Mormon Pacific Historical Society

30th Annual Convention

Saturday, May 21, 2011

A Partial History of the

Latter Day Saint Church on the Leeward Coast
June 30, 1935
Oahu Stake Organized

Nanakuli Branch became a branch in the newly organized stake
With Joseph K. Kauhi as Branch President
Nanakuli Branch Presidents

William Kamakaokalani
Oct 27, 1936 – Apr 2, 1939

Hisashi Okawa
Mar 25, 1951–Feb 22, 1954
Nanakuli Branch Presidents

Clarence Wall
Feb 28, 1954 – 1956

Sam Alama Sr
1956 – 1958
Nanakuli Branch Presidents

Horace Kekumu Jr
Aug 1958 – Sep 20, 1959
September 20, 1959
Nanakuli Branch became a ward
With Floyd Thomas Davidson Sr
First Bishop
Nanakuli Ward Bishops

Caesar Paishon Jr
Jan 24, 1971 – Aug 5, 1973

Charles Kaaukai
Aug 5, 1973 – Mar 6, 1976
Nanakuli Ward Bishops

Vernon Watanabe

James Kamaka
Mar 7, 1982 – Aug 8, 1988
Nanakuli Ward Bishops

Domingo Gomes
Sep 26, 1999 – Oct 10, 2004

Tiave Tiave
Nanakuli Ward Bishops

Henry McShane
Aug 6, 2006 – Jul 4, 2010

Russell Tom
Jul 4, 2010 – Present
August 30, 1964

Nanakuli Ward changed to Waianae Ward

The new chapel at Waianae site opened

Bishop William E. Fuhrmann still the Bishop
(Stake President, Patriarch)
April 25, 1966

Dedication of the
Waianae Chapel

By President
Marion G. Romney
Waianae Ward Bishops

Joseph Allen
Aug 1, 1963 - Mar 15, 1964

Solomon Kalanui
September 1968
Waianae Ward Bishops

William Pililaau
1969

Gerald Reiss
1973 - 1974
Waianae Ward Bishops

Charles Soon
Mid 70's – Feb 17, 1980

Melvin Fuchigami
Apr 17 1980 – Oct 31, 1982
Waianae Ward Bishops

Ruben Paet

William Enos
Jun 26, 1988 – Apr 11, 1993
Waianae Ward Bishops

Herbert Kealoha
Apr 11, 1993 – Apr 13, 1997

Earl Higa
Apr 13, 1997 – May 19, 2002
Waianae Ward Bishops

Scott Panee
May 19, 2002 – May 6, 2007

Randy Carroll
May 6, 2007 – Present
September 27, 1981
Division of the Waianae Ward to create the Makaha Ward

James Nahinu, Bishop
Lamont Lindsey, 1st counselor
Owen Adams, 2nd counselor
Bishop James Nahinu
Makaha Ward Bishops

Lamont Lindsey

Matte Teo
Makaha Ward Bishops

Lowell Lee

William Wegesend
Dec 9, 2001 – Dec 31, 2006
Makaha Ward Bishops

Robert Ward

James Nahinu
Jul 27, 2008 – Present
January 23, 1983

Division of the Waipahu Ward to create the Makakilo Ward

Colin White, Bishop
September 1989

Creation of the Nanakuli II Ward (Samoan Speaking)

Sofeni Toilolo, Bishop
Nanakuli II Ward
(Samoan Speaking)

Toetasi Talo Sr, Bishop

Until Mar 30, 1997
December 6, 1996

Division of the Waipahu Stake to create the Makakilo Hawaii Stake
By Loren C. Dunn

Ruben J. K. Paet, President
Lamont Lindsey, 1st counselor
Melvin Kalama, 2nd counselor
Mar 30, 1997

Nanakuli II renamed to Maili Kai Ward (Samoan saints reunited with other wards)

Henry Lew, Bishop
Herring Kalua, 1st counselor
Amani Burgess, 2nd counselor
Maili Kai Ward Bishops

Herring Kalua
Dec 13, 1998 – Mar 7, 2004

Leo Tanielu
Mar 7, 2004 – Mar 28, 2010
April 3, 1997

5 Wards met at Ewa Beach Chapel as the Waianae Chapel was renovated

(sacrament every 1.5 hours, starting @ 730 am)
April 12, 1998

Division of the Makakilo Ward to Form the Kapolei Ward

Keith Kaahanui, Bishop
James Wassmer, 1st counselor
Warren Tyau, 2nd counselor
June 6, 1999

Makakilo Hawaii Stake
Stake Presidency Change

Ruben J. K. Paet, President
Melvin Kalama, 1st counselor
Matte Teo, 2nd counselor
(Lamont Lindsey released)
February 1999

Begin construction of the Makakilo Hawaii Stake Center
Mountainside Entrance
Makakilo Stake Center in construction
Makakilo Drive Entrance
Makakilo Stake Center in construction
Steeple
Makakilo Stake Center in construction
February 13, 2000

Dedication of the Makakilo Stake Center

By Stake President Ruben J. K. Paet

(Nanakuli, Makakilo & Kapolei 1st occupants)
Patriarch Iosefa Wilson
December 14, 1928 - September 9, 1999
Set apart as Patriarch May 24, 1987
(over 12 years, 570 blessings)
November 19, 2000

Creation of the Young Single Adult Branch

James Nahinu, President
Adam Kapololu, 1st counselor
Joshua Kauwe, 2nd counselor
(closed July 8, 2008)
December 1, 2002

Realignment of the Makakilo 1st, Nanakuli & Kapolei Ward to Form the Palehua Ward

Barry Magaoay, Bishop
Hiroshi Fujioka, 1st counselor
Kennedy Afoa, 2nd counselor
December 4, 2004

Surprise visit by

President
Gordon B. Hinckley

& Apostle
M. Russell Ballard
Tuesday afternoon September 12, 2006

..at 12:45pm a 911 call was made..

..within 5 minutes the first fire truck arrived..

..eventually a total of 9 fire truck teams worked to control the fire..
...over a dozen church members stood at a distance and watched in stunned silence...
Side Entrance Oceanside

...federal investigators stated publicly that the fire was the work or arsons...
Oceanside
Entrance to
Cultural Hall

...this was the only fire in over 42 years..
Cultural Hall

...chapel built through the sacrifice of labor missionaries and local members..
November 19, 2006

Reorganization of the Makakilo Hawaii Stake

By Neil Andersen

Voi Ray Taeoalii, President
John Kapololu, 1st counselor
Earl Higa, 2nd counselor
November 3, 2007
Ground Breaking Of the Kalaeloa Chapel
November 30, 2008

Dedication of the Kalaeloa Chapel

By Stake President Voi Ray Taeoalii

(Nanakuli Ward, 1st occupant)
April 26, 2009

Realignment of the Nanakuli & Kapolei Ward to form the Kalaeloa Ward

Patrick Kaawa, Bishop
Patrick Soma, 1st counselor
Paul Orihuela, 2nd counselor
Keeping the faith
As Waianae Chapel is reconstructed

Back parking  Bishop’s office
Keeping the faith
As Waianae Chapel is reconstructed

Only water supply

Hallway
Waianae Chapel - Oceanside

Before

After
Waianae Chapel - Mountainside

Before

After
March 1, 2009
Rededication of the
Waianae Chapel
By Stake President
Voi Ray Taeoalii
May 1, 2011

Creation of the Waianae II Branch
(Tongan Speaking)

Sepeti Fine, President
Paula Totau, 1st counselor
Aisea Lao, 2nd counselor