends. Friends from New York were Wagnerian soprano Julia Rolwing and accompanist Mark Cogley. Local friends included Maya Hoover, the combined choirs from Aiea Korean and Christ UMC, and the Hawaii District UMW choir from Tongan congregations throughout Oahu. Most appreciated were the friends who filled the pews at Aiea Korean UMC to enjoy the repertoire of musical masterpieces, but also to support restoration of facilities at Kilohana UMC, its Senior Enrichment Center and its Preschool that were severely impacted by the April 13 flood. After expenses, 60% of the proceeds of the concert were designated for those remediation efforts. The other 40% went to local UMW units toward their Pledge to Mission! That was an awesome fundraiser.

As an additional fundraiser for the UMW Legacy Fund which commemorates 150 years of women in mission, Kilohana UMC hosted a Legacy Luau, from which after-expenses proceeds were designated to the National UMW Legacy Fund. This fund will ensure that United Methodist Women will continue to honor its Purpose for another 150 years!

Donations are still being received, so calculations for the local organizations are still being tabulated. What a push to the edge this fundraiser has been, but we want to **PUSH YOUR PLEDGE OVER THE EDGE** to **EXCEED** our pledge this year.

**Realistically, local organizations will probably still have to plan one more fundraiser for that to happen, however.** You may want to have a Bake Sale (or No-Bake Bake Sale), a craft table, plant sale, or an open calabash for donations. . . you know best what works at your church. A suggestion was to plan for a unified date across the District on September 2, or on any date you choose before our Annual Celebration on September 29 so we can really celebrate that day! Please plan on it!

Together, if each local organization does it, we’ll

**PUSH OUR PLEDGE OVER THE EDGE! Let’s do it!!**
Finance Report

Aloha and Malo e lelei my sisters in Christ!
We are already in the month of August and soon the year 2018 will be behind us.
I want to thank all our local treasurers and local organizations who have already sent in their pledge. Those who haven’t, please, start sending them over to me.
Let us remember the reason for our mission giving. Mission work is the foundation of United Methodist Women! A contribution to mission giving enables us to reach out to the needs globally, especially the needs of women, children and youth. It affirms the wholeness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a commitment to its proclamation in word and dead.
Mission giving strengthens basic programs and projects. Your contribution will provide local communities to achieve better or equal opportunity in public education for all children, provide better access to preventative health care, in-depth education on health issues in the local communities, such as our own Susannah Wesley Community Center.
As mentioned in our leadership training in January, we will keep you informed with our pledge, below is a chart of what I have collected so far. If you have any questions, please contact me at 808-723-4340 or email at ssfalemaka@gmail.com.
Let us work together to achieve our pledge of $25,000.00, to date I have collected $ 10,693.85.
Aloha and God bless us all.
## Cal-Pac United Methodist Women

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

During the month of August we had the opportunity to attend presentations on the important issue of Immigration Laws and Policies During the Trump Era both at Harris United Methodist Church and at Wahiawa United Methodist Church. I attended the one at Wahiawa UMC and found it very informative and as the speaker Clare Hanusz founder and attorney at Aloha Immigration stressed “there is a great deal of misinformation on this very complicated issue and the best thing one can do is educate themselves so should you need or want to take action you are prepared”.

I will provide you with some brief highlights of what was shared.

The main relevant Federal Departments responsible for dealing with immigration issues are: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) this used to be INS in March 3, 2003 DHS replaced it. USCIS (US Citizenship and Immigration Services), ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), ERO (Enforcement and Removal Operations), HSI (Homeland Security Investigations), OCC (Office of the Chief Counsel), CBP (Customs & Border Protection), Port of Entry Inspections & “Border Patrol”.

There is a hierarchy of US Immigration Status - US Citizens, US Nationals and then those called “Aliens”. These individuals are people with green cards, permanent residents, COFA residents, asylees/refugees, temporary Visa Holders (Tourists, Students, Workers) and undocumented individuals. Undocumented individuals are those that entered into the country without inspection, overstayed their Visa, the deferred action on childhood arrivals individuals DACA. Under the Obama administration DACA provided for temporary (2 year, renewable) authorization to remain in U.S. to children brought here as minors so they could apply for work authorization. It’s not a lawful status - it keeps people in limbo, but for those who qualified it was better than nothing. In September 2017 Trump announced DACA would end on March 5, 2018. This is now being challenged in the US courts.

Chain migration is the term used by the Trump administration for individuals that are sponsored by family members to enter into the US. This is often times a very lengthy waiting process due to caps on country’s and the large number of people in line to get this type of entry. It is a slow process that takes many years. Not a very fast moving way to enter and often times people never make it into the country.

Other Ways of Getting A Green Card include: Asylum or refugee status individuals can apply after 1 year and there is a cap of 45,000 people with the Trump administration, Victims of human trafficking and certain crimes generally after 3 years can apply, “Winners” of the Diversity Lottery of which there is a small number and EB-5 investors in business in the US can buy a green card.

The Trump Administration has “Four Pillars” to their immigration policy

1. Path to citizenship for “Dreamers
2. Border Security /Wall
3. End of Diversity Lottery
4. Ending ability for US citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents to sponsor some relatives to live in the U.S.

I encourage you to search out more details on this important and complicated issue for so many. Atina Pascua, Social Action
SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Aloha

As you're reading this newsletter I am still recuperating from a fall I took at assembly in Ohio. I was unable to attend Mission u; however, I am still preparing for the Mission Festival at which I hope to see you. More information about that is found elsewhere.

