

# Wai`oli Hui`ia Church Newsletter

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## Talk Story

by Duncan Forgey

### A CHURCH IS NOT A PLACE - IT IS A FAMILY WITH BLOOD TIES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST



A Princeville area after Iniki

Wai`oli Hui`ia Church has stood the test of time. The original Mission was established in 1834 in the heart of Hanalei and its “Little Green Church” was built in 1912. It is listed on the National Registry of Historic Buildings and has become a world-famous house of worship.

On September 11, 1992 a storm with wind gusts up to 220-mph brought Wai`oli Hui`ia to its knees. A product of warm water conditions known as El Niño, Hurricane Iniki was born, bred and grew in the central Pacific Ocean. Iniki translates as “strong and piercing wind” and she more than lived up to the name. There were six deaths and a \$3.1 billion cost in damages on the island of Kaua`i.

One hundred miles south, and twenty-four hours earlier, Iniki was not considered a threat. After hitting a trough of warm water, Iniki turned straight toward Kaua`i. Eight thousand people sheltered down, along with the entire cast and crew of Steven Spielberg’s *Jurassic Park*.

The extreme winds of the storm’s eye wall sat atop Kaua`i ripping and tearing at the island. A 4.5 to 18-foot storm tide decimated beaches and waves up to 35 feet pounded the coastline. Over 1,400 houses were lost and 12,000 more damaged. Coco Palms Hotel in Kapa`a sits to this day as an eerie reminder of the destructive nature of Iniki.

Wai`oli Hui`ia Church was lifted off its foundation by the ferocious winds, causing extensive damage to the building’s structure and smashing the Church’s precious stained-glass heritage. The restoration committee appointed Alfonso J. Garza of Designare Architects and Callahan Construction of Hanalei to repair the Church. A nationwide search for a company qualified to replace the damaged windows began. That company turned out to be internationally renowned Bovard Studio in Iowa. The Bovard team supervised the sensitive removal and shipping of the windows after assessing and photographing the damage.

Before Iniki, the family of Emma Oneha gifted in her honor three windows near the piano. This glass reflected lighter colors than others in the church and became a sample for Bovard’s four sets of new double lancet stained-glass windows. Glass on the parsonage side of the Church is slightly darker. The front stained-glass began to bow due to excess weight. Paul Oliver, a tradesman and helicopter pilot from Kapa`a, re-leaded the windows to prevent further damage.

As Bovard explains: “*Matching historical opalescent glass is exponentially more difficult than matching paint color or dye lots. In glass, we not only have to match a unique combination of color mix, but we must match the density and the unique refractory qualities of the light as it passes through the glass*”. Therefore, an expansive search for “old glass” took place. All but one was found. The main background glass for all the Wai`oli Hui`ia Church’s stained-glass windows was green, amber and white opalescent. This glass had to be customized.

The restored windows were shipped back to Kaua`i and meticulously reinstalled in April of 1994.



*We hope you had a fabulous holiday season and that your 2020 is off to a wonderful start.*

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



## MAHALO TO OUR TALENTED TEAM

Our heartfelt thanks go to those who made our sanctuary sparkle and hum this Christmas Season beginning with our dedicated choir and musicians who are always there to support us. Special thanks go to Choir Director Naomi Yokotake ... Haunani Pacheco who designed the Advent wreath ... Hobe and Marau Beck for donating the Cook Island Pine tree ... Wendy Elssasser, Madelynn Forgey and Robin Clemens for installing the Nativity scene and decorating our tree ... and to our special keiki who made the Christmas Story come alive.



## WAI'OLI 'OHANA BIRTHDAYS

- Jan 01 - Susan McLaughlin
- Jan 09 - Bill Malish
- Jan 18 - Bob Chrisman
- Jan 18 - Ane Holland
- Jan 19 - Howard (Ekolu) Yokotake III
- Jan 20- Alpha Goto
- Jan 28 - Rhonda Reimers



## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES



Mahalo to our beautiful Hula Maidens



Mahalo nui loa to Ben Nause



for stepping up to the plate for all our December performances on his first month as our pianist!!!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN HANAIEI WITH MR P



It is never dull riding around Hanalei singing Christmas Carols with Gary Pacheco on the flat bed of his decorated truck! Mahalo Gary!



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ONLINE**

***Grow Your Giving:*** Did you know you can grow your gifts to Wai`oli Hui`ia Church by donating online? It's easy, fast and secure! We can accept your donation through our mobile card-reader on most Sundays after the church service, or visit our website: 'www.hanaleichurch.org' to donate online. To request a recurring donation to help support our ministries throughout the year, contact our church treasurer, Susan Ferrell, through our Church Office 808.826.6253. Mahalo!

**\*Sunday Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.**

**\*First Sunday of every month - Communion Sunday**

**\*Sunday Worship Service ukulele/instrumental and choir rehearsal - 8:30 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary.**  
Visitors are always welcome to join us. Just bring your lovely voices and instrument of choice.

**Visit us on Facebook at Wai`oli Hui`ia Church • office: 808.826.6253 • email: waioli@aloha.net**

*Lord please  
hear my  
prayer*

For...Frank Harmon, Beth Sims, Haunani Pacheco, Mal Dohrman, Bob Chrisman, Jan Drammer's daughter, 4 year old Kawehi`o`lani Weldon, Chippy Morishige, Samantha Fischer, Barbara Hollenbeck and all others with medical issues ... family of Jacob Maka, family of Mary Alice Heddleston, family of Sam Mahuiki, Jr., family of Bill Clifford, family of Don Rohrer ... Wai`oli Hui`ia Church's Pastoral Search Committee ... Our Sunday School students and teachers ... Our church `ohana still recovering from the flood and all other victims of natural disasters.

## Team Worship Service Angels

DATE	CHURCH CLEANING	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS/USHERS	COMMUNION/FLOWERS
Jan 05	Pam & Mal Dohrman	Mal Dohrman	Robin Clemens & Pam Dohrman	Haunani Pacheco & Susan Ferrell
Jan 12	Pam & Mal Dohrman	Mal Dohrman	Robin Clemens & Sarah Chrisman	Haunani Pacheco
Jan 19	John Armour	Duncan Forgey	Robin Clemens & Madelynn Forgey	Marau Beck
Jan 26	John Armour	Duncan Forgey	Robin Clemens & Sarah Chrisman	Wendy Elsasser