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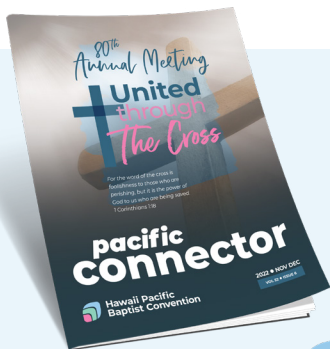
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HPBC's Annual Meeting theme for 2022, *United Through the Cross*.



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I pray your day is blessed as you pursue God's incredible Kingdom plans.

In this edition of the Pacific Connector, you will find updates from HPBC churches as they pursue God's plans, plus information regarding our 2022 Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting. As in every Pacific Connector, we pray that you will be encouraged to see and know that your participation as a Hawaii Pacific Baptist and your gifts through the Cooperative Program are making a difference in reaching our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we gather on November 3rd and 4th to celebrate God's goodness to us over the past year, fellowship with other HPBC messengers and guests, and plan for God's work for the future, we are excited to see what He has in store for us. After holding our last two annual meetings in a virtual setting, our in-person gathering should be a sweet time of reconnecting and seeking God's will for our cooperative efforts.

In winding down the year, we are reminded that God is always at work in, through, and around us to accomplish works that glorify His name and further spread the gospel. Together, He presses us to accomplish much more than any of us could do alone. Amid the challenges of today, let us not focus on our own needs, but keep the urgency of our mission at the forefront of our lives. The world around us needs Christ, and we have much to do for His name's sake.

As always, your HPBC staff team is ready to provide for you in any way 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,

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NOVEMBER 3-4

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Thursday Evening, November 3

Presiding: HPBC President, Johnny Hom

- 5:00 Registration & Refreshments
- 6:00 Call to Order: Johnny Hom
- 6:05 Worship: Trevor Duarte, Ross Harada, Nu'uaniu Baptist
- 6:20 Welcome and Announcements
- 6:30 Invocation: Martin Chappell, Pastor, Calvary International Baptist, Bangkok
- 6:35 Credentials & Resolutions Committee Report: Chair, John Endriss (Pastor, Engage Church, Hilo, Hawaii Island)
 - Seating of Messengers*
 - Seating of Messengers from New Churches*
- 6:45 Introduction of New Pastors, Workers, and Guests: Chris Martin
- 7:00 Scripture reading: Andrew Tong, Pastor, Hawaii Chinese Baptist, Honolulu
- 7:05 Message: Johnny Hom, HPBC President, Pastor of Discipleship & Administration, Nu'uaniu Baptist, Honolulu
- 7:25 Adjournment/Benediction: Johnny Hom
- 7:30 Closing Music: Trevor Duarte and Ross Harada
 - Refreshments*

Friday Morning, November 4

Presiding: Brian Fable, HPBC Vice-President, Pastor, Kona Baptist, Hawaii Island

- 8:15 Call to Order/Announcements: Brian Fable
- 8:20 Worship: John Kaneshiro, Associate Pastor of Discipleship, Wa'ialae Baptist, Honolulu
- 8:35 Invocation: Ken Tanaka, Pastor, Kahului Union Church, Maui
- 8:40 Greetings from Southern Baptist Agencies: Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, North American Mission Board, International Mission Board, Guidestone, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee
- 8:50 Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention Staff Report: Chris Martin, HPBC Executive Director/Treasurer
- 9:05 Hawaii Baptist Foundation Report: Matt Sanders, HBF President, Pastor, Wa'ialae Baptist, Honolulu
- 9:15 Hawaii Baptist Academy: Ron Shiira, HBA President
- 9:25 Scripture Reading: Pancho Madrid, Pastor, Guam Christian Life Fellowship
- 9:30 Message: Chris Martin
- 9:50 Adjournment: Brian Fable
 - Benediction: Chris Martin
 - Break and Refreshments*

25-minute updates and Q&A with Lifeway Christian Resources, the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and the International Mission Board (IMB)

