

HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH

By Meleanna Aluli Meyer

Welina mai kākou- Welcome everyone, to Hawaiian History month — beginning this September. Having been asked to write again, I'm humbled to share about Hawai'i's history that will enlighten, perhaps surprise, but mostly inform us in our faith community to begin earnest conversations about making *pono*- right, misrepresentations and fictions about what happened to Hawaiians and the Hawaiian Kingdom in the past. The work that is done on behalf of the *lāhui* (the people) represents work that has continued since the illegal overthrow of Hawai'i in 1893, by a small group made up mostly of American businessmen. I chose to humbly share about this critical history with you folks — this Faith community I chose to join years ago, because I believed that this community was not only progressive, but offered a safe-haven and place where truth and righteous action were not abstractions.

We begin by celebrating the Queen's *Lā Hānau*, her 183rd birthday. I've included a flier (see page 7) that shares programs planned throughout the month of September. Queen Lili'uokalani is remarkable because her influence is still so strong today — perhaps even more so, for her *po'e Aloha 'Āina*, guardians and protectors of Hawaiian cultural values and practices, like me, want to share with you all, Hawai'i's true history. Welcome to September's events for Hawaiian History Month. Every Sept. 2 our beloved Queen Liliuokalani's birthday is celebrated!

Through yearlong preparations from the Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition, a group of various organizations in Hawai'i who want to educate Hawai'i's people about the true history of Hawai'i, yearly in-person gatherings happened on the grounds of the 'Iolani palace — with an interfaith service, hula, music and performances, along with free tours of the palace. A day of educating Hawai'i's people, needing to go virtual for the past two years gives me this opportunity to share in a way that would not have been an option two short years ago.

The yearly celebration, named '*Onipa'a* - (To be steadfast) reminds us all to seek the truth, no matter how difficult, and to honor those who stand for justice in beloved Hawai'i nei, and around the world. I had the privilege 15 years ago, inspired as I was about the Queen and all that she did for her people, to gather a group of dedicated souls to create a venue to honor our Queen, as a leader in the world — of peace. As Gandhi, King and Mandela after her, she was most amazing, because as a woman of color, whose far-flung kingdom was wrested from her — she chose not bloodshed, but diplomacy and faith in the laws of the United States, a country whose laws ultimately failed her and her people.

The wise actions she took kept many from being imprisoned or from dying, during the illegal overthrow and annexation of her kingdom. As Iraq and Afghanistan have been occupied by the US., so too does the occupation of Hawai'i continue today. As unbelievable as this sounds, legal scholars have argued this point in international courts and have found a footing there. What does all of this shocking history have to do with St. Clement's and our beloved community of faith? Everything. As the reckoning on the continent continues to roll out for Black Lives, for the injustices meted upon Native Americans, the plight of Hawaiians is no different. Yes, this 'elephant' sits in everyone's rooms living in Hawai'i — yet little is done to rectify this horrific situation for the Natives of this land. As an artist and educator my life's work has been to bring truth forward and offer others the opportunity to see truth and witness for themselves, the ongoing and dire straits of many kanaka Maoli today

There are opportunities for us as a community to welcome truth, to practice justice so that the opportunity of reconciliation can indeed become part of this faith community's commitment to *po'e Hawai'i* — to Hawaiians in our midst, and all who call Hawai'i home I've been a very fortunate kanaka, privileged and grateful for all that has been given to me, which is why the cries of my beloved brothers and sisters living on the beaches, houseless, imprisoned and in ill health lead me to want to bring this painful history forward. Mahalo for your ongoing support and encouragement.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Clement's is turning 125 in 2023! If you would like to join brainstorming discussions for the celebratory event please let us know!

Stitched Together With Love, St. Clement's newly-formed knitting and crochet group, is meeting every second Saturday (9/11) at 11AM under the church porte cochere.

Our food distribution program is still open to receiving donations of canned soup, corn beef, pork and beans, chili with meat, corn and vienna sausage.

Mahalo to this month's Food Distribution bagging crew:
Leslie Isaki and Sandy Souza.

Thank you to Meleanna Meyer for serving as the guest contributor for this month's newsletter!

ZOOM SERVICE OUTLINE

SUNDAY

Worship at 8AM & 10:15AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Adult Discussion at 9AM

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Passcode: 1515

Bible Study (RBTL) at 9AM

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TUESDAY

Compline at 9PM

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You can join any service with your phone! Just call this number: 1 (669) 900-6833 and enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

THE WASH-MO-BEEL

By Karen Brosseau and Terry Ledford

The laundry truck, aptly named the "Wash-Mo-Beel" by Nellie McLaughlin, contains two washers, two dryers, two gas tanks, generators, etc. It also contains four 55 gallon barrels for waste water from the washers, file cabinets for supplies, and folding chairs. Once the laundry truck was finally ready for the road, our next step was to find places where there were people who needed laundry done, as well as a water source for the washing machines. On March 26 we started in Haleiwa. Our customers were all flood victims, we had wet, dirty, sandy clothes to wash for the next six hours or so. We loved it, and while we worked hard, it was not work in the normal sense of the word. Our partners, Aleabridge, and our customers are the nicest people to be with. Not work at all, and the personal rewards cannot be measured. There is a huge demand for this kind of help.

