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# Building the Kingdom

## Small Steps At a Time

**T**his Pacific Connector is a special Annual Meeting edition. Over the past 77 years of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, we have seen our Heavenly Father work in surprising and beautiful ways all across our network of churches. From our vantage point of 2019, we can see that God has prepared us in the years past for a more significant future ahead. Although the challenges may seem greater than ever, our Sovereign Lord is still in control with a glorious hope for our tomorrow.

Following our theme, "The Power of the Call: We Are Better Together!", God is drawing us closer together in cooperative works for His glory. As we gather for the annual meeting of our Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, be encouraged by what God is doing through your ministries and the ministries of others. Share in the celebrations and the challenges, knowing that we are better together.

Allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen you, inspire you, or

confirm His plans for you during the times of worship. Take advantage of the breaks to share with new colleagues, introduce yourself to others, or catch up with friends. Find opportunities to enjoy meals with other pastors and leaders, to gather for prayer with partners and friends, or to engage God's Word with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our prayer is that this time of gathering and meetings will be the most fruitful time of the year for you and your ministry. Many have worked to prepare this time for you to be strengthened in the power of your call from Christ for ministry and life and to remind you that you are not alone.


Continue to pray and search for ways to serve God in obedience together. As always, your HPBC staff team is ready to assist you in any way that we can to advance and support your ministry. If we can serve you, please call us at 808-946-9581 or email me at [chris@hpbaptist.net](mailto:chris@hpbaptist.net).

Mahalo,



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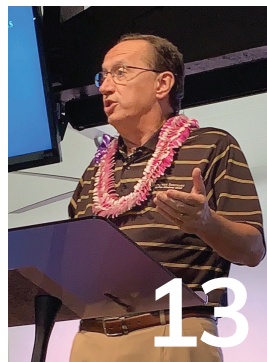
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**Hawaii Pacific**  
BAPTIST CONVENTION  
**2019**  
*Annual Meeting*  
77<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**NOV 7-8**  
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**The POWER of the Call:**  
*We're Better Together*

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.  
Acts 16:9-10

**Thursday Evening, NOV 7**

- 5:00 » Registration & Refreshments  
(provided by Pu'u Kahea Conference Center)
- 6:00 » CALL TO ORDER
- 6:05 » Worship
- 6:15 » Welcome and Announcements
- 6:30 » Invocation
- 6:35 » Credentials & Resolutions Committee Report  
Seating of Messengers  
Seating of Messengers from New Churches
- 6:45 » Introduction of New Pastors, Workers, Guests
- 7:05 » Theme video and scripture reading
- 7:20 » Special Music
- 7:25 » Message: Chris Martin
- 7:55 » Adjournment/Benediction
- 8:00 » Closing Music

Refreshments — downstairs in the Fellowship Hall  
(provided by Central Baptist Church, The Gathering,  
Mililani Baptist Church, and Palisades Baptist Church)

**Friday Morning, NOV 8**

- 8:15 » CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 8:20 » Praise and Worship
- 8:35 » Invocation
- 8:40 » Greetings from Southern Baptist Agencies  
Southern Baptist Convention Exec. Committee  
Guidestone Financial Resources  
LifeWay Christian Resources  
International Mission Board  
North American Mission Board
- 9:30 » Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention Report
- 10:00 » Hawaii Baptist Foundation
- 10:15 » Hawaii Baptist Academy
- 10:40 » Refreshment Break (downstairs, Fellowship Hall)
- 10:55 » Special Music
- 11:00 » Message: Steve Irvin
- 12:00 » Adjournment/Benediction  
Lunch (on your own)

Refreshments provided by Hawaii Baptist Foundation





## Dr. Paul Chitwood

*President*

*International Mission Board*

Dr. Paul Chitwood is the president of the International Mission Board (IMB). Previously he served as executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and for 18 years prior to that, served as the pastor of local churches of varying sizes in Kentucky. His overseas short-term mission involvement includes work in South America, Asia, Europe, and Africa. A native of Jellico, Tenn., Chitwood is a 1992 graduate of Cumberland College and earned the Master of Divinity and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



## Dr. Steve Irvin

*President*

*Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention*

Dr. Steve Irvin has been the pastor of Pali View since 1996. Steve also pastored churches on Maui, in Honolulu, and California. He received both his Masters and Doctorate from Gateway Seminary and a B.A. in Communications from the University of Hawaii. Steve and his wife, Lola, have been married for 35 years and have three children, Stephanie, Nathaniel, and Jeremy.



