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The Hawaiian Mission Children's Society was organized in 1852 by the sons and daughters of American Protestant missionaries, sent to Hawaii from 1820 to 1848 by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. In the nineteenth century, the Society supported missionary work in the Pacific. Today, the HMCS operates the original mission houses in Honolulu as the Mission Houses Museum, and maintains the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society Library. The Society is a private, non-profit, educational organization.

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In addition to general Hawaiian history, the Library collections include the following material:

1. Archives of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association (now called the United Church of Christ, Hawaii Conference);
2. Unpublished letters, journals and reports of the Protestant missionaries to Hawaii;
3. Hawaiian-language books;
4. Micronesian-language books.

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## MISSION CHURCH, BOSTON

Constitution and Records, 1819 - 1860

The Mission Church, also known as the First Hawaiian Church, was organized in Boston, October 15, 1819. It conducted the whole business of the churches until 1830 when the government and organization were broadened to give more power to the stations. The collection contains the original constitution with the signatures of each member, a manuscript of "The Form of Government and Discipline for the Churches . . . ", original letters of transfer of missionaries from American churches and one bound volume of the constitution and records of meetings.

One bound volume. 32 pages and three folders.  
English language.

The following Form of Government and Discipline for the Churches in the Sandwich Islands.

I. Of Churches & Church Members.

1. Jesus Christ, who is now exalted far above all principality and power, hath erected in this world a kingdom, which is his Church.
2. The Universal Church consists of all <sup>those</sup> persons, in every nation, together with their children, who make profession of the holy religion of Xt, and of submission to his laws.
3. As this immense multitude cannot meet together in one place, to hold communion, or to worship God, it is

reasonable, and warranted by scripture example,  
that they should be divided into many particular  
churches.

4. A particular church consists of a number of pro-  
fessing Christians, with their offspring, voluntarily asso-  
ciated together, for divine worship and Godly living  
agreeably to the Holy scriptures; and submitting to a  
certain form of Government.

5. No person shall be admitted as a member in order  
to communion in all the special ordinances of the  
gospel, but such as exhibit a sound and experimen-  
tal knowledge of the fundamental doctrines of the  
Christian Religion, and to a judgment regulated by the  
word of God, are persons of real holiness and honesty  
cordially professing subjection to Jesus Christ.

6. Each particular church has a right to choose its  
own officers; and being furnished with such as are  
duly qualified and ordained according to the rules  
of the gospel it has authority from Christ for exercising  
government, and of enjoying all the ordinances of worship  
within itself.

## II. Of a Confession of Faith.

7. As to what appertains to soundness of judgment in matters of faith we esteem it sufficient that ch<sup>h</sup> acknowledge the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God & the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and sincerely to receive and adopt the Confession or Catechisms shorter <sup>or</sup> larger, compiled by the Assembly at Westminster as containing the system of doctrines taught in the Holy Scriptures.

## III. Of the Officers of the Ch<sup>h</sup>.

The ordinary and perpetual officers of the Ch<sup>h</sup> are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons

### III. Of Bishops or Pastors

See Confession of Faith. 381. 2.

### IV. Of Deacons.

See Con. Faith 383-4.

### V. Of Ordinances in a particular Ch<sup>h</sup>.

Con. Faith page 384-386.

### VI. Of Communion of Churches.

1. ~~We agree that~~ Particular Churches ought not to walk so.

distinct and separate from each other, as not to have  
a care and tenderness toward one another. But their Par-  
tors ought to have frequent meetings together, that by  
mutual advice support, encouragement and brotherly  
intercourse, they may strengthen the hearts and hands  
of each other in the ways of the Lord.

2. No particular church shall be subordinate to another,  
each being endued with equality of power from Jesus  
Christ. And none of the said particular churches their officers  
or officers shall exercise any power, or have any superi-  
ority over any other church or its officers.

3. Known members of particular churches may have occasion-  
al communion with other churches in the ordinances of  
Gospel, unless that church with which they desire com-  
munion have just exception against them

5. One church ought not to blame the proceedings of another  
till it hath shall have heard what the church  
chose, its ~~part~~ officers or members can say in vindic-  
cation of themselves from any charge of insult or in-  
jurious proceedings.

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6. Every church ought ever to be willing and ready to give an account of ~~their~~<sup>its</sup> proceedings to other churches when desired, for preventing or repressing any offences that may arise among them. Also to give the right hand of Fellowship and wait together according to gospel rules of Communion of Churches.

#### VII. Of Church Session.

1. The church session consists of the Pastor or Pastors and the male members of the church.
2. The Pastor of the congregation shall always be the Moderator of the session except when from prudential reasons it may appear advisable that some other minister should be invited to preside: in which case the Pastor may with the concurrence of the church invite such other minister as they may see meet to preside in the case.

In case of absence of the Pastor a Deacon of the church shall preside.