- 10:30 Session 1: Lifeway Christian Resources
- 11:00 Session 2: Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee
- 11:30 Session 3: International Mission Board
- Noon Seminary Luncheon (limited seating, registration required)

Friday Afternoon, Business Session, November 4

Presiding: HPBC President, Johnny Hom

- 2:00 Call to Order: Johnny Hom
 - Invocation
 - Credentials & Resolutions Comm Report & Recommendations: John Endriss
 - Convention Committee for Arrangements and Order of Business Report: Larry Hale, Arrangements Chair, Pastor, Eleele Church, Kauai
 - Executive Board Reports/Recommendations: Johnny Hom
 - New Business: Johnny Hom
 - Committee on Committees & Board Nominations: Johnny Hom
 - Elections of New Officers: Johnny Hom
 - Introduction of New Officers: Chris Martin
 - Adjournment/Benediction: Johnny Hom

Friday Evening, November 4

Presiding: HPBC President, Johnny Hom

- 5:00 Registration & Refreshments
- 5:45 Call to Order/Announcements: Johnny Hom
- 5:50 Worship: Ethan Lum and Central Baptist Worship Team
- 6:05 Invocation: Chris Komatsu, Pastor, Lanai Baptist, Island of Lanai
- 6:10 Acknowledgement of Outgoing Officers: Chris Martin
- 6:20 Scripture: Kyu Ho Chang, Pastor, Emmanuel Korean Baptist, Honolulu
- 6:25 Annual Message: Dr. Ben Mandrell, President and CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources
- 6:55 Credentials Committee Report: John Endriss, Chair
- 7:00 Adjournment/Benediction: Incoming President
- 7:05 Closing Music



**Hawaii Pacific
Baptist Convention**

Financial Update

According to Mike Martin, HPBC Assistant Executive Director for Business and Finance, between July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, **Hawaii Pacific Baptists gave the following \$1,533,897 through the Cooperative Program and special offerings.** This includes:

\$1,047,652 through the **Cooperative Program**

\$113,842 to the **Sue Nishikawa Offering** for Hawaii Pacific Missions

\$117,586 to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** for North American Missions

\$240,370 to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** for International Missions

\$14,447 to **World Hunger**

Thank you, Hawaii Pacific Baptists for your *generous giving!*

Southern Baptists Celebrate Record Giving in 2021-22



National Cooperative Program (CP) giving tops \$200 million for the first time since 2008

(Source: baptistpress.com)



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering hits all-time high as Southern Baptists give record \$68.9 million

(Source: baptistpress.com)



Southern Baptists Give Record \$203.7 million to the 2021-22 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. This is the largest offering in the 177-year history of the IMB. (Source: baptistpress.com)



The Cooperative Program — The financial fuel for reaching every person for Jesus Christ in every town, every city, every state, and every nation. (Source: sbc.net)

You can view this and other Cooperative Program videos by visiting: vimeo.com/showcase/cpvideos or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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Your generosity supports missionary presence around the world.
Because of your partnership in praying, going, and giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we celebrate these highlights from around the world in 2021.

YOUR
GENEROSITY
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3,650 missionaries supported with comprehensive care

592,408 people heard the gospel

22,744 new churches

176,795 new believers

107,701 baptisms

93 new people groups and places engaged

182,112 people received leadership training

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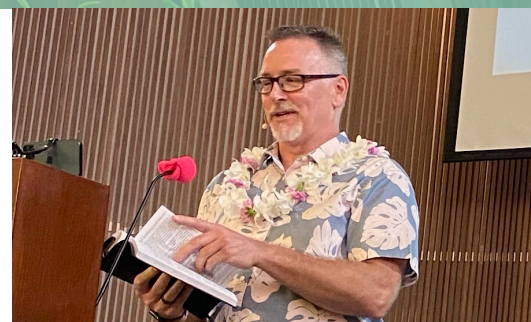
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Pastor Andrew Large has been the pastor of Waikiki Baptist since 2006.

