

Hawaii MAC Meeting

MINUTES

Sat. May 12, 2007

Attended: Merilee Johansson (Waikoloa) , Marsha Wittig (Wahiawa), Milt Goo (Wahiawa/CEF), Pr. Milt Fricke (Maui), Pr. Les Seto(Waikoloa), Pr. Bill Shimkus, Pr. Jeff Mueller, Richard Sudheimer(Maui, Hal Halvorson

Absent: St. Mark – Kaneohe, St. John – Hilo, Messiah – Ewa, Our Savior – Aiea

1. Opening Prayer & Introductions

2. Reviewed the February Meeting Minutes

A. Moved, Seconded and Approved (MSA).

B. Confirmed that Pr. Les Seto and Merilee are voting members of this committee.

3. Old Business

A. Mission Reports

1. Palauan Lutheran Mission – Oahu – Verbal

a. Ungil Chais is grieving over the death of Pr. Ilab, as is his family.

b. Lay leader, Jeffrey Mesubed, is working to reach the younger Pauluan generation, about 20; he also preaches

c. Certified deacon, Gus MacFeeley preaches and administers the Sacraments.

d. Last year of funding; planning is under way.

e. 50 attend worship, 10 in Sunday school,

2. Lutheran Campus Ministry – Oahu - written

3. Community Life Missionary – Oahu – written

4. Waikoloa Mission – Hawaii – written

B. MAC Advice/Concerns re: Mission Reports

i. Palauan Lutheran Mission – Oahu –

1. No concerns or advice expressed

ii. Lutheran Campus Ministry – Oahu

1. Suggest that, when she visits churches, emphasize the type of things that are in the LCM bullet points, rather than preceding text (friends).

2. What is status of Campus Action Team, especially fund raising, publicity, networking?
 3. Emphasize mentoring and training of students.
 4. Congregations and Lutheran High should feed her names of UH students.
 5. Try to connect with Lutheran High seniors; facilitate their transition to college, esp. UH but also at their future campus ministries
- iii. Community Life Missionary – Oahu
1. Informational items:
 - a. S.A.Y. Yes – Hawai’i – a latchkey, tutoring, faith-based outreach program; designed to maintain a longer term relationship (rummage sale 1st Saturday of June
 - b. Prayer walks – through the neighborhood, focusing mainly on the elementary school, which is the heart of any community.
 - c. Model for urban ministry
 2. No longer receiving funds through MAC, consider ending the reporting relationship with MAC.
- iv. Waikoloa Mission – Hawaii – written
1. Interim Process committee report indicates that the congregation has few negative feelings resulting from sudden departure of previous pastor.
 2. Interim Process committee report accurately portrays unity of thought and spirit within the congregation.
 3. Not deterred by smallness of numbers; they recognize that the framework is needed.
 4. Offerings have been solid
 5. Waikoloa was encouraged to continue to involve and train up lay leaders.
 6. Persevere and trust God for the harvest.
- v. St. Matthew’s, Kauai – MAC funds were disbursed to Vicar Bombaro to reimburse original costs of moving
1. Any further relationship w/ Kauai mission will be initiated by them.

C. Report on Big MAC meeting in March

1. 3 regions from CA were well represented; NV had ok turnout; Pr. Jeff attended from HI
2. Presentation by Pres. /Pr. Bob Newton emphasized the post-Christian nature of American society and the need to develop changing outreach strategies.
3. Future vision of mission work
 - a. Vision of MAC when started 3 years ago is no longer valid
 - b. No finality yet to future strategy, but that indicates how fluid it is and needs to be.
4. CNH Restructuring strategies
 - a. Lay led by bi-vocational people
 - b. On the Job Training requires change at the seminary level to support it.
 - c. District is asking the MACs to develop strategies that fit your locale.
 - d. Discussion on usefulness of models, adapting them to apply for our community, analyzing them along side of biblical principles.
 - e. MAC role is no longer just overseeing and advising missions on behalf of CNH.
 - i. One approach is for local congregations to develop a mission idea and MAC provides resources, a sounding board, funds
 - ii. Only Waikoloa will continue to possibly receive funds in 2008; how do we encourage churches and pastors to dream and brainstorm?
5. Since each of the Oahu schools (Maui & Hilo, also) has a school or pre-school, MAC needs to develop a strategy that focuses on the schools as an avenue into the unchurched families of their students.
6. Pr. Jeff will get report from the big MAC meeting at district.

4. New Business

- A. Recruitment of New MAC members
 - i. Goal is a rep from each church
 - ii. Frustration is asking the same people over and over; we need to prioritize Lutheran High rep, MAC rep, LMCH rep, etc.

- iii. Pr. Shimkus will request reps at pastors' meeting on Tuesday
- iv. Pr. Jeff will email pastors and Council chairs of those churches without representation to encourage them to recruit a rep.
- v. NEEDS PRAYER!

B. New MAC chairperson & secretary positions

- i. Pastor Jeff will remain chair thru 2007
- ii. Hal Halvorson will be secretary

C. New Mission Opportunities for 2008 & beyond

- 1. Kapolei/Ewa possibilities
 - a. CEF is looking at land off Ft. Weaver road for future mission possibility, possibly in partnership w/ Messiah and other churches.
- 2. Other ideas, opportunities:
 - a. Since each of the Oahu schools (Maui & Hilo, also) has a school or pre-school, MAC should develop a strategy that focuses on the schools as an avenue into the unchurched families of their students.
 - b. Remember that CNH looks for outreach vs. maintenance.
 - c. Where does revitalization of current churches fit in?
 - d. How can we work together as churches to support a mission opportunity?
 - i. E.g., how would we support Trinity if they were to start a North Shore mission?

D. Any other new business - NONE

5. Set date for next MAC meeting – Saturday, August 4 @ 1 pm @ Good Shepherd

6. Closing Prayer and Adjournment