## Chris Martin

*Executive Director/Treasurer*

*Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention*

Chris Martin is the Executive Director/Treasurer of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. Chris has served as a pastor in Hawaii (Lahaina Baptist), Louisiana, Florida. Chris received his bachelor's degree from the University of Louisiana/Monroe, and his Master of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Chris is married to Wendy. They have 2 grown children and two grandchildren.

### Friday Afternoon, NOV 8

- 2:00 » BUSINESS  
 Call to Order  
 Invocation  
 Credentials & Resolutions Committee Report & Recommendations  
 Convention Arrangements Committee & Order of Business Committee Report  
 Executive Board Reports/Recommendations  
 New Business  
 Committee on Committees & Board Nominations  
 Elections of New Officers  
 Introduction of New Officers  
 Adjournment/Benediction

### Friday Evening, NOV 8

- 5:00 » Registration & Refreshments  
 (provided by Hawaii Baptist Academy)  
 5:45 » CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 5:50 » Praise and Worship  
 6:05 » Invocation  
 6:10 » Acknowledgement of Outgoing Officers  
 6:20 » Theme video  
 6:25 » Annual Message: Dr. Paul Chitwood  
 7:00 » Credentials Committee Report  
 7:05 » Adjournment/Benediction  
 7:15 » Closing Music

Refreshments provided by Pali View Baptist Church, Word of Truth, and FBC Pearl City.

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*Annual Meeting*



# Around *the* Hawaiian Islands

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## Seven New Deacons

Kahului Baptist Church (Maui), under the leadership of Pastor Randy Pauley, affirmed seven new deacons at the beginning of September.



## Partnering for Summer Camp

Central Baptist Church (Oahu) and Honolulu Chinese Alliance Church joined together (August 23-25) for a summer church camp at Pu'u Kahea Conference Center.



## 25 Years Celebrated

Eleele Baptist Church on Kauai celebrated 25 years on Sunday afternoon, Sep. 29, 2019. Highlights included a celebration service, fellowship, and a booklet containing a written history of the past 25 years, plus a series of four short films reviewing Eleele's history.



## 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

First Baptist Church of Wahiawa celebrated its 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 25, 2019, with a special Worship Celebration. HPBC Executive Director, Chris Martin preached the message.





## VBS at Antioch Baptist Church

Antioch Baptist Church of Honolulu held its VBS in June. Oliver Lee is Pastor.



## Beach Picnic at Ala Moana Beach Park

Central Baptist (Oahu) held their annual beach picnic along with a baptism celebration at Ala Moana Beach Park on August 31.



## Representation on SBC Executive Board of Trustees

Thank you, Pastor Alan Krober (Mililani Baptist) for serving on the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Board of Trustees, representing Hawaii. Alan is pictured 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left with the 12 new trustees, along with SBC Executive Committee President, Ronnie Floyd.



## Students Graduate from OBI

Twelve students from the Oahu Baptist Institute (OBI) graduated with advanced diplomas or certificates from Gateway Seminary. Dr. Warren Haynes of Gateway Seminary brought the graduation message. Thank you, Dr. David McQuitty, for your leadership.



## Pastors Retreat

Ten pastors from Hawaii Island held an overnight retreat at Kilauea Military Camp for fellowship and leadership development, Oct. 7-8, 2019. The retreat was coordinated by Pastor John Endriss of Engage Church, Hilo and Dr. Craig Webb, an HPBC Assistant Executive Director. The retreat was co-sponsored by Big Island Baptist Association and HPBC and supported by your church's gifts through the Cooperative Program.







Worship Team at Calvary's  
60th Anniversary Celebration

## ■ Calvary Baptist Church, Guam, Celebrates 60 Years

On Sunday, September 22, 2019, Calvary Baptist Church, Guam, under the leadership of Pastor Rob Puckett, celebrated 60 years of ministry. Calvary held a special celebration worship service on Sunday morning at 10:45 am which included their own church members as well as guests from other area churches. Dr. Craig Webb, an HPBC Assistant Executive Director, brought the message. Calvary also held a special community outreach event on Saturday, September 21.

