

THE MINISTRY OF HAKUHIA *by Kelly Miyamura*

Hakuhia is the new First Prez ministry that will steward the land at Ko'olau that God has entrusted to us. At the heart of the Hakuhia ministry is a guiding vision to renew people and place through community. After months of prayerful discernment amongst our church leaders, and in discussions with 'aina-based practitioners and community partners, we are humbly moving forward to steward the land that God has put into our care in ways that are aligned to our church's vision to love God, love people, and reach the world for Jesus Christ. We will move in ways that will:

- Glorify God
- Serve the Community
- Practice Environmental Stewardship
- Learn from the Hawaiian Culture
- Be Financially Responsible

We are currently researching potential programming aligned to these objectives. They include things like sustainable agriculture; promotion of health and wellness by opening up hiking and biking trails; and providing spaces for camping and retreats. Environmental stewardship could include reforestation and native-tree planting, to natural climate solutions. While we invest in these possible areas, we are seeking opportunities to also promote education and workforce training in fields like conservation, agriculture, and food systems. These are a few examples.

Concurrently, there is already ministry happening on the land for evangelism and direct discipleship, like this February's young adults' weekend retreat entitled Shaped, where they had times of worship and fellowship amongst God's creation, and shaped a pohaku stone as an exercise paralleling our own spiritual formation as a disciple of Jesus.

There is still plenty of work ahead as Hakuhia evolves, and we will keep the congregation both informed and engaged throughout this process. We will soon have information on our website with more information. We ask for your prayers as we continue to hear from God and seek his vision for our land.



The young adults retreat at Ko'olau campus



MEET KELLY

Kelly is our newest First Prez Staff member as Executive Coordinator for the Ko'olau property. She most recently served as the Career Pathways Strategy Director at Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education out of the University of Hawaii, and has spent over ten years serving teachers and students in under-resourced communities across the state in various capacities. She has also worked in the fields of architecture and urban planning, and served full-time at the church in small groups, young adults and outreach ministries.

Kelly has degrees from Brown University and UC Berkeley, and currently lives in Honolulu with her husband, and their three young children. We're excited to have Kelly on staff and lead our new ministry called Hakuhia. Welcome aboard, Kelly!



QUARTERLY UPDATE

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DEAR FIRST PREZ 'OHANA,

It's the first quarter of our 15th year on our Ko'olau campus! The years seem to have whizzed past us, and yet the last 15 years of being in community and doing ministry with you have been rich and full. Praise God!

This year is also the latter half of our Raise the Sails (RTS) generosity journey. As you read through this quarterly update, I hope you'll be encouraged knowing that your financial support continues to make an impact on our Ko'olau property, our ministries, and on people around the world. You're making a difference for God's Kingdom!

We have a new section on the back page of this newsletter called "THE MINISTRY OF HAKUHIA." Hakuhia is the name the Elders and staff of the church have chosen to refer to our new ministry of stewarding the 246 acres we have on our Ko'olau property, now that we have full access to it. It was chosen after prayerful consideration, much research, consultation, and interviews with community leaders of Hawaiian ancestry. Hakuhia is not the name of the land, but rather the ministry of stewarding and nurturing the land that our generous God has entrusted to us.

Hakuhia is a combination of two Hawaiian words: HAKU, which has several meanings, but when the "H" is capitalized, it refers to The Lord; and HIA, which means desire or delight. So putting the two words together, we have Hakuhia, which means God's delight. I am grateful to Kiha Pimental, a pastor with the Foursquare denomination, for his guidance and wisdom as we considered the name for our new ministry. He said, "It is God's delight that you all heard His voice to develop His land. You all heard His call. It was Hakuhia, God's desire and delight, when you bought the land in 2006, and now it is coming more into fruition."

Our Raise the Sails generosity journey goes hand in hand with Hakuhia, and I'm so grateful that you're a part of it. To God, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, be the



glory!

Blessed by you,

Pastor Dan

Dan Chun | Senior Pastor

FRESH WIND THE NUMBERS

FRESH WIND COMMITMENTS
FAMILIES THAT RESPONDED

234

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW
COMMITMENTS

42

NEW & EXPANDED
COMMITMENTS
(DEC 2019-FEB 15, 2021)

\$326,381

WE PRAISE GOD AND THANK
YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

RAISE THE SAILS (RTS) GOAL UPDATES
Dec 1, 2019 to Feb 2021

(PRE-FRESH WIND)
\$11,463,313

TOTAL PROJECTED RTS INCOME OVER 2 YEARS (DEC 2019-2021):
\$12,418,569

PROJECTED RTS INCOME AS OF FEB 15, 2021:
\$7,458,723

ACTUAL RTS INCOME AS OF FEB 28, 2021:
\$6,957,777

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93% RECEIVED FROM PROJECTED AMOUNT!

All gifts to First Prez Honolulu from Dec 2019 to Dec 2021 count toward the Raise the Sails goal. Thanks for being a part of it!



KO'OLAU PROPERTY UPDATES

Because of your financial support, we can continue to keep our Ko'olau campus in good condition for the Lord's work.



ROOF

The roofing project has begun!



WORSHIP

Preparation for resuming in-person worship are underway! Built plexiglass screens on stage. Bought equipment and supplies to sanitize common areas. Created signage to help with the safe entrance and exit of the building. Set up online registration system for worship service. Recruited and trained volunteers to help create a welcoming, worshipful, and safe worship experience. If interested to join the team, email davidchang@fpchawaii.org



WAYS TO GIVE

- 1 ONLINE** through the website: www.fpchawaii.org/give or www.raisetheSails.org/give where you can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts.
- 2 TEXT-TO-GIVE:** Text "FPCHI" to 77977 and follow prompts
- 3 FIRST PREZ APP:** Choose the GIVE button on the app and follow prompts. If you don't have the app, go to the App Store (for iPhones) or Google Play (for Android phones), search for "First Presbyterian Honolulu," then download it.
- 4 MAIL** your check to the church. We can also send you pre-addressed, stamped envelopes that you can use to send in your gift. Call the church office at (808) 532-1111 to request those envelopes.



QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR GIVING OR HOW TO SET UP RECURRING GIFTS?

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HEAR WHAT GOD HAS **DONE** THROUGH RAISE THE SAILS

TANZANIA and eSWATINI: FIRST PREZ IS THERE!
a report from mission partner Heidi Lum, founder of Advocates for Africa's Children (AFAC)

First Prez provided seed money to Advocates for Africa's Children (AFAC) to get emergency food relief to home-bound kids during the pandemic crises in Africa. The food distribution continues to devastated households in eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) affected by school closures and layoffs. In addition, AFAC started community farming projects in eSwatini and Tanzania that will make the communities less vulnerable to border closures and food distribution disruptions in the future. In fact, they started seven new projects in early January.

First Prez also gave funds for the construction of the school kitchen and dining hall in its new school called Lawrence Academy School in Tanzania in a village that has had no local access to education. The first classes opened in 2020 with eight students and ended with 20! In fact, the academy

graduated five preschoolers to the first grade, which began in Jan 2021. AFAC hopes to grow the school one grade per year until the children are able to go to high school. Thank you, First Prez, for your prayers and financial support that helps widen the scope of our ministry.



OUTREACH EVENTS

Wounded Warrior 'Ohana

On Jan 3rd, our First Prez campus was the venue of a Christmas drive-through celebration hosted by Wounded Warrior Ohana, a nonprofit that provides enriching experiences for wounded and injured military members, veterans, and their families. Disney characters were on campus to welcome the families and distribute Christmas gifts to the kids. We're grateful that First Prez got to be a part of it!