Waikiki Celebrates 70 Years of Ministry and Church Planting

On Sunday, October 9, Pastor Andrew Large led Waikiki Baptist in celebrating 70 years of ministry with the theme, "Great Commission Beyond Our Walls." Representatives from multiple churches shared testimonies of the role that Waikiki Baptist has had in their genesis and ongoing support. This includes pastors or members from Pawa'a Community, Kauai House Church Network, Connections Church Kapolei, Waikiki Korean, and the Japanese congregation and Laotian ministry. HPBC's Chris Martin talked about the role of churches working together in partnership for the gospel and led a dedication prayer for the current church staff and leadership. The service also included the reading of a proclamation from Mayor Rick Blangiardi naming October 9, 2022, as Waikiki Baptist Church Day.



Chris Martin, HPBC Executive Director/Treasurer brought the message

Connections Church Kapolei Church Plant Grand Opening



Pastor and Church Planter, David Whitehead, reported that on September 18, 2022, Connections Church Kapolei held its official Grand Opening. With 92 in attendance and many seeking God's direction for their lives, we experienced God. Connections Church is off to a great start! Learn more at 808.church.



Dedication prayer for the church family and pastors

Calvary International Baptist, Bangkok, Partners with Church Plant

Pastor Martin Chappell, Calvary International Baptist, Bangkok, recently signed an agreement to partner with a new church, Sila International Baptist Church. Curt Mathis is the pastor of Sila International.



Olivet Baptist Community Monthly Food Distribution



Photos: Clyde Kakiuchi

On the last Saturday of every month, more than 20 volunteers from Olivet Baptist provide 250 food boxes for the underserved in their community. They also share fresh bread, eggs, bacon, cereal, peanut butter, oatmeal, water, toilet paper, and more. They also offer clothing, a copy of the Daily Bread devotional, and a shower in a shower trailer.

(left) Dean Morihara prays with a member of the community



Seafarer Ministry Includes Medical Professionals



Photo: Clyde Kakiuchi

Clyde Kakiuchi expressed the Seafarer Ministry's appreciation for doctors, dentists, medical students, and translators who offer medical services to long-line fishermen from the Philippines, Vietnam, and Indonesia with blood pressure checks, blood glucose testing, dispensing medicine, and checking other ailments.

Fellowship Baptist Continues Community Food Distribution



Photo: Clyde Kakiuchi

On Saturday, August 27, Fellowship Baptist, Kalihi served 30 families with food, a gospel presentation, and for some, Chuukese Bibles.

Harlan Nakasone (left) is the pastor of Fellowship Baptist

Koza Baptist, Okinawa, Baptizes 8 in September

Hunter Gray, Koza Baptist Missions and Connections Pastor

Koza Baptist
Okinawa, Japan

The Koza Baptist Church family looks on from the shore



Waikoloa Baptist

Waikoloa Village,
Hawaii

Waikoloa Baptist Holds Baptism on October 9 at A-Bay

Trent Thompson is the pastor.



Fellowship Baptist

Kalihi, Hawaii

Fellowship Baptist, Kalihi Held Baptism for Two

Harlan Nakasone, the pastor of Fellowship Baptist, Kalihi, baptized Percy and Stan earlier this year.





Masahiro Haruta Ordained to the Pastoral Ministry at Himeji Baptist

On Monday, October 10, 2022, Masahiro Haruta was set apart for pastoral ministry by his church, Himeji Baptist. Pastors and missionaries from around Japan made up his eight-person ordination council, which included Chris Eyre, Pastor of Koza Baptist, Okinawa, Ben Howard, Pastor of Yokohama International Baptist, and Toshikazu Haruta, Pastor of Himeji Baptist. These churches are part of the Asia Baptist Network and the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. IMB Missionary Mark Busby chaired the council, and local church pastors, Tony Haug, Ryoji Shishiga, Kohei Kajiyama, and Ichiro Asada also participated.



FBC Nanakuli Ordains Four Deacons

On September 4, 2022, First Baptist Church of Nanakuli ordained four deacons. Travis Featheran, Paul Featheran, Zachary Castro, and Shute Savusa were installed as deacons during their morning worship service, followed by a celebration meal. HPBC's Robert Miller assisted in the ordination with a message and charge. Eddie Hunt serves as pastor.