For your personal spiritual discipline I hope you are reading the prayer calendar and praying for our missionaries and projects, reading the upper room and or other daily disciplines, reading books from the reading program so you will be eligible for your certificate by reading one book from each category by the end of December along with reading Response magazine, and listening to praise music. Each one of these is important to me, and I can tell in my behavior when I'm not doing these things on a regular basis. I'm grumpy or tired or impatient not forgiving. I'm sure you get my gist.

If your local organization wants to have a Bible study and no one wants to lead one, feel free to contact me. I'd be happy to help out.

Annual celebration is the end of September. Attending this event is another opportunity to fellowship with believers and exchange ideas. I encourage you to attend as many UMW events as you're able. I know I look forward to them as well as look forward to seeing and visiting with each and everyone of you. Blessings, Beverly

mrsaiwohi@gmail.com  808 235 4354

FROM MEMBERSHIP

Aloha Ladies:

Please remember to invite those who are new to your church to join the UMW. Friendships are truly a gift and helps bond your church family together.

Mahalo and God bless,

Laurie Fifita – Membership Chair

Hawaii District United Methodist Women ANNUAL CELEBRATION

September 29  at Christ UMC

All women are invited to the Annual Celebration to find out what UMW is all about as we elect new officers, ratify our budget, hear words of inspiration from National UMW Director Estella Wallace, and recognize retiring Executive Director of SWCC, Ron Higashi, and welcome our new Director Joni Chun! All of this will be followed by an encore of the Diversity Celebration initiated last year with songs and dances from our many cultures. Let’s make this an opportunity to shine a light on the many beautiful faces that make our United Methodist Women great!  Register flyer will be coming soon!
Romans 12:2 – Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Mission Festival 2018

September 8, 2018
Mission u Team “Educate to Transform”
Aiea United Methodist Church
99-101 Laulima Street, Aiea, HI 96701
* Next to Wendy’s off of Moanalua Road

Registration: 8:30 a.m. Call to worship: 9:00 a.m.
Register by August 31, 2018 to reserve a lunch. Cost $15.00

Name of Church ____________________________ Number attending training ___________

Name of responsible person ____________________________ Phone# ______________________

Names of persons attending and positions in local units or office aspiring to:
________________________________________________________________________________
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Childcare available for children 5 and under. Please send in $25.00 deposit per family for childcare with registration. $25 will be refunded in full, at the event. Please provide lunch, a drink and snacks for your child.

Names and ages of children needing childcare: ____________________________________________

Make checks payable to Hawaii District UMW, mail registration form to:
Registrar: Deanna Espinas, 2103 Palolo Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816
Email: espihawaii@juno.com or contact Deanna at (808) 228 6345

**Please bring your love gifts to the Mission Festival: travel size toiletries to help support First UMC. The collected toiletries will be packaged and delivered to the homeless community at their "Party in the Park" event!**
Candle of Commitment 2018

Our Candle of Commitment represents the cost of our mission work to women, children, and youth to the U.S. and countries around the world.

$24.44 will burn the candle for one minute at our Cal-Pac UMW Annual Celebration on October 27, 2018

Gifts can be given by a Local organization or an Individual
“In Honor or Memory of the Powerful and people in our lives”

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Name: [ ] In Honor or [ ] Memory of:

________________________________________

Person/Unit submitting the Name: _______________ Amount: ______

Deadline for inclusion in the Cal-Pac UMW Annual Celebration program:
October 1, 2018

Please send form and check to: UMW District Treasurer (check one)
☐ East ☐ Hawaii ☐ North ☐ South ☐ West
Add any additional names on a separate piece of paper. Please type or print neatly. Thank you!
Gifts & Graces Inventory - Hawaii District UMW
Potential Leaders Information Form
(to be completed by potential leader)

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Date: ______________________

Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Telephone: (hm)_________ (wk)_________ Email: ____________________________

Member of Local Church: ____________________________ District: ____________________________

Age:  20’s __ 30’s __ 40’s __ 50’s __ 60’s __ 70’s __ 80’s __

Languages Spoken: ____________________________ Racial/Ethnic Group: ____________________________

Employed: No _____ Part Time _____ Full Time_____

Professional skills, job experience: __________________________________________________________________________

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Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women), or in the community:

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How will your spiritual journey strengthen your commitment to serve on the District Leadership Team?

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Revised: 08/2018
California-Pacific Conference
United Methodist Women
46th Annual Celebration

Be Strong and of Good Courage
- Joshua 1:9

Kum Ran UMC, 3153 W. Marine Ave., Gardena, CA 90249

Guest Speaker:
Clara Esler, Vice President, UMW Board of Directors

Saturday, October 27, 2018
Registration 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Celebration, Lunch, and Business
10:00-3:00 p.m.

Love Donation: David & Margaret Youth & Family Services Gift Cards: $10/Target, Walmart, etc.

Registration fee: $15 per person  Registration deadline: Oct. 12, 2018
Registration and payment is made online at http://www.calpacumc.org/umw

Questions: Tina Ravenel Pool, Registrar, 9733 Dardanelle Place, Inglewood, CA 90304
trpoolumw@gmail.com  310-210-7504

Name ________________________________________________ Phone _______________ Email: __________________________

Address _____________________________________________ City ___________________ State _____ ZIP __________

UMW District Name __________________ Local Church Name __________________________

Childcare: $25 refundable deposit per family required with registration.
Parents are responsible for bringing a sack lunch each child.  YES ______ How many children? ______

Accessibility: Do you need assistance?  Parking _______ Stairs _______ Other ______

Dietary needs: YES______ Type __________________________ AC 2018