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TO ANOTHER

“*I pray that this edition of the Pacific Connector finds you well and blessed, pursuing the will of our Father.*”



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Wow! No one could have anticipated the impact that 2020 has brought into our lives. But, our faith in God's providence finds renewed strength as we continually lean on him to guide our steps. Through the challenges, opportunities spring up like new grass across a dry hillside after a storm. The mountainsides and valleys are green before us.

Much of this edition of the Pacific Connector prepares you for our 2020 HPBC Virtual Annual Meeting! The 78th Annual Meeting will be without gathering in person, without music and testimonies, without meals and fellowship, and without voting. However, we hope to keep you informed of the ways that God is working within you and around you through reports and messages. This 80-minute video presentation will provide updates and encouragement for your ministry as you head into 2021. Please engage the articles and links in this edition for additional information and resources for your church.

We are thankful for the faithful service of all Hawaii Pacific Baptist Churches through the past several months. Our ministry is to serve you and we consider each opportunity as a privilege and honor in serving Christ. We remain ready to respond to your needs, staying alongside you, as together, we travel these days of difficulty. God is faithful!

Continue to pray and strive for ways to serve God in obedience together. As always, your HPBC staff team is ready to provide for 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.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Martin". The script is fluid and cursive.

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You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God, I can scale a wall. Psalm 18:28-29

2020



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NOV 5
3 p.m. HST

With all the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic travel restrictions, stay-at-home orders, and other unknowns happening in November 2020, the previously scheduled HPBC Annual Meeting in Kona will instead be virtual.

Join us!

Join us at the HPBC Virtual Annual Meeting at Facebook Live @hawaiibaptist on Thursday, November, 5, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. HST. Churches, feel free to gather together to watch it live or download the video and watch it at a later date.



After the live event, the **ENTIRE VIDEO** will be made available for download at vimeo.com/hpbcvideo.



To view or download the 2020 HPBC Annual Meeting **BOOK OF REPORTS** scan this QR code or go online to hpbaptist.net/annualreport.





HPBC Virtual Annual Meeting Schedule

ACTION	TIMESTAMP	ACTION	TIMESTAMP
Countdown.....	0:00:00	Hawaii Baptist Academy, RON SHIIRA, President.....	0:37:00
Theme Video	0:05:00	Remembering Arnold Goto, 1955-2020, Late Hawaii Baptist Foundation President (shared by JUDY LEE, Board Chair).....	0:45:04
Welcome – CHRIS MARTIN, Exec. Director/Treas.....	0:07:10	Hawaii Baptist Foundation , PAUL OYER, Interim President.....	0:47:23
Invocation – STERLING LEE, Pastor, FBC Pearl City	0:08:52	International Min. Update , CARLYE LAWRENCE, Dir.	0:51:53
Theme Scripture Reading – BRIAN FRABLE, Kona BC	0:10:08	HPBC President's Message , STEVE IRVIN, Pastor, Pali View Baptist	0:53:28
Credentials Committee – CON WILSON, Int'l BC.....	0:11:00	The Hawai'i Blessing	1:00:36
Introduction of New HPBC Pastors and Staff	0:11:30	Convention Message , RONNIE FLOYD, President/CEO, SBC Executive Committee.....	1:07:03
HPBC Staff Report – CHRIS MARTIN.....	0:13:05	Arrangements Committee Update , LARRY HALE, Pastor, Elelee Baptist.....	1:22:18
IMB , PAUL CHITWOOD, IMB President	0:18:58	Remembering Significant Hawaii Pacific Baptists who died in 2020.....	1:23:00
Update on Strategic Agreement between HPBC and IMB	0:21:33	Benediction , CHRIS MARTIN, Exec. Director/Treas.....	1:23:57
Greetings from Jeff & Rose Waligora , IMB East Asian Peoples Affinity Group.....	0:23:03		
LifeWay Christian Resources , BEN MANDRELL, President.....	0:24:23		
Guidestone Financial , OS HAWKINS, President	0:27:26		
NAMB , KEVIN EZELL, President.....	0:33:17		
Gateway Seminary , JEFF IORG, President	0:24:38		
Prayer Partner Report , STEVE DAVIDSON, Pastor, FBC Sellersburg, Indiana.....	0:36:08		

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The 2020 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer for International Missions

WHY DO WE DO THIS?