## ■ South Pacific Missions Opportunity for Teachers—Samoa

Samoa Baptist Academy (SBA) is requesting help for the 2020 Spring School Semester. SBA needs teachers for the following grades: K3, PE, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 7th grade. The teachers will live in apartments on school grounds. Note that the apartments do not have A/C but they are fully furnished. There are three apartments. Each apartment has two bedrooms. The living cost will depend on their needs as teachers will buy their own food and pay for local bus transportation. Samoa Baptist will take care of their housing including water and electricity bills. The missionary will purchase their own round-trip plane ticket but SBA will reimburse 50% of their plane ticket.

For more information, contact Pastor Saufoi Tavete at [sautavete@gmail.com](mailto:sautavete@gmail.com) or +1-684-272-2204.



BAM Pastors with  
Craig and Barbara Webb



## ■ Baptist Association of Micronesia Holds Annual Meeting

On Saturday, September 28, 2019, The Baptist Association of Micronesia (BAM) held its annual meeting with three of the four churches represented. Dr. Craig Webb, an HPBC Assistant Executive Director, brought the message. Worship teams from all three churches provided music and each pastor shared a ministry report. Pray for the work of the churches as they cooperate for a Franklin Graham Festival of Hope on February 23, 2020.

## ■ BAM's New Officers

The Baptist Association of Micronesia elected the following new officers: Pictured from left to right: Gil Bagiac (Treasurer), Tino Diaz (Moderator), Ahyen Madrid (Secretary), Pastor Pancho Madrid (Vice Moderator).





# KOZA BAPTIST CHURCH *Transition*

Pictured from left to right:  
John and Sherry Reimer  
(outgoing Lead Pastor),  
Betty and Bo Russell  
(Pastor Emeritus),  
Hisami and Chris Eyre  
(incoming Lead Pastor)

On August 25, 2019, an installation service was held at Koza Baptist Church in Okinawa, Japan for their next lead pastor, Chris Eyre.

“Chris hopes to serve the Lord as long as the Lord allows...”

Koza began their search process upon the announcement from Pastor John Reimer that he was planning to return to his family in Oklahoma. The search process progressed from the middle of February through June of 2019. There were 83 applicants from a host of search mechanisms.

In June, the pastor search committee and elders made the nomination for Chris Eyre to serve as their next lead pastor. The nomination was subsequently confirmed with a vote of the Koza membership. The confirmation vote was held on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July during all three worship services.

John Reimer served as the lead pastor of Koza for over 11 years. During his tenure, the church has seen a transition to an elder-led polity, expansion of missions to five key areas in the Pacific,

the establishment of the Asia Baptist Network, and various other critical elements of growth for the Kingdom. John has been key in the affirmation of the call of many men to full-time ministry.

One, who was called and affirmed during John's time as lead pastor, was Chris Eyre, who at the time of his initial call to full-time ministry was serving as the Chairman of Deacons for Koza.

Chris has been a member of Koza since June 2007. While serving as an Active Duty United States Marine Logistics Officer, Chris finished seminary with a Master's in Christian Leadership in 2014. He retired after more than 25 years of active service and began serving as the Discipleship Pastor of Koza in 2015. During his time as the Discipleship Pastor, several staff transitions led him to enter the role of Executive Pastor, which is

where he was serving when called to be the Lead Pastor.

Koza Baptist Church has been a dynamic witness for the Gospel of Christ in Okinawa and on mission with God since September 1963. The church was planted by the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board and was originally supplied with missionary pastors supported by the Foreign Mission Board. In 1965, after purchasing land, Koza constructed its first church-owned facility in Okinawa City near Kadena Air Force Base.

During the 56 years of Koza's history, there have been five lead pastors. Chris hopes to serve as long as the Lord allows and is thankful for the opportunity to continue to lead Koza to impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ●



## HAWAII PASTORS Travel to JAPAN to *Partner for Missions*

In September, a group of pastors and church leaders from five Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (HPBC) churches traveled to Tokyo to investigate potential missions trips to Japan in the future. The team was led by Brian Smart, an HPBC Assistant Executive Director.

