

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ten years seems like a long time, yet in one way I find myself asking where the time has gone. From our first conference held in the Little Theater at BYU-Hawaii in 1980 we have spread our wings somewhat to hold meetings at the Tabernacle in Honolulu (1985), Kahana Valley (1987), Hawaii Temple Visitor's Center (1988) and this past year--covered by these PROCEEDINGS--on Maui where we experienced a return to our roots with our theme, "Maui: Where It all Began."

This year we are experiencing another breakthrough as we host the Mormon History Association in their first venture into the Pacific. Their history is about 2 1/2 times as long as ours and gives us some idea about just we are able to do out here in somewhat less expansive circumstances--in numbers, that is; in territory we consider the Pacific to be our *kuleana*.

Maui will be a difficult conference to top. We were welcomed at Pukalani Chapel by Kahalui Stake President Boyd Mossman Friday night, enjoyed a dinner and a paper before proceeding further up the hill to Pulehu where we enjoyed the pageant on which the Maui Saints had worked so hard, and so successfully. Saturday was another great day with well-prepared papers--including two from the Moikeha family--another delicious meal under the direction of Bishop Victor Maneha of Pukalani, and a great tour with stops at the old Kihei chapel, Lahaina--mahalo, Bishop Vierra--and Iao Valley where Dottie Behling met us for our afternoon repast before flying back to Oahu.

We appreciate the participation of the Maui Saints in making the conference so successful, and the faithful Oahu Saints for your continuing support. Thanks also so very much for those of you who ask, "What can I do to help?"; it's most gratifying. We could not continue this organization without you.

Kenneth W. Baldrige, President
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