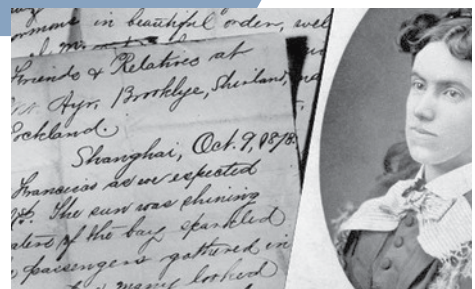
This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. It is a valuable part of Southern Baptists' 175-year history of reaching the nations with the gospel and vital to reaching the vision of a multitude from every language, people, tribe, and nation knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9).



WHY LOTTIE MOON?

In the 1800s, a missionary named Lottie Moon wrote letters from China urging American churches to fund more overseas workers. After Lottie's death on the mission field, an offering was started in her name.

More information can be found at imb.org/LMCO



**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS IS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020**



TO DOWNLOAD the Week of Prayer brochure visit tinyurl.com/lmcowkofprayer or scan the QR code above.

Hawaii Pacific Baptists / IMB Enter into Historic Strategic Agreement



HPBC Executive Director/Treasurer, Chris Martin signs agreement with IMB President, Paul Chitwood looking on at IMB headquarters in Richmond, Virginia

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...partner together to mobilize Hawaii Pacific Baptists to pray, give, and go ...as they embrace their responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission, both locally and globally."



Hawaii Pacific Baptists and the International Mission Board have a long history of cooperation. It was in 1940 when all of the missionaries in China and Japan were forced out of these countries that the Hawaiian Mission of the Foreign Mission Board was formally organized and First Baptist of Wahiawa was the first church to affiliate (learn more at hpbaptist.net/history). In light of the rich history and similarities in ministry settings and approach, the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (HPBC) and the International Mission Board (IMB) signed a historic strategic agreement in September 2020.

The stated purpose of this partnership agreement is that "The Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention and the International Mission Board seek to partner together to mobilize Hawaii Pacific Baptists to pray, give, and go with IMB teams to the nations, and to strengthen Hawaii Pacific Baptists as they embrace their responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission, both locally and globally."

The partnership will be for a period of 3 years, starting January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Some of the action areas that Hawaii Pacific Baptists will engage in as part of this strategic agreement include mobilizing intercessory

prayer for the lost, unengaged, and unreached peoples; implementing and promoting the use of IMB discipleship resources such as Deepen Discipleship; mobilizing Hawaii Pacific Baptist students and young adults to participate in Journeymen, ISC 2+2 and other short and midterm field services; mobilizing and equipping Hawaii Pacific Baptists to effectively send all segments of their congregations to the nations in short term, mid-term, and long-term mission opportunities; and supporting IMB field teams by connecting Hawaii Pacific Baptists with specific projects and needs.

Some of the action areas that the International Mission Board will engage in as part of this strategic agreement include providing prayer resources and training on intercessory prayer; assisting with the implementation of Deepen Discipleship and other training as needed and requested by Hawaii Pacific Baptists; Training Hawaii Pacific Baptists to help students and young adults navigate the selection process for short and midterm field service; assisting the HPBC team in mobilizing and equipping Hawaii Pacific Baptists; connecting Hawaii Pacific Baptists with IMB field teams to establish long term field partnerships.

To obtain a copy of the full strategic agreement and all 21 action areas, e-mail info@hpbaptist.net.



Go to Vimeo to watch or download a video where HPBC Executive Director/Treasurer, Chris Martin, introduces the strategic agreement.

<https://vimeo.com/468764823>



Download or watch a video where Dr. Paul Chitwood, IMB President, shares his perspective on the strategic agreement.

<https://vimeo.com/465210577>

Former International Mission Board (IMB) Missionaries Serving HPBC Churches

We are thankful for many former IMB missionaries who have served and are currently serving our HPBC Churches! Here are a few of them ...