The purpose was to explore ways to assist local churches with reaching the millions of unreached people of Japan. These HPBC churches included Kona Baptist (Pastor Brian Frable) and Legacy Community Church (Pastor Shane Miura) from Hawaii Island; Mililani Baptist Church (Pastor Alan Krober), Olivet Baptist Church (Dawn Akutagawa)

and Pawa'a Community Church (Pastor Arjay Gruspe) from Oahu.

The team met with International Mission Board (IMB) personnel in Tokyo and Takasaki to determine specific needs for mission teams during the upcoming Tokyo 2020 Olympic games. The team also met with local church leaders to offer assistance in future evangelistic outreach and church ministry.

Details will be coming for possible future mission trips to help our brothers and sisters in Japan fulfill the Great Commission. ●





## 2019 Rugby World Cup Evangelism Events at Tokyo Baptist Church

Tokyo Baptist Church (TBC) held special evangelistic events, September 20, 21, and 28, during the world cup "Pool Stage" of the Rugby World Cup that is being held in Tokyo. They are also hosting the same event at the final stage on the first of November.

Evangelism and Administrative Pastor Joel Cuellar said that the purpose of these events is to attract and reach out to the Japanese and International communities through the following: hosting a rugby clinic and talk show from world-renowned rugby players and rugby coaches; offering a cultural and food fair featuring foods from several countries playing in the world cup; providing kids attractions and a place for live game viewing; and, distributing Gospel tracts and rugby-themed Bibles.



## Pastor Dan Armistead to Retire at Seoul International

After 12 years of ministry at Seoul International Baptist Church (SIBC) in South Korea, Pastor Dan Armistead will retire on December 1, 2019. He and his wife, Sherry will head to Pensacola, FL. Please pray for SIBC as they seek their next pastor and for Dan as he seeks God's leadership for the next season of life and ministry. Dan is one of the founding pastors of the Asia Baptist Network (ABN).

## International Baptist Church (IBC) of Manila on Mission

IBC Manila sent a Medical-Dental Missions to Indonesia Sept. 1-5, 2019 under the leadership of Missions Pastor Roderick Jacinto. 2 dentists, 2 nurses, 2 medical doctors, 4 counselors, and 2 pharmacists served over 300 medical and dental patients.



## IBC Manila Held "Bible Storying" Conference in Mid-September



# Hawaii Pacific Baptists GRATEFUL FOR MCCAINS' Decade of Ministry

**D**arrell and Teresa McCain began ministry in Hawaii ten years ago with the intention of staying for two years—but God had other plans. After being an integral part of God's work in Hawaii and the Pacific, the McCains will return to Oklahoma after the November 2019 HPBC Annual Meeting.

"I would like to express my grateful heart to HPBC and our churches for the kindness and acceptance of two Oklahomans who just wanted to come to serve Jesus and to be a witness for God's love for all people," said Darrell, "God has blessed us beyond measure."

**“Our heart's desire is for the Gospel to be spread throughout Hawaii and across the Pacific....”**

## GOD'S CALL

The McCains first sensed God's call to Hawaii in 2004 during a mission trip with their home church, Riverview Baptist Church in Bixby, Oklahoma. In 2007, through an educational grant that Teresa received as a kindergarten

teacher, the McCains visited Hawaii again.

"When we returned to Oklahoma after that trip, we felt a more urgent calling," said Teresa. "We had previously thought we might serve after we retired from our jobs, but we believed that God was calling us sooner than that."

In July 2009, the McCains returned to Hawaii to serve with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention through the Mission Service Corps. Over the last 10 years, Darrell has led the HPBC Disaster Relief, Men's Ministry, and Royal Ambassadors. Teresa originally served as the Baptist Student Dorm Manager. Later, she became the HPBC Director of Ministry to Women—a position that allows her to be involved with missions education, Missions Adventure Camp and Girls in Action.

## IMPACTING OTHERS THROUGH MINISTRY

"I have a great appreciation for Teresa and Darrell and their passion for missions," said Gail Gierhart, Hawaii WMU President. "Although a volunteer, (Teresa) would add to her schedule whatever was needed for the women of our convention to grow in their faith and live missionally. And, as our people go out under Darrell's leadership, they not only bless others, but return home blessed." Gierhart added, "We

all know that Disaster Relief is a ministry where you have to pick up and go when disaster hits, and Darrell has always been available."

