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Keawala'i Congregational Church

5300 Makena Road, Kīhei, Hawai'i 96753

(United Church of Christ)

Founded in 1832

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Aloha Keawala'i 'ohana,

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you ~ *Philippians 1: 3*

The Apostle Paul wrote these words from prison. Imprisoned for bringing good news to captives, widows, and orphans, he wrote to those who were despised and discounted by the Empire.

Paul understood that God's work must go forward, even while he was in chains. Because he couldn't be with the Philippian church in person, he depended on the work of his "partners in ministry" to raise the funds necessary to continue God's work in the world.

You are one of our partners in ministry here at *Keawala'i*. It's abundantly clear that we cannot do this work alone. Maui's population has plummeted. Many native Hawaiians have been driven into exile by the high cost of living. As we draw closer to the celebration of our 200th year as a worshipping congregation in *Mākena*, founded by our *kupuna* in 1832, we need your help.

If your support went missing along with hundreds of supporters like you, church doors which have been open to all since 1832 would be shuttered. Our budget deficit is currently - \$66,000.

The good news is that *Keawala'i* has friends and supporters all over the world. As you prayerfully respond to this Annual Appeal, *you have the power to wipe out this entire deficit.*

I am asking you to do just that.

We need your support to fulfill our mission to "extend God's *aloha* from generation to generation." We take seriously our call to follow Christ in this generation.

You share this sense of mission. That is why I give thanks to God upon every memory of you, because year after year, you have responded to the *Keawala'i* Annual Appeal Letter. ***Our goal this year is \$75,000. We know this goal is attainable, because we have reached it before!***

There are many ways to give. Send us a check today or use the QR code below to donate electronically. Or go directly to our brand-new website, <https://keawalai.org>, and donate there. For information on how to donate stock or to make a bequest from your family estate, give us a call at the church at 808 879-5557. *Mahalo nui* for your continued support of Keawala'i Church.

Me ke aloha o ke Akua,

Bruce Burkitt, Moderator

Gary Percesepe, Kahu