We were fortunate to connect with Revive and Refresh, run by Craig and Danica Shoji of First Presbyterian Church in Kaneohe. They have a clean, well-maintained trailer with three showers and bathrooms. They also provide hygiene supplies, clothing, and wonderful hot meals. They have water permits from the city and were happy to have us join them. Until this month, we partnered with Aleabridge in Haleiwa, who provide transitional housing and services for homeless youth. Once a month they hold "I Luna Haleiwa", where they offer free bags of food and water, boxes of clothing, and other services. We are joined by walk-in medical trucks, sometimes offering free covid vaccines, and social services, which help with IDs, SNAP benefits, and medical insurance. Some days we were joined lawyers offering legal aid and by other shower trucks. The difficulty with Aleabridge in their current location is the lack of people using the services. This is largely because of transportation problems as people have a difficult time getting there. We plan to continue our partnership with Aleabridge, but this month we stopped going to Haleiwa. The long trip for doing so little laundry made it untenable.

We join Revive and Refresh on Mondays and Fridays at Ke'ehi Lagoon and on Thursdays at St. Augustine's church parking lot in Waikiki. The populations at these two sites are quite different. Ke'ehi Lagoon is a transitional housing camp for those seeking housing, help with benefits, and jobs for those who are able. It is very well run by the Honolulu Police Department and tends to have people who are motivated to improve their living situations and are willing and able to follow rules. At St. Augustine's on Thursday afternoons, we are joined by a medical truck that serves as a walk-in clinic. The Waikiki population is a different kettle of fish from Ke'ehi. These are people who prefer the beach and the street to shelters or transitional housing. They are not rule followers and are, generally-speaking, a rowdier group. Before the pandemic, this was quite a fun and eclectic place despite the plight of the homeless

Looking at people and greeting them by name is the first step in providing our service. Then we take their clothes and divide them into laundry baskets to gauge the number of loads and mark the basket with tape with the person's name on it. When it goes into the washing machine, the name tag goes on the machine (and likewise the dryer and the finished clean laundry bag). Through trial and error, we've come up with a mix of laundry detergent, vinegar, and baking soda for each wash, and even the dirtiest laundry comes out smelling wonderful - better than at home! It's first come, first serve. We never mix loads of clothes, whether it's a few items or a huge load. It's a challenge to get as much done as we'd like with only two washing machines and often limited time, but we have our estimates down pretty well and wash as much as possible at each site. After each laundry shift, Terry cleans the truck and the machines, normally the next day. Since the truck and everything else is old and heavily used, maintenance is a constant job.

This has gotten much harder as the pandemic has worsened. We must enforce mask wearing among a largely unvaccinated population and are not as social as we once were for our own safety. It's a little more stressful and feels a little less rewarding right now, but that will change as the pandemic recedes. Another ongoing challenge is having enough time to do as much laundry as we'd like. Revive and Refresh can shower 12 people an hour, but we can only do about three or four washes an hour and our stops are usually two and a half hours at Ke'ehi and three and a half hours at St. Augustine's. Despite the difficulties, this has been the most rewarding work we've ever done. A great majority of the people we encounter are very nice, kind, and grateful for what we do.

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:00 PM Na 'Ohana Meeting HAPPY BIRTHDAY BELLA BELL	2 6:00 AM Bulk Pick-Up 4:30 PM Farmers Market	3 Clergy Sabbath 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety	4 9:00 AM Altar Guild 1:00 PM NAMI Program
5 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Workbench 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 2:30 PM Tongan Church HAPPY BIRTHDAY RONAN AMJADI-O'SHEA	6 Office Closed No School Labor Day	7 Rosh Hashanah 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open 9:00 PM Compline	8 8:00 AM SCS Chapel	9 4:30 PM Farmers Market HAPPY BIRTHDAY JODI YOSHIOKA	10 Clergy Sabbath 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety	11 8:30 AM RYSE Meeting 9:00 AM Altar Guild 11:00 AM Knitting Group 1:00 PM NAMI Program
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PALESTINIAN HOSPITAL UPDATE

As you may recall, a few months we raised money for a hospital treating COVID patients as well as victims of the most recent violence in Palestine. Below, you can read the letter we received from the Executive Director of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.



July 15, 2021

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Dear Heather,

Thank you for your gift in support of the humanitarian work of the Diocese of Jerusalem. We are especially grateful for your generosity during these challenging times. We pray that you and your family and those close to you are safe and staying healthy.

Thanks to you, the hospitals, clinics and schools of the Diocese of Jerusalem continue to provide life-changing services to children and families in the Middle East.

We so appreciate your gift of \$8490.00 on 5/26/2021 to AFEDJ in support of Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. Thank you!

Your generosity brings hope to vulnerable people living in a region of political unrest and fragile economies. Thank you for investing in AFEDJ's mission.

Thanks to you Heather and to the good people of St. Clement for bringing healing and hope to Gaza. Your extraordinary gift makes an immediate impact on desperate families. John

With gratitude,
John Lent
John Lent
Executive Director

P.S. I travel to the Middle East and the Diocese of Jerusalem often. I'd love to tell you personally about my visits with the people who directly benefit from your gift. Please call or email me at jlent@afedj.org.

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HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH

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Digital media event series during the month of September 2021



Hau'oli Lā Hānau e Lili'uokalani



Hulihia: Imagining New Possibilities



Ho'ōla: Hawaiian Health



Mele Lāhui: Songs of Our Nation



Hana Keaka Hawai'i: Stories on Stage

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SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>Holy Eucharist 8AM and 10:15AM</p> <p>Adult Discussion 9AM</p> <p>Bible Study 9AM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p>
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Assistance Available 10AM to 12PM</p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Farmers Market 4:30PM to 7PM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Third Fri. (9/17) Kūpuna Box 12PM to 1PM</p>
SATURDAY	SPECIAL EVENTS
<p>Second Sat. (9/11) Knit/Crochet Group 11AM to 1PM</p> <p>Third Sat. (9/18) Food Distribution 10:30AM to 12:30PM</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED Aug 30 - Sept 3</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day (9/6)</p>