Chris Martin, Hawaii Pacific Convention Executive Director/Treasurer, said HPBC ministries have been significantly enhanced by the McCain's leadership.

"Darrell and Teresa have pursued countless opportunities for utilizing their special gifts and talents in ministry through creative and unique ways, always positively impacting others," Martin said. "They have selflessly served, especially in times of need, such as in disasters or emergencies. On the national SBC levels, the HPBC ministries have been significantly enhanced by their leadership as they have represented the HPBC with excellence."

The McCains will always have Hawaii and the Pacific on their hearts. They intend to promote the Gospel work in Hawaii and the Pacific even as they return to Oklahoma. "We want to be ambassadors for the work in Hawaii," said Teresa. "We want to share about the work that is being done in Hawaii and the Pacific, and the opportunities to come alongside churches here."

"We want people to see that Hawaii is not just white sand beaches and palm trees but that there is a great need for spiritual awakening, and there are ways for them to help. Our heart's desire is for the Gospel to be spread throughout Hawaii and across the Pacific so that His Name is made known." ●

Teresa and Darrell McCain at the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in February

Photo by Dean Morihara

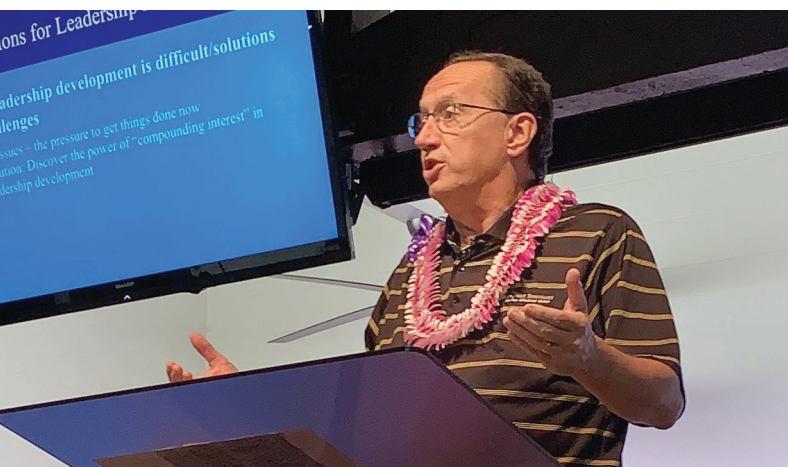




# SEPTEMBER LEADERSHIP *Training*

This year, HPBC September Leadership Training events were held at Maui, Hawaii Island, and Oahu September 17–19. Pastors and church leaders from these islands, along with pastors and leaders from the islands Kauai and Lanai, participated. The events on Maui and Oahu were streamed live and archived on Facebook Live and viewed live by leaders in Guam, Japan, and the Philippines.

Dr. Jeff Iorg, President of Gateway Seminary (formerly Golden Gate) taught on developing leaders in your church. He talked about where leaders come from, obstacles to training leaders, motivations to train leaders, and four methods to train leaders.



Dr. Adam Groza, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services and Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Gateway, taught on preparing your leaders to be bold in evangelism.



**227**  
Leaders from  
**53**  
Churches on  
**5** Islands  
participated  
in training

The event on Maui was held at Valley Isle Fellowship where Stephen Kaneshiro is pastor. 50 pastors and church leaders attended the Maui training. The event on Hawaii Island was held at Kaumana Drive Baptist where Dr. Mark Tagami is pastor. 62 pastors and leaders attended the Hawaii Island training. The event on Oahu was held at Mililani Baptist Church where Alan Krober is pastor. 114 pastors and church leaders attended the Oahu training.

The event was sponsored by Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, Gateway Seminary, and the North American Mission Board and was supported by your church's gifts through the Cooperative Program.

To request links to the archived video and a copy of Dr. Iorg's presentation, e-mail Dr. Craig Webb at [craig@hpbaptist.net](mailto:craig@hpbaptist.net).

