

THE PACIFIC JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION CENTER

January 4rd, 2023

AN EMAIL LETTER

The Episcopal Church of Hawaii
229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813

Regarding: January 17th, 2023 Liliuokalani Hookukahi Reconciliation Service

Dear Bishop Robert L. Fitzpatrick, and the Diocesan Council,

While we have a bit of calm winds, I want to take this time to thank you and the Episcopal Church of Hawaii for many years of support in the programs and mission of the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center, which include prisons, houseless, militarization, food security, peace and nonviolence, and the Queen's legacy of justice and reconciliation.

Very soon on January 17th we'll be reminded of the decisions and actions of Queen Liliuokalani that has become her legacy, and is that which informs and shapes our future vision and navigations of life, health and wellbeing, nonviolence, justice and reconciliation. This year will be the 30th Anniversary of the Queen Liliuokalani Hookukahi Reconciliation Service to be held at the First United Methodist Church at 1020 S. Beretania, at 6:30 PM. This was put on hold during the last two years of pandemic but now we are bringing this important work forward again.

I want to invite you to please join us as our special guest and participant in lifting up the Queen's legacy of justice and reconciliation with our historic churches and religious community, and larger community.

Attached you will find a simple flier and a copy of Senate Bill in 2014 that created Hookukahi Day to encourage us to be faithful to onipa'a and ho'okuikahi.

Additional information will be available and sent to you in the weeks ahead.

Please let me know if you are able to attend, special seating will be provided. Call or text 808 330-3769 or Email kaleop@me.com.

Very Respectfully,

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JANUARY 17TH 2023
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI
HO'OKUIKAHI - RECONCILIATION
“An Announcement & Invitation to the Community”



AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1020 S. BERETANIA, HONOLULU
JANUARY 17TH 2023 6:30 PM



This year's annual event begins with the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center, Historic Honolulu Churches, Temples, religious communities and organizations, and Hawaiian and Community Organizations. The hosts for 2023 are Rev. Dr. Tom Choi of the First United Methodist Church and Rev. Amy Wake of Trinity United Methodist Church, and the Acts of Repentance Task Force. Lay preacher Robert Lopaka Mansfield will share reflections on reconciliation, and music will be provided by the First United Methodist Youth Choir, Fr. Mark Kekaileonui Haworth of Halau Wa'a Episcopal Ensemble, Dr. Jon Osorio and Friends Choir, and speaker and soloist Rev. Tamanaka Yamamura of the Honolulu Myohoji Mission Buddhist Temple, other service participants include Dr. Jon Matsuoka and Rev. Yukia Hasebe of the Honpa Hongwanji, Rev. Mary Herbig of Central Union Church, Fr. Andrew Arakawa of Iolani School and the Episcopal Reconciliation Committee, Episcopal Archdeacon Steve Costa, Papa Makua Wendell Davis of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, and Conference Association minister Rev. Jonathan Roach (fRev.Dr. David Popham) of the Hawaii Conference of the United Churches of Christ, Linda Rich of the Hawaii Conference Justice and Witness Missional Team, and many others. (1.3.23)

First United Methodist is Hawaii's original Methodist Church established in 1855 under a Royal Charter issued by King Kamehameha IV.

SR21 SD1 (2014) RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS HO'OKU'IKAHI DAY, OR RECONCILIATION DAY, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION, AND NONVIOLENCE OF QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI. (The Senate twenty-seventh Legislature, 2014 State of Hawaii)

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS HO'OKU'IKAHI DAY, OR RECONCILIATION DAY, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION, AND NONVIOLENCE OF QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI.

WHEREAS, on January 17, 1993, the people of Hawaii commemorated the one-hundredth anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ officially and publicly apologized to Na Kanaka Maoli at Iolani Palace and Kaumakapili Church on January 17, 1993; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, United States President Bill Clinton signed into law Public Law 103-150, as an apology to Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Ecumenical Coalition and the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center have commemorated January 17 as Ho'oku'ikahi Day every year since 1993, in partnership and collaboration with historic churches such as Kawaiahao Church, Central Union Church, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Kaumakapili Church, St. Augustine's Church, and community groups and organizations including the Interfaith Alliance of Hawaii, the Forgiveness Project, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that January 17 of every year be recognized as Ho'oku'ikahi Day, or Reconciliation Day, in honor and remembrance of the justice, reconciliation, and nonviolence of Queen Lili'uokalani; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.