

Hawaiian Mission Bicentennial Activities in Kailua-Kona

March 30, 2020 – Kawaihae Commemoration (the missionaries first sighting of the Islands)

After 160-days at sea, on March 30, 1820, the Pioneer Company of American Protestant missionaries first see the Islands and arrive at Kawaihae. Later that day, they learned Kamehameha was dead, Liholiho was King and the Kapu was abolished.

10 am – Gathering in the vicinity of the Pua Ka'ilima Cultural Surf Park at Kawaihae Harbor to share stories of the Thaddeus

- **Start of a torch run from Kawaihae to Moku'aikaua Church in Kailua-Kona** (expected arrival at Moku'aikaua Church at 3 pm)

7 pm Youth service at Moku'aikaua Church with the passing of the torch to carry on the flame



“When the watch at four [am] was called, Honoree came down saying, ‘Owhyhee sight!’”

“There was but little sleep. When the day afforded more light than the moon we were all out, and judge you, if possible, what sensation filled our breasts as we fixed our eyes upon the lofty mountains of Owhyhee! O! it would be in vain to paint them. I attempt it not.” (Sybil Bingham)

“... at early morning, March 30th, to the joy of our expectin little company, the long looked for Hawaii appeared in the West. The lofty Mauna Kea lifted its snow crowned summit above the dark and heavy clouds that begirt its waist.” (Hiram Bingham)

“We could, hardly credit all this, but were constrained to exclaim in the language of our hearts, ‘What hath God wrought.’” (Samuel Ruggles)

March 31, 2020 – 9 am Worship and Prayer Service at Moku‘aikaua Church
(75-5713 Ali‘i Dr, Kailua-Kona)

April 1, 2020 – The New Testament will be read all day continually,
from the front steps of Moku‘aikaua Church

9 am Worship and Prayer Service at Moku‘aikaua Church
(75-5713 Ali‘i Dr, Kailua-Kona)

7 pm Thanksgiving Service at Moku‘aikaua Church

Special Thanksgiving Service to commemorate Moku‘aikaua Church as the first church formed in the Islands. The present structure (completed in 1837) is the first and one of the largest stone churches in Hawai‘i.

As the oldest surviving stone church the Islands, it became an example that other missionaries would imitate. (In 1910, a memorial arch was erected at the entrance to the church grounds to commemorate the arrival of the first missionaries.)



April 2, 2020 – 9 am Worship and Prayer Service at Moku‘aikaua Church

April 3, 2020 – 9 am Worship and Prayer Service at Moku‘aikaua Church

April 4, 2020 – Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i Island (Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Arrival of the Pioneer Company and Formation of Kailua-Kona Mission Station and Moku‘aikaua Church (present structure completed in 1837))

After 164-days at sea, the Thaddeus arrived and finally anchored at Kailua-Kona on the Island of Hawai‘i. April 4, 2020 marks the bicentennial of the first anchoring of the Thaddeus in the Islands, as well as the formation of Moku‘aikaua Church and the Kailua-Kona Mission Station.

On April 11, 1820 King Kamehameha II gave the missionaries permission to stay. However, “The King gives orders that Dr. H[olman] and our teacher [Thurston] must land at Kiarooah - the village where he now resides, and the rest of the family may go to Oahhoo, or Wahhoo.”

April 4, 2020 – Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i Island Activities

Hawaiian Mission Houses is partnering with Kōkua Kailua (Kailua Village BID), Moku‘aikaua Church, Daughters of Hawai‘i (Hulihe‘e Palace) and others on an all-day (8 am to 6 pm) closure of Ali‘i Drive from the Kailua Pier to Moku‘aikaua/Hulihe‘e with:

8 am - Pre-event music at Kailua Pier area

9 am - Morning ceremonies on Kailua Pier

9:30 am - The Great Hawaiian Missionary Pageant at Kailua Pier

10:30 am - Proceed along Ali‘i Drive from Kailua Pier to Moku‘aikaua Church

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9:30 am to 6 pm – Ali'i Drive will be closed from the Pier to Hualālai Road

11 am – 4 pm Entertainment at Moku'aikaua Church and Hulihe'e Palace

- Concurrent performances/entertainment in Moku'aikaua Church and on the Hulihe'e Palace lawn throughout the day
 - Music by John Keawe, LT Smooth, Chauncey Wong Yuen, Brian Boshard
 - Presentation by Daniel Kikawa
 - Making the Ali'i Letters Alive (Living History Performances)
 - Choral singing

1 pm – 6 pm Craft and Food booths lining Ali'i Drive throughout the afternoon

Performances in Mokuaikaua Church

11 am – Making Ali'i Letters Alive – Focus on Kailua-Kona Station (free)
Living History Theater Performances presented by Hawaiian Mission Houses
Kuakini - Asa Thurston - Lucy Thurston

12 noon - Kamehameha School Choir

1 pm - Making Ali'i Letters Alive – Focus on Honolulu Mission Station (free)
Living History Theater Performances presented by Hawaiian Mission Houses
Kalanimōku - Kalākua - Hiram Bingham

3 pm - Making Ali'i Letters Alive – Focus on Waimea Mission Station (free)
Living History Theater Performances presented by Hawaiian Mission Houses
Kaumuali'i – Kapule - Samuel Ruggles



April 4, 2020 – Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i Island Activities

Performances on Hulihe'e Palace Grounds

- 11 am – Daniel Kikawa and ministry team
- 12 noon – West Hawai'i County Band
- 1 pm - Kamehameha School Choir



Evening Luau on Kailua Pier

- 3:00 pm – Gates open on Kailua Pier for the evening Luau (Reservations required)
(\$60 per person <https://www.kona2020.org/>)
- 3:30 pm - Welcome & Recognition of dignitaries
- 4 pm – John Keawe music performance
- 4:30 pm Welcoming music for Luau that evening on Kailua Pier (Reservation Required)
- 5:00 pm Luau food lines start (Reservations \$60 per person <https://www.kona2020.org/>)
- 6:30 pm – Island Breeze Luau Entertainment
- 8 pm Fireworks Display



April 5, 2020 – 9 am Bicentennial Celebration Service at Moku‘aikaua Church
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After the Church service, the Thurston descendants will be at Laniākea, Asa and Lucy Thurston’s former house site for walking tours on the grounds (uneven, loose rock walking surfaces)