## Leadership Training in Mililani Baptist's Worship Center





# Caring Well Challenge



We encourage every HPBC church to take the Caring Well Challenge, because we want to make sure we are doing all we can to ensure our churches are safe for survivors and safe from abuse. We, as Hawaii Pacific Baptist churches, want to partner with Southern Baptist churches across the country to do everything we can to address the crisis of sexual abuse occurring today.

## What is the Caring Well Challenge?

The Caring Well Challenge is a unified call to action for the Southern Baptist Convention on the sexual abuse crisis. The goal is to equip churches to be safe for survivors and safe from abuse. The Caring Well Challenge provides churches with a clear pathway to immediately enhance their efforts to prevent abuse and care for abuse survivors.

## What is included in the Caring Well Challenge?

8 steps. 12 months. Every church. That's the vision for the Caring Well Challenge. Here are the eight steps our church will take during the Caring Well Challenge:



### 1 Commit

Commit to the Caring Well Challenge



### 5 Care

Equip leaders through  
*Becoming a Church that Cares Well for the Abused*



### 2 Build

Build a Caring Well Team to lead our church's effort



### 6 Prepare

Enhance policies, procedures, and practices related to abuse



### 3 Launch

Introduce the challenge to our church on August 25, or a similar date



### 7 Share

Dedicate Sunday services on May 3, 2020 or a similar date to address abuse



### 4 Train

Train our team at the Caring Well Conference



### 8 Reflect

Reflect on the Caring Well Challenge at the 2020 SBC Annual Meeting

Want to learn more about our efforts to make our church safe for survivors and safe from abuse? Find out more at **Caringwell.com**.

**A unified call to action for churches to confront the abuse crisis**

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# MISSIONS

## COLLEGE

ONE DAY — NOV 6, 2019

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

University Avenue Baptist Church  
2305 University Avenue, Honolulu

**Missions College One Day** features 3 tracks of missions training by International Mission Board (IMB) field personnel for pastors, mission trip leaders, and mission team members.

### **TRACK #1 for Pastors**

3 sessions will help you:

- ✓ Learn what it might look like to be a "sending church."
- ✓ See how churches have partnered with IMB missionaries and HPBC to coordinate short term missions and regularly promote the connection between the local church and what's happening on the field.
- ✓ Learn about the direction and vision of our International Mission Board.
- ✓ Learn about practical resources for missions education, connecting mission teams, and how a person can become an IMB missionary.

### **TRACK #2 for Missions Team Leaders**

3 sessions will help you:

- ✓ Increase your confidence to lead all aspects of a short-term mission trip.
- ✓ Get practical, clear, interactive, and informative training that will help them know the next steps to take to make the idea of a mission trip a reality.
- ✓ Walk away from planning schedules, ideas for the length of trip, ideas for booking flights and lodging, how to plan to feed the team in Asian countries, ideas for traveling by public transit, and whom to go to for questions.
- ✓ Learn basic safety and security principles.

### **TRACK #3 for Missions Team Members**

3 sessions will help you:

- ✓ Gain confidence before your next mission trip with personal and spiritual preparation for missions.
- ✓ Understand the qualities and qualifications of a great mission team member.
- ✓ Learn the basics of what you'll encounter overseas.
- ✓ Learn what you need to know about the cultures of some of the countries you may serve in (focus on East Asia).
- ✓ Come away more prepared to show the love of Christ in any culture.

This training is co-sponsored by the International Mission Board and the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. Supported by your church's gifts through the Cooperative Program.

**OUR IMB SPEAKERS** include **Steve Ellis** (Affinity Group Leader for East Asia), **Wally & Rose** (Mobilization and connection leaders throughout East Asia), **Donn** (IMB Japan Cluster Leader), **HPBC Church Partnership Liaisons** and **Connection Strategists for East Asia**.

**Cost: \$10/person** (covers registration, snacks, and lunch).

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I SAW

A GREAT MULTITUDE

FROM EVERY NATION AND ALL TRIBES

AND PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE.

REVELATION 7:9

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PASTORS**

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- + Engage your church in praying and giving with the *Week of Prayer brochures, giving envelopes, and posters*. You will soon receive these items in the mail from WMU®.

**You and your church are critical to the work of the IMB around the world.** Thank you for your generous prayers and gifts, and your commitment to taking the gospel to the nations.

Dr. Paul Chitwood, President

PS: Have questions or ideas to share? Need to order more resources?

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