IMB Mobilization Team Meet with Pastors and Missions Leaders in 5 locations on 3 Islands

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."

As part of the partnership, members of the International Mission Board (IMB) Mobilization Team met with pastors and missions leaders from 26 churches in Honolulu, Kona, Hilo, and Wailuku during the first week of October. Those gathered learned how Hawaii Pacific Baptists and be equipped to connect with IMB personnel on the field.



Pastors/Missions Leaders Gather at Kona Baptist, Hawaii Island



College Students Gather at BCM Hilo

Tennessee Deaf Church Pastors/Leaders Visit Honolulu, Explore Partnerships

Leaders from Deaf Churches in Brentwood, Memphis, and Knoxville met with key leaders in Hawaii to explore how they could bring assistance to the Deaf community. The delegation met with Hawaii Baptist Academy, pastors from Oahu churches, and key leaders of the deaf community in Honolulu. If you are interested in learning more, contact HPBC's Brian Smart at brian@hpbaptist.net.



Pastors/Missions Leaders Gather at Valley Isle Fellowship on Maui



Tennessee Pastors Visit Hawaii to Explore Partnerships

As 2023 approaches, your Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention is exploring new partnerships to bring valuable resources to Hawaii Pacific Baptist Churches. One of these partnerships is with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB). Recently, TBMB sent several pastors and key leaders for a vision trip to see how they can better assist HPBC churches. Four pastors, an Associational Missionary, and TBMB staff returned to Tennessee with new ideas for assisting and being assisted by Hawaii Pacific Baptist churches. Be on the lookout for ways this partnership will develop in 2023.



While Tennessee pastors were on Oahu, they heard from Rob and Donna Thommarson. The Thommarsons served as missionaries in Russia for many years before retiring to Hawaii Island, where Rob served as associate pastor of Puna Baptist Church. Rob and Donna shared with these pastors about the opportunity for them to begin a discipleship ministry to internationals in New Zealand sometime in 2023. If you are interested in learning more, contact HPBC's Brian Smart at brian@hpbaptist.net.



HPBC Executive Director, Chris Martin, Speaks at SWBTS Chapel

On Thursday, September 22, 2022, our own Chris Martin spoke at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Chapel. He challenged students and faculty to be cross-cultural missionaries in today's world.

To read the article by the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, visit: tinyurl.com/swbts-cmartin or scan the QR code to the right.





BCM Oahu, IBM Oahu, and HiloBCM Hold Fall Retreat

Baptist Collegiate Ministries Manoa (BCM Manoa) and Hilo (HiloBCM) partnered with International Baptist Ministries Oahu (IBM) to hold a Labor Day retreat at Hamakua Baptist in Laupahoehoe on Hawaii island, according to HiloBCM director Anita Bice. The IBM's Philip and Ashleigh were featured guests, leading breakout sessions on relational evangelism, with Philip as the retreat speaker.

Yuhyeon from IBM Oahu said, "In Korea, I am not very serious about following Jesus, but now I think I want to get more serious about following Jesus." Arjay Gruspe, BCM Oahu director shared, "Our group was 80% new students with little or no experience with campus ministry."

Lifeway/HPBC Host Pastors and Leaders at Sunday School/Small Groups Essentials Training

Lifeway's Director of Sunday School, Ken Braddy, provided ten training sessions over two days in person at Waialae Baptist Church. Leaders from 18 churches from Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii Island participated.

This comprehensive two-day training covered the following: discovering a Biblical basis for and defining the purpose of your small group ministry; learning the eight signposts of discipleship; mapping a process for making disciples; identifying best practices and resources for enlisting and training workers; developing your curriculum strategy; and how to start new groups. We are thankful for Lifeway's financial investment in our Hawaii Pacific Baptist Churches.



Enjoying a fellowship break are Josh Galvan (Kona Baptist), Jamie McElrath (Olivet Baptist), Robert Miller (HPBC), Jeff Buchholz (Cornerstone), and Dalton Slavens (Kona Baptist)

