



LEGACIES AND BLESSINGS

An endless song
He mele pau 'ole

one hundred twenty-five years of music, fellowship, and love
ho 'okahi haneli iwakāluakūmālima makahiki o ke mele, ka laule 'a, a me ke aloha

May 2025

Dear LCH friends, members, and LCH alumni,

Maika'i ke Akua! God is good! The Lutheran Church of Honolulu celebrates 125 years of ministry in 2025: 125 years of music, fellowship, and love of God and neighbor! We hope many of you, especially LCH alumni, will join the celebrations from September 7 to 14.

We pray that if LCH years of ministry have touched you personally, you will join us in pushing our 125th Anniversary Fundraiser over the top!

Our goal is \$125,000. To date, we have raised \$85,000. ***Can you help us get to \$ 125,000 by September 1?***

We are delighted to report that we have received \$65,000 in gifts and pledges for enhancements to the Rudolph von Beckerath organ. Work commences this month. Plus, we have raised over \$20,000 towards our \$60,000 mission goal. *Mahalo nui loa* for your generosity!

Funds raised for our mission goal will further the *Welcoming and Safe Environment* and *Silver Tsunami* (*Caring for our Kupuna*) priorities identified in our 'Ohana group meetings. We intend to set aside \$50,000 of the mission funds for much-needed improvements to our campus. Meanwhile, \$4,000 will be set aside as seed money for programming for our *kupuna*. As is our practice, we will set aside a tenth of what we raise to the synod.



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Our current campus improvement goals include:

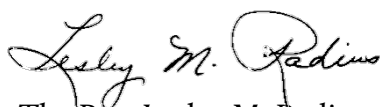
- Presenting a more welcoming face to the world (cleaning up the front of the church, painting the exterior and interior of the church, and other repairs)
- Landscaping
- Murals to capture the spirit of the church

God has blessed many people through LCH over the years. We hope to continue God's work of blessing the broader community through music, fellowship, and love of our neighbor. We aim to be a safe and welcoming place for people who find comfort in the inclusive worship services and life of the congregation, and to explore new programs and outreach that will fulfill the needs of the least among us.

We would love to announce at our 125th Anniversary Celebration in September that we have achieved our goal. Please contribute to our 125th anniversary fund. Donations may be made by check (made out to Lutheran Church of Honolulu with "Mission Fund" in the memo line) and sent to the church (1730 Punahou Street, Honolulu, HI 96822) or via the PayPal link found on the bottom of the home page at lchwelcome.org.

Please help LCH to keep on singing praises to God for another 125 years!

Mahalo nui loa,



The Rev. Lesley M. Radius, interim pastor



Olivia Castro, council president

FYI—Part of the celebration includes putting together a 125th anniversary book that will serve as an addition to the 100th anniversary "Beer and the Bible." We will have a digital copy, so please let us know if you would like to receive this. Send an indication of your interest to lch@lchwelcome.org.

For 125 years, the people of the Lutheran Church of Honolulu (LC) have raised their voices in song. LCH has evolved from its early years as a German-speaking worshipping community to an English-speaking congregation committed to excellence in worship and music, compassion for our neighbors, and a genuine welcome to everyone regardless of creed, color, political affiliation, or gender identity and orientation. We hope to be around for another 125 years to continue proclaiming God's transformative and redeeming love for the world.



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WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING
(ADAPTED-GENESIS 12:2)

Over the past 125 years, God has richly blessed us and you are one of our many blessings. So, we are inviting members, friends, and former members to bless us once again with your presence at our Legacies and Blessings celebration events. Please join us, as together we will give thanks to God, remember the past and look forward to the future. Together let's rejoice and give thanks for God's abundant blessings!

September 7—Worship with Eucharist at 10:00 AM

- The Rev. Dave Barber (pastor, 2000–2006) preaching and presiding. Fellowship time following the worship service.

September 8—First Mondays' pūpū and concert featuring the Royal Hawai'ian Band

- 6:15 PM—All are invited to gather for pūpū the Hörmann Courtyard.
- 7:00 PM—Royal Hawai'ian Band concert

September 12—Remembering the Past at 6:00 PM

- Inaugural viewing of the video *LCH's Legacies and Blessings—People, Places and Stories*
- Lecture *For Beer and the Bible—One Hundred Years at Lutheran Church of Honolulu*
Author Dr. Sandra Wagner-Wright will share an evening of stories of her journey researching and writing this book. Refreshments served.

September 13—Legacies and Blessings Banquet

- 5:30 PM—All are invited to gather for pūpū in the Hörmann Courtyard.
- 6:30 PM—Banquet dinner and entertainment.

Reservations required. Please reserve your spot(s) by emailing lch@lchwelcome.org by August 15th.

September 14—Legacies and Blessings Festival Worship at 4:00 PM

- Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, The Rev. David Nagler, preaching
We will be debuting a new ***Festival Legacies and Blessings*** liturgy, arranged by Dr. Barry J. Wenger, which will feature the melodies of favorite hymns from previous LCH pastors. Reception following the worship service.



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Thank you for helping us achieve our Mission Fund Goal-\$60,000

- Safe and Welcoming Environment-\$50,000
- Senior Tsunami-\$4,000 seed money
- Tithe to ELCA Pacifica Synod-\$6,000

Donation

I pledge to contribute a sum of \$ _____ according to the following payment plan:

- ____ One-time contribution \$ _____
- ____ Multiple contributions \$ _____ Monthly

Payment Information

- ____ Check attached
- ____ Other _____
- ____ PayPal is available on our website lchwelcome.org

Mahalo for helping us receive donations by September 1!

Donor Information: Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

After we receive your donation, we will email you a receipt for your own records. Additionally, please make all checks payable to Lutheran Church of Honolulu. Please indicate in memo line- Mission Fund. Thank you so much for your support!

Reservation for 125th Anniversary Banquet

September 13, at 5:30 PM *pūpū* 6:30 PM Banquet with entertainment

Name _____ email _____

Number Attending ____ Banquet Donations appreciated

Reservation deadline August 15

125th Anniversary Book-*Legacies and Blessings*

Read the stories of legacy-making people and programs that have blessed LCH.

For print copies, please attach name and mailing address. We will mail the book to you when it is published. **Please reserve _____ print copies.** Suggested donation is \$10 to benefit the Mission Fund. The book will also be in digital format, with instructions for downloading available in the near future.