

2021 Virtual Annual Meeting Messenger Registration

Aloha Hawaii Pacific Baptists,

Due to recent statewide restrictions, we are unable to hold an in-person annual meeting again for this year. Our 2021 annual meeting will be virtual with the following elements:

- A **business session** via Zoom on Thursday, **November 4, 2021**, at 6:30 p.m. HST.
- A live-streamed **celebration** on Friday, **November 5, 2021**, 6:30 p.m. HST (Facebook)

To have our business session, we need **each church in good standing to send us an official list of messengers** (Name and e-mail address) who will be authorized to participate and vote via Zoom on the Nov. 4 business session. This list can be e-mailed to info@hpbaptist.net by the senior pastor or church clerk. We must receive this list by 5:00 p.m. HST on **Thursday, October 28, 2021**. The HPBC Executive Board voted at its August meeting to close the registration of messengers one week before the Business Meeting to allow the Credentials Committee to process the registration.

FAQs

What does it take for an HPBC church to be “in good standing”?

According to the HPBC constitution and by-laws, an HPBC church and its membership are considered to be cooperating and contributing (good standing) with the following criteria:

- **Theological:** “The church shall have specified within its adopted Statement of Faith and Practice and/or governing documents that the basis for its theology, faith, practice, and polity is the Bible and the Statement of Faith as listed in Article III (of HPBC Constitution) or other declarations of faith which parallel our historic Baptist faith and distinctives will serve as the theological framework.”
- **Declarational:** “The church shall have voted to cooperate and affiliate with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. This action shall be communicated in a written letter to the Executive Director-Treasurer of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.”
- **Financial:** “The church shall have made financial contributions through the Cooperative Program during the past twelve months.”
- **Statistical:** “The church shall provide an annual statistical report (ACP), demonstrating its cooperation and partnership with other churches affiliated with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.”

Who can serve as a messenger?

Every HPBC church in good standing is allowed to have messengers represent them (and vote) on the business matters of the convention brought up during the annual meeting.



How many messengers from each HPBC church may attend?

Every HPBC church in good standing is allowed ten (10) voting messengers and one (1) additional voting messenger for each one hundred members or fractional part thereof beyond the first one hundred members, not to exceed a total of twenty. For example, a church between 101-200 would be allowed 11 messengers, 201-300, 12 messengers, and so forth.

How will the messengers be credentialed?

Upon receiving the submitted list, the Committee on Credentials and Resolutions will certify messengers for the virtual business session.

How will the messengers register for the business session?

After the Credentials Committee verifies that the church and messengers are eligible, we will e-mail a link to register for the Zoom business meeting on Nov. 4. Messengers who register will receive a unique link to join the business session via Zoom on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. HST.

What if I have more than one person in my household who is a messenger?

We ask that each person register separately and use a different computer to participate in the Zoom business session to cast their own vote.

Do I need to have a Zoom account to participate?

Yes, please go to zoom.us and register for a free account with the same e-mail address sent by your church. Each person who participates will need to have their own free account.

What if I'm not a messenger? Can I participate?

The Zoom business session will be streamed live on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/hawaiibaptist.

What is the difference between the business session (11/4) and celebration (11/5)?

The business session on Thursday, Nov. 4, will include updates on the work of the HPBC. We will vote on the 2022 HPBC budget, officers, new board members, committee members, and resolutions. It will take place via Zoom for messengers and streamed live for guests.

The annual meeting celebration will be similar to last year's virtual meeting and is a 60-minute pre-recorded collection of scripture, prayer, greetings from each of our SBC and HPBC entities, HPBC staff update, a message from our HPBC president, and the convention message from Lifeway president, Dr. Ben Mandrell. This video will be live via Facebook Live on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. HST at Facebook.com/hawaiibaptist.

Hawaii Pacific Baptists, thank you for your patience and understanding in helping us make this virtual annual meeting possible.

If there is any way we can assist you in this process, do not hesitate to e-mail info@hpbaptist.net or call the HPBC office at (808) 946-9581.