

## HAKUHIA by Kelly Miyamura

As we continue on this journey with *Hakuhia*, the ministry of our Ko'olau property, it is critical that we remain grounded in prayer. In November 2020, members of our church 'ohana met on campus for the Fresh Wind Prayer Walk, where we prayed for the vision God has in store for the future of the church and for the land He has given us to steward. Please join us as we continue to pray!

Following are select excerpts from the Fresh Wind Prayer Walk to help guide your prayer time.

### HISTORY AND GRATITUDE

Traditionally, Hawai'i was governed through an *ahupua'a* system, which the Hawaiians used as a way to sustain both the people and the land. Typically each *ahupua'a* stretched from the mountains to the ocean and fostered harmony between the land and the people. Our majestic Ko'olau property is situated in the *ahupua'a* of Kāne'ōhe, which has always been held in high value because it was held by royalty. In fact, after uniting the islands, King Kamehameha kept Kāne'ōhe for himself. But later in 1848, during the redistribution of land known as the Great *Mahele* (meaning to divide or portion), Kamehameha's wife Queen Kalama was given the land where First Prez is located today.

The ownership of the Ko'olau property changed hands a few times. Interestingly, it was once held by 'Iolani School, which sold it to the Minami Investment Corporation that developed the golf course. In 2006, in search of a new property to accommodate our growing congregation, our church purchased the Ko'olau golf course. Miracle after miracle fell into place as God's hand became more apparent for us to be here today. We are the beneficiaries of the faith and generosity of so many before us.

*Spend some time in prayer thanking God for how He orchestrated everything from the creation of these islands to this very moment so we could be here today. Thank Him for those in our congregation who sacrificed in obedience and faith.*



*Kamo'oalii stream - view from bridge at Ko'olau*



*Looking out across 18th fairway Ko'olau*

### CROSSROADS

For the first time since we have purchased this property, our church has been given the amazing opportunity to decide what we want to do with the entire property. As with any crossroad, this is our opportunity to make sure that God is at the forefront of our decision-making. We need God's wisdom and guidance to show us where He wants us to go and what He wants us to do.

*Let's ask Jesus to make clear His intentions for our Ko'olau property and to give us bold ideas and the courage to carry them out. Ask the Lord to show us what role He wants each of us to play. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and discernment for our church leaders as they guide us into this next season.*

### REACHING OUR COMMUNITY

One of the aspects that made the *ahupua'a* system so successful was that within the span of the mountains to the ocean, it met the needs of the people. The land took care of the people.

*Let's ask God to use us and this land to meet the needs of people and neighbors near and far. Pray that God would provide for the basic human needs of nourishment, purpose, and rest for the people of Hawai'i.*

### PRAYING IN CHALLENGING TIMES

As we embark on this journey to steward this property well, we know that there will be moments of limited visibility about the future and times of trials. We recognize that the blessing of these 246 acres comes with great *kuleana*, or responsibility.

*Let's pray for wisdom, guidance, and favor as we move forward with stewarding this property in spite of the challenges, and that God will grow our faith even when we cannot see all that He has planned.*



## QUARTERLY UPDATE

FIRST PREZ HONOLULU | [www.raisethe sails.org](http://www.raisethe sails.org) | JUNE 2021

### DEAR FIRST PREZ 'OHANA,

We're halfway through the year already, and so much has happened since our last Raise the Sails (RTS) newsletter in March. I want to thank you for your generosity and report to you how your gifts have impacted our church ministries and operations.

For one, we've resumed gathering once again in our Sanctuary for Sunday worship, and broadcasting them live so our online congregation can continue to worship the Lord with us. Since we started our online services, we've had 300+ new commitments and recommitments to follow Jesus!

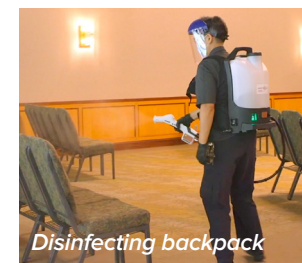
Your giving has allowed us to be financially stable as a church. It has allowed us to retain our staff. It has allowed us to pivot many times with our ministries: from in person to online, and now from online to both in-person and online. Thanks so much for making these transitions possible.

