



# Camp Mekokiko

A United Methodist Conference  
Retreat and Campground

March 7, 2012

Mr. Orlando Davidson, Executive Officer  
Land Use Commission  
State of Hawaii, Department of Business,  
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LAND USE COMMISSION  
STATE OF HAWAII  
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Subject: Annual Report for LUC Docket SP02-397, Special Use Permit for an Educational Retreat Center at Hamakua, Hawaii, TMK 4-4-11:015

Dear Mr. Davidson:

In accordance with Condition No. 9 of the above referenced Special Use Permit (SUP), Hawaii United Methodist Union is required to submit an annual progress report to the State Land Use Commission (LUC). As required this report has been prepared to: 1) outline the status of the subject development; and 2) reference compliance with the ten conditions of the SUP approval.

### Project Status for year 2011

We have been able to continue construction and have had the final inspection on two more camping pavilions and two cottages including a new septic system and 110volt solar power for the cottages. Two more camping pavilions are currently under construction.

We have successfully submitted plans to the building department for the two bunk house buildings and will be picking those permits up within the week.

This means that all sleeping facilities have been permitted leaving only a

recreational pavilion and two cultural pavillons to still be permitted and built in addition to a conference center, construction of which is still some time away.

While we feel this is terrific progress for us, we are still way behind in raising funds to complete construction. Your letter of May 25, 2011 advised us to therefore write you and request an administrative time extension for Condition No. 4 based on Condition No. 10.

Fund raising has been difficult and cost over runs from rising material prices have slowed our building-out to a crawl. We are only able to build as funds are received. This will improve as we are obtaining occupancy permits and that will increase available funds from camping and retreating fees.

The Camp progresses nicely, and sees increased usage and activity, but it will not be built out for years at the current rate of donations. Therefore we seek a generous or open-ended extension of time to complete construction. We have no employees, and all funds received are used for either maintenance or construction. Construction proceeds at the rate of funds received.

We look forward to your granting us this necessary time.

Sincerely,



Reverend Dr. Theodore Lesnett

Cc: Planning Director, County of Hawaii  
Hawaii United Methodist Union

Conditions of Approval

Condition No. 1

That the Applicant, successors or assigns shall be responsible for complying with all of the stated conditions of approval.

Response: The Hawaii United Methodist Union (HUMU) acknowledges and will adhere to the terms of this condition.

Condition No. 2

That the Applicant shall complete the development in keeping with substantial representations made in the Application and to the Land Use Commission. These representations include, but are not limited to: i) limiting the operation of the Project to a non-profit organization; ii) constructing no more than four 1,200 square-foot, single-story dormitories and no more than six 600-square foot, single-story cottages; and iii) limiting the maximum number of beds to 40 exclusive of staff quarters.

Response: HUMU's Master Plan submitted to the County of Hawaii Planning Director portrays four bunkhouses and six cottages within the prescribed size limits.

Condition No. 3

That an archaeological letter of clearance be secured from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) - Historic Preservation Division with a copy submitted to the Planning Director prior to any land clearing activities.

Response: An archaeological letter of clearance, dated July 5, 2005, has been received, as previously reported.