3. The church session is charged with maintaining the spiritual government of the congregation: for which purpose, they have power to enquire into the knowledge and Christian conduct of the members of the church; to call before them offenders and witnesses, being members of their own congregation, and to introduce other



witnesses, where it may be necessary to bring the  
process to an issue, and when they can be pro-  
cured to attend: to receive members into the church;  
to admonish, to rebuke, to suspend, or exclude from  
the Sacrament those who are found to deserve cen-  
sure; to concert the best measures for the promotion  
of the spiritual interests of the congregation; and  
to appoint Delegates to the higher judicatory of the  
Church.

4. The Pastor has power to convene the session when  
he may judge it requisite.

5. Every ~~session~~ <sup>Ch<sup>h</sup></sup> shall keep a fair record of its  
proceedings, ~~and a~~

6. ~~It is~~ ~~It is~~ important that every church session  
keep a fair Register of marriages; of Baptisms, ~~with~~  
the ~~names~~ of persons admitted to the Lord's Table  
and of the deaths & other removals of Ch<sup>h</sup> mem-  
bers.

#### VIII. Of Conventions & Council.

1. That the <sup>Pastor or</sup> Pastors of a particular church with the  
consent of the brethren of the same, have power,  
and ought to exercise church discipline according to  
the rules of the gospel in relation to all scandals  
that occur in the same. ~~Though~~ ~~but~~ ~~it~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~  
<sup>is</sup>

3)  
desirable in all difficult cases for the respective  
pastors of the churches particular churches to advise  
with the pastors of neighboring churches before they  
proceed to ~~censure~~ in such cases.

11. That the churches in the Sandwich Islands shall  
consociate for mutual affording to each other such mu-  
tual assistance as may be requisite upon all oc-  
casions ecclesiastical. And that the Particular pastors  
and churches in the Sand. Islands shall constitute  
one consociation for the end aforesaid.

111. That a standing council of this consociation shall  
be formed consisting of the Pastors <sup>of the</sup> and delegates chosen  
by the churches ~~(each church appointing one delegate)~~  
of the churches and one delegate <sup>chosen & sent</sup> from each of the churches.

14. That the council have power to receive and issue ap-  
peals from church unions, and references brought  
before them in an orderly manner: to ordain, instal,  
remove, and judge ministers: to resolve questions of doc-  
trine or discipline seriously & reasonably proposed: to  
condemn erroneous opinions which injure the purity  
and peace of the church: <sup>to unite or divide churches</sup> ~~to unite or divide congregations~~  
~~at the request of the people~~ and in general to order what  
pertains to the spiritual welfare of the churches under  
their care.

V. When any case is orderly brought before the council of the churches it shall there be heard and determined which (unless orderly removed from thence) shall be a final issue and all parties therein concerned shall sit down and be determined thereby. And the council, so hearing, and giving the verdict or final issue, shall stand in this determination or judgment duly executed and attended in such way or manner as shall in their judgment be most suitable and agreeable to the word of God.

VI. That, if any pastor or church obstinately refuse a due attendance and conformity to the determination of the council, ~~that has the cognizance & determination of the~~ after due patience used, they shall be reputed guilty of scandalous contempt, and dealt with as the rule of God the word of God in such cases provides & the sentence of noncommunion shall be declared against such Pastor & church. And the churches are to absolve of the said sentence, by withdrawing from the communion of the Pastor & church which were faithful to be heard.

VII. That in case any difficulty shall arise in any of the churches which cannot be issued without considerable disquiet, that church in which they arise (or that Pastor or member aggrieved by them) shall apply

to the council of the associated churches, <sup>if the council</sup> ~~who~~ if they  
in case shall there upon convene hear and determine  
such cases of difficulty according to the word of God.

VIII. That a particular church in ~~cases~~ in difficult  
cases, may if they in case call a council of the  
associated churches before they proceed to pass  
sentence: but there is not the same liberty to  
an offending brother to call the said council  
before the church to which he belongs, proceed to  
excommunicate in the said case unless with  
the consent of the church.

IX. That if any person or persons orally complained  
of to a council, or <sup>who is a witness</sup> ~~that are witnesses~~ to such com-  
plaint, (having regular notification to appear) shall  
refuse or neglect so to do, in the place, and at the  
time specified in the warning given, except  
they or he give some satisfactory reason thereof  
to the said council, they or he shall be judged guilty  
of scandalous contempt.

X. It shall be the duty of the council to keep a full  
and fair record of its Proceedings.

XI. The council shall meet on its own adjournment;  
and in an emergency shall require a meeting sooner

than the time to which it stands adjourned, the  
Moderator, ~~or in case of his absence~~ shall call a meeting  
Special meeting.

Associative IX. Of Moderators.

See Con Faith 421. 422.

X Of Clerks -

See Con 7. page 423 -

## Book II.

### Of Discipline

See Con Faith on this subject

Chap 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 substituting in that  
chapter the word council for Presbyter -

Chap 6. 10. 11.

General Rules for Judicatories  
Con 7. 490 -