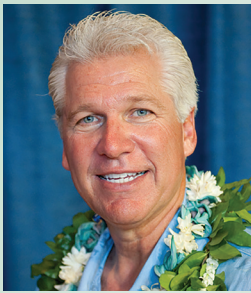


# Hō'ike

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News and Inspiration for Seventh-day Adventists  
in the Hawaii Conference



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## Welcome to our New Pastors

Dear Ohana,

It is always a delight to welcome and introduce new pastoral families to our Hawaii Conference.

Ron Taylor is the new pastor of the Molokai/Lanai district.

Ron and Vanessa have been married for 28 years. They met during their sophomore year at the age of 16 while attending Campbell High School in Ewa Beach, Oahu. Ron graduated from the University of Hawaii with a degree in Business Administration. In 2007, Ron graduated from the Adventist Seminary at Andrews University with a Master of Divinity degree.

Prior to being called into ministry,

Ron managed a homeless shelter in Kalaeloa for five years, and Vanessa worked as a certified home health aide for the elderly. From 2012, Ron and Vanessa owned and operated a full-service wedding company that served couples from all over the world, including Japan (Ron speaks fluent Japanese), Germany, Canada, and Australia.

At the Aiea church, Ron served as an elder, youth leader, young adult leader, and Pathfinder club chaplain. Vanessa served in the church as a deaconess and Cradle Roll Sabbath School teacher.

They have three adult children. Two have graduated from the University of Hawaii with bachelor's degrees in Nursing and Biochemistry. The youngest is currently attending Leeward Community College and is planning on transferring to a university to pursue a degree in nursing.

Ron enjoys working with the youth and young adults. Outreach ministries—such as street preaching, assisting the homeless, surfing club, and teaching about a healthy lifestyle—are a passion of his. Ron and Vanessa have already started up a healthy living class with

**Pastor Ron and  
Vanessa Taylor  
family**



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assistance of the Molokai church members. Currently there are six non-members from the community who have been attending the health class regularly. The Taylors are praying to start up an outreach ministry with the Lanai church as well.

Vanessa has a missionary's heart. She has preached three-week evangelistic series in Zimbabwe, Benin, Philippines, Dominican Republic, and India. She has also assisted with medical mission in Fiji and Myanmar.

Ron and Vanessa enjoy the beautiful outdoor activities that the islands offer. They both love surfing, snorkeling, hiking, growing vegetables—and most



**Pastor and Mrs. Kwi Hwan Row**

of all, they enjoy family time at the beach.

Working on two different islands has its challenges, but with the help and prayers from church members, the Taylors are confident that the Lord will help them reach more souls for Jesus.

Pastor Row is the new pastor of the Honolulu Korean church. Pastor and Mrs. Kwi Hwan Row have most recently been pastoring in San Diego, California. Prior to that they faithfully served churches in New Jersey, Florida, and New York. The Hawaii Conference is grateful for their willingness to make Hawaii their new home. And we eagerly anticipate the blessings of God and pray for their leadership and ministry.



*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV).*

# Congratulations



## **Hawaiian Mission Academy**

Sage Akina-Garrigus  
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Zelma Leonardo,  
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Gaito Saito  
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Carol Matautia  
Kaitlyn Matautia  
Sophia Nelson  
Sarah Park  
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Kassel Secio-Malgana  
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# **Class of 2021**

## **Kahili Adventist School**

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## **Kohala Adventist School**

Faith Cordeiro  
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## **Kona Adventist Christian School**

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Jacob Domingo  
Saray Silva

## **Mauna Loa School**

Hope Matsuura  
Jackson Phillips  
Kalia Richter  
Aijahlon Spruell  
Tosh Thompson

*"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand," (Isaiah 41:10, NLT).*

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