1. Jamie & Liz McElrath were appointed by the International Mission Board in October 1993. They served as missionaries in North Africa for 23 years until they retired in January 2016. Jamie is Senior Pastor of Olivet Baptist on Oahu.

2. Bob & Gail Geirhart were appointed by the International Mission Board in 1978. They served as missionaries in Japan for 25 years then 11 years in Australia reaching the Japanese people. Bob is Senior Pastor of Nuuanu Baptist on Oahu. Gail is HPBC Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) President.

3. Rob & Donna Thommarson were appointed by the International Mission Board in 2006 and served as missionaries in Far East Russia for 10 years. Rob is an Associate Pastor at Puna Baptist on Hawaii Island.

4. Brad & Sheri Chow were appointed by the International Mission Board in 1991. They served as missionaries in East Asia for 25 years. Brad is the Pastor of Enchanted Lake Baptist on Oahu.



5. Martin & Carrie Chappell were appointed by the International Mission Board in 1999 and served as missionaries in Yangon, Myanmar for 12 years. They then served as missionaries for 13 years in Bangkok, Thailand. Since their retirement from the IMB in 2015, Martin has been the Senior Pastor of Calvary International Baptist in Bangkok, Thailand.

Continuing to Serve the Community

AS THE PANDEMIC LINGERS

■ New Life, Kona Launches Learning Extension Center

Jay Parks, the pastor of New Life Church of Kona, heard the cries of parents in his congregation which led to the birth of a new ministry. A new Learning Extension Center, which opened September 16, meets in the storefront location where their church meets. This new ministry offers free WiFi, free printing, snacks, activities, along with tutoring and prayer for students in the church and community. It also offers a needed break for exhausted parents. One parent shared that this was the first interaction her child has had since March.

With social distancing requirements, their building can handle 35 students. The goal of the ministry is to connect with families in the community who are struggling with distance learning during Covid-19. Pastor Parks sees great potential in this outreach expanding beyond the pandemic.



■ Baptist Collegiate Ministries Oahu Hosts Grocery Giveaway

During the second week of the fall semester Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) Oahu partnered with local churches on the island to host a grocery giveaway for college students who might be in need of food due to the pandemic restrictions. BCM Intern, Ken Reyes said, "Even though we ourselves have to abide by city and state guidelines, God is still working

through our ministry and we are excited to see what He will do as the semester progresses." Arjay Gruspe is BCM Oahu Director.

Photos by BCM Oahu Associate Director, John Allison



NEARLY 200 TRAVEL TO JAPAN FOR Virtual Mission Trip

On Monday, September 28, 2020, nearly 160 Hawaii Pacific Baptists on Hawaii Island, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, Guam, Manila in the Philippines, and both Okinawa and Mainland Japan joined over 40 International Mission Board personnel live and by video in Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Virginia, as well as Fukuoka, Kobe, Yokohama, and Tokyo, Japan for an amazing Virtual Missions Experience.

"The participation nearly quadrupled our expectations," said Craig Webb, from the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention staff team. "It was so encouraging to see so many Hawaii Pacific Baptist pastors, church staff, and missions leaders register ahead of time, log on, and stay engaged for the over 2-hour online event."

The entire event was recorded
and can be accessed online at
<https://vimeo.com/463200373>



This video includes updates from the International Mission Board (IMB.org) missionaries and local partner testimonies. It features prayer walks in 4 cities in Japan including Fukuoka, Kobe, Yokohama, and Tokyo.



SOMETHING TO *Celebrate*

Samoa Baptist Academy 1st Graders Show the Love of Christ to Community



Samoa Baptist Academy (SBA) first graders, led by their teacher Rachel Kelleher-Ufi, pose with their banner, "He will sustain you" — a message of encouragement and love to those who may sometimes feel down, neglected, or alone. Out of 11 banners, the banner by these first graders was one of the top 4 winners. The students were rewarded with a treat of pizza and ice cream from Principal Ms. Ruth Tuatoo and Vice Principal Mrs. Sopaima Tavete.

Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer in Kona Sees 50% Increase in Attendance



Roberto Villatoro, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer in Kona

Roberto Villatoro, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer in Kona since July of 2016, has witnessed a work of God in recent months. With the assistance of Kona Baptist Church, an influx of Dominicans from Puerto Rico moving to Kona, and Pastor Villatoro's evangelistic zeal, the church has seen a 50% increase in worship attendance. Pray for Pastor Villatoro as he raises up future pastors and leads mission efforts to El Salvador.

Kona Baptist on Hawaii Island Turns 50



In April, Kona Baptist Church marked its 50 years as a church. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, they chose to postpone the anniversary celebration until this month. They will have a special celebration on Sunday morning, November 1, 2020, both in-person and online at 10:15 a.m. HST (view stream at konabaptist.church).

Brian Frable is Senior Pastor. Chris Martin, HPBC Executive Director/Treasurer, will be the keynote speaker.



Brian Frable, senior pastor of Kona Baptist Church

Celebrate

PHOTO: Downtown Honolulu at night

Hawaii Pacific Baptists WELCOME NEW PASTORS & STAFF in 2020



David & Nancy
WHITEHEAD,
Church Planters,
Connections
Church, Kapolei,
Oahu



Elise & Lucy
TAFAO,
Interim Pastor,
First Baptist
Nanakuli, Oahu



Hanalie &
Zhantel **LINDO**,
Interim Pastor,
Kaunakakai
Baptist, Molokai



James & Kim
LYNCH, Pastor,
Freedom-Village
Church-Seoul,
South Korea



Blaine & Peggy
FYE,
Interim Pastor,
Waianae Baptist,
Oahu



Jesse & Anna
CESARIO, Maturity
Pastor, Tokyo
Baptist, Japan



John VAUGHN,
Director, HPBC
Disaster Relief



**Pancho & Ahyen
MADRID,** Pastor,
Guam Christian
Life Fellowship,
Guam



**Johnny & Melanie
HOM,** Pastor of
Discipleship and
Administration,
Nu'uuanu Baptist,
Oahu



**Steven & Monica
KANG,** Pastor
Waikiki Korean,
Oahu



**Josh & Taryn
WYANT,** Associate
Pastor, Elder,
Lahaina Baptist,
Maui



**Tamaki
NAGASAWA,**
Ministry
Coordinator,
Yokohama
International
Baptist, Japan



Josh TOREY,
Pastoral Intern,
FBC Wahiawa,
Oahu



**Travis &
Allison LANEY,**
Interim Pastor,
Cornerstone
Fellowship Mililani
Mauka, Oahu



Lindsey LAI,
Interim Director,
Pu'u Kahea
Conference
Center, Oahu



**Trent & Rebecca
THOMPSON,**
Interim Pastor,
Waikoloa Baptist,
Hawaii Island

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January

Call to Prayer Month

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3-10 January Bible Study
- 17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day



February

- 1-28 "True Love Waits" Emphasis
- 7 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 8-14 Focus on WMU
- 13 Children's Ministry Day
- 15 President's Day

March

- 7-14 Youth Week
- 7-14 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 14 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- 26 Prince Kuhio Day
- 28 Substance Abuse Sunday

April

- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter
- 11 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 18 SBC Seminaries Sunday
- 25 Cooperative Program Sunday

May

- 2 Senior Adult Sunday
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 9-16 Christian Home Week
- 31 Memorial Day

June

- 6 A Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- 11 King Kamehameha Day
- 13-16 SBC Annual Mtg, Nashville, TN
- 20 Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 27 Mission: Dignity Sunday
- 27 Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 18 Send Relief Sunday



August

- 8 Student Evangelism Day
- 15-22 Worship Music Week
- 20 Statehood Day

September

- 5 Single Adult Sunday
- 5-12 Sue Nishikawa Week of Prayer and Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions
- 6 Labor Day
- 12 Anti-Gambling Sunday

October

- 1-31 Cooperative Program Emphasis
- 3 Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- 10 Global Hunger Sunday
- 17-24 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

November

- 4-5 HPBC Annual Meeting
- 7 Orphans and Widows Sunday
- 7 DR Appreciation Day
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 25-26 Thanksgiving
- 28- Week of Prayer & Mission
- Dec 5 Study for Int'l Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December



- 25 Christmas