



West Kauai United Methodist Church

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Dear Families and Friends of WKUMC:

The West Kauai United Methodist Church is seeking to raise the necessary funds to repair/replace our Kekaha Campus Sanctuary Roof & Ceiling. The reason for this is twofold:

1. These past several years there has been significantly bad weather that has damaged parts of the sanctuary roof and ceiling. There have been several assessments on the roof suggesting either repairing the most damaged parts and sealing the roof with a special type of coating or replacing the roof in its entirety. Both suggestions cost a significant amount of money.
2. Parts of the sanctuary ceiling fell due to water damage which prevented Sunday worship services being held. Ceiling remediation has been completed to remove the entire ceiling. Due to the ceiling's hazardous material, a special team was retained to remove the ceiling, and the cost was more than \$15,000.00.

While it has been difficult in obtaining exact quotes to complete roof/ceiling repair/replacement, our congregation has already started raising funds towards this capital project campaign. We hope to raise at least \$200,000.00 goal. To date we have on hand or raised 10% of this amount. We hope to raise 50% by April 30, 2026.

The West Kauai United Methodist Church is asking you to prayerfully consider funding assistance from you for this project and appreciate whatever you can do.

Enclosed is a donation form. Please complete form, check/money order payable to WKUMC, indicate "Kekaha Sanctuary Roof/Ceiling" and mail your gift to:

West Kauai United Methodist Church (WKUMC)
PO Box 124
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Or online giving: www.westkauaiumc.org Click on the yellow Donate/E-Giving button, then select "Fundraiser."

Blessings,

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1910: Methodist missionaries arrived and spread the gospel to the sugar plantation workers who were mostly Koreans and Filipinos. Kekaha sanctuary was a wooden structure with benches serving as pews.

1947: The new Kekaha church was dedicated where the current building is standing today.

November 1958: 20 people joined Kekaha church – Filipinos, Koreans, and Caucasians who represented plantation laborers, Navy personnel, and the community.

November 2024: WKUMC Kekaha canec was removed from the ceiling.

Second right picture: Carlina Tumbaga Vea, daughter of Daniel and Maria Tumbaga is the eldest member at the Kekaha sanctuary.

1930: Rev. Jacinto Runes served the spiritual needs of the plantation workers in Kekaha and Kaumakani villages.

March 1958: Runes Hall was built next to Kekaha sanctuary. It was known as the “Little Civic Center” of Kekaha.

After 1992: After hurricane Iniki struck and damaged Kaumakani sanctuary, worshippers combined their worship services in Kekaha while Kaumakani church was being rebuilt. Thus the merger of Kekaha and Kaumakani churches, known as West Kauai United Methodist Church.

February 2025: WKUMC Kekaha main floor carpet was removed.