Your generosity has enabled us to invest in our safety team, our technical team, and our hospitality team. We needed to upgrade our video and audio equipment to make livestreamed services and online ministries possible. We've also invested in other types of equipment, like the electrostatic disinfecting backpack, so we could provide a safer environment on campus for you.

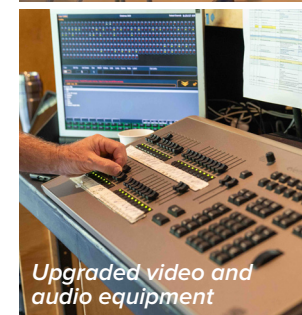
There's a lot more to do ahead of us. Other campus improvements are planned, as well as upkeep and maintenance work on our former golf course. As part of being good stewards, we have prayerfully made plans for our next steps, but we're also aware that things could change which could mess up those plans. Whatever happens we entrust the future of our church to the Lord. He knows what lies ahead, and we are confident that He will carry us through.



Blessed by you,  
*Pastor Dan*  
Dan Chun | Senior Pastor



*Disinfecting backpack*



*Upgraded video and audio equipment*



**FUNDS ALL OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN-PERSON AND ONLINE**

### WORSHIP SERVICES

8AM

AND

10AM

### ONLINE

[fpchawaii.online.church](http://fpchawaii.online.church)

### IN-PERSON REGISTER WEEKLY AT

[fpchawaii.org/regathering](http://fpchawaii.org/regathering)



**RAISE THE SAILS (RTS) GOAL UPDATES**  
Dec 1, 2019 to May 31, 2021

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

**PROJECTED RTS INCOME AS OF MAY 31, 2021:**  
\$8,696,686

**ACTUAL RTS INCOME AS OF MAY 31, 2021:**  
\$8,145,239

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**94% RECEIVED FROM PROJECTED AMOUNT AS OF MAY 31**

*All income 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 project, which started in March 2021, to replace the massive roof of our building on campus is almost done. We look forward to its completion!



**WAYS TO GIVE**

- 1 ONLINE** through the website: [fpchawaii.org/give](http://fpchawaii.org/give) or [raisethesails.org/give](http://raisethesails.org/give) where you can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts.
- 2 IN-PERSON:** in the offering boxes at in-person worship services
- 3 TEXT-TO-GIVE:** Text "FPCHI" to 77977
- 4 FIRST PREZ APP:** Choose the GIVE button on the app (available in the Apple App Store or Google Play—search up "First Presbyterian Honolulu")
- 5 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?**

Contact Debbie (bookkeeper):  
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(808) 836-9995

To learn more about RAISE THE SAILS, visit

[RAISETHESAILS.ORG](http://RAISETHESAILS.ORG)

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

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR HOUSING**

In support of another church in Kaka'ako called MKAO, First Prez had the opportunity in April to help 300 kupuna in low-income senior housing in Kaka'ako by packing free grocery items for them. We appreciate the partnership with MKAO! Let's continue to help those in need in our communities.



**ALPHA HELD AT THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (IHS)**

In February, we did the Alpha Course at the men's shelter in Honolulu of the Institute for Human Services (IHS), Hawaii's most comprehensive human services agency that's focused on ending or preventing homelessness. First Prez member Dr. Tim Olderr facilitated Alpha for 12 weeks, attended by more than two dozen men under the care of IHS.



**LIVING OUT GENEROSITY**

When First Prez member Ken Zeri heard the vision and the biblical teaching behind our Raise the Sails (RTS) generosity journey, he reconnected with an important lesson he learned many years ago. His former chaplain Clarence told him this back in 2010: "If you approach life from scarcity, that's what it will be. But if you approach it from abundance, then it will be abundant."

It was freeing for Ken to realize that back then, and it's a lesson that continues to make an impact on his life today. He enjoys being generous! And not just financially toward RTS, but also

in the giving of his time to the Lord as a volunteer in different ministries, and in the sharing of his expertise in what people have difficulty in understanding, like the topic of end-of-life care, which Ken taught in a virtual class in January this year for our senior adults ministry.

He said, "We have been given such bounty, so free it up! Give it back to the Lord, share it with others."

If you have a story of how you've experienced God's grace and generosity, let us know. Email us: [aloha@fpchawaii.org](mailto:aloha@fpchawaii.org). You can also watch more testimonies of God's generosity at [raisethesails.org/stories](http://raisethesails.org/stories)