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The Hawaiian Mission Children's Society Library

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.

The Hawaiian Mission Children's Society Library was established in 1922, when Territorial Governor George Carter donated his large Hawaiiana collection to the Society. The Library collections have continued to expand, and today its resources include more than 12,000 books and pamphlets, as well as large manuscript and pictorial collections.

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 Unpublished letters, journals and reports of the Protestant missionaries to Hawaii;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.

Constitution of 1st Hawaiian Church
and the signature of each member

This manuscript rec'd from Mrs.
Wilson of Havn. Evng. Assn. who
had been given it by Mr. Theo-
Richards - He had received it
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along with other early Havn. items
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Constitution of 1st Hawaiian Church,

and the Signatures of each Member.

Constitution of the first

Hawaiian Church

Jehovah who made the earth & created man upon it, was pleased, immediately upon the Fall to give intimation of his redeeming mercy. When the nations departed from him, & devoted themselves to other gods, he established his covenant with Abraham, to be a God to him & to his seed forever, & to bless in them all the families of the earth. In the fullness of the time he sent his Son into the world to perform the mercy promised unto the fathers; to give light to them that sit in darkness; ~~to be for~~ ~~sent to~~ ~~to~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ to purify unto him self a peculiar people, redeemed by his blood out of all nations; & to fill the world with the glory of his salvation.

Adoring this infinite grace, hoping for a part in the blessings of this wonderful redemption, & desiring to do what we can to promote this great design; we whose names are

here ^{sincerely} ~~cordially~~ given in, feel it to be our duty,
to esteem it the highest privilege, to subordinate
ourselves unto the Lord, & to take upon us the
vows of his everlasting covenant: - And thus to
constitute a church, ^{which, though} ~~which~~ originally formed
in America & composed partly of ^{homeborn} members of Ame-
rican Churches, & partly of Nations of the Scandinavian
Islands, fellow heirs of the same body & partakers
of the promise ⁱⁿ Christ by the gospel, - ~~but~~ ^{is} de-
signed for ⁱⁿ establishment, by the will of God,
^{in the Islands here named,} for a light & blessing to the ^{dwellers in them} ~~Islands~~, ^{of the present &}
^{all succeeding generations.}

In this ~~important~~ important ceremony
we make in the presence of God, & before the
world, a solemn declaration of our Faith.

We believe in Jehovah: - That he
exists without beginning, without end, & with-
out change; that though he is not to be seen

with mortal eyes, yet he is every where present
& sees all ~~the~~ things: that in power & wisdom
& goodness - in all perfections & excellencies, he
is infinite; that he made the earth & the heavens
men & angels, all worlds & all that ^{is in them;} ~~is in them;~~
that he upholds & governs all, according to
his own pleasure; that he alone is God & that
all beside him that are called gods are vani-
ty & the work of error.

We believe in the scriptures of the
old & New Testaments, that they are the word of God,
& the sure, & perfect, & only rule of holy faith
& practice.

We believe that man was originally
created in the image of God, pure & happy;
that he fell by transgression; & that consequently
all mankind of every generation are naturally
in a state of corruption, guilt, & death.

We believe that God, in his sover-
eign mercy gave every promise of a Saviour;

According to his promise, has sent his Son
into the world, made of a woman, & in the
likeness of man.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ;
that he is the Son of God; that he died upon
the Cross as a propitiation for our sins, &
~~not for our sins only, but for the sins of the~~
whole world; that there is full redemption
through his blood, even the forgiveness of
sins, & justification unto life eternal, to all
who believe in his name; & that there is now
other Name given under heaven among men
that he is the King of Zion, has all power in heaven & earth,
whom we must worship & be saved; ~~and~~
& will judge the quick & the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Spirit of God; that it is by him that men are
convinced of sin, renewed after the image
of God unto righteousness & true holiness,
& made & fitted to dwell forever in heaven.

We believe that, in all ages, Jehovah has
had a church in the world, in which he has
graciously dwelt, & which he ~~has~~ designed to
establish in all nations, & to make an eternal
exultation; & that it is his will, that all who are
made partakers of the grace of the gospel should
publicly & solemnly join themselves to his
church, & walk before him in all his statutes
& ordinances with a perfect heart.

We believe in the resurrection of the
body; in the judgment of the great day; & in
the everlasting happiness of the righteous, & the
everlasting punishment of the wicked.

And now in conformity with these
sacred & momentous truths, & in presence of
angels & of men, - we make a solemn dedica-
tion of ourselves, & of our all; - avouching this
day the Lord Jehovah, & the most precious Father,

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Son, & Holy Ghost, to be our God, our
Father, our Saviour, & our Sanctifier; &
humbly giving up ourselves to ~~him~~ Him,
our chosen Portion, to ^{be} his & only his for
ever. We acknowledge our everlasting & in-
dispensable obligations to glorify our God,
in all the duties of a holy life, according
to his Word. — Depending therefore, on his
~~full~~ all sufficient grace, we engage, to
walk together in a church state, in the further-
ance of the gospel; conscientiously attend-
ing the worship of God in all its parts, in se-
cret, in family, & in publick, — upon the cere-
monies of the New Testament, Baptism & the
Lords Supper, upon the discipline of his King-
dom, & upon all his holy institutions. Af-
fectionately giving up ^{ourselves} to one another in the
Lord, we solemnly covenant for the future, to
watch over ~~each~~ ~~other~~, to seek each

other's good, & to aid each other in designs
& endeavours for the good of others, & for the
glory of Christ.

All this we do, under a deep con-
viction of our unworthiness, & with humble
reliance on the blood of the everlasting Love
merit for the pardon of our many crimes,
& fervently commending ourselves to God & to
the word of his grace, which is able to keep
us from falling, to build us up, & to give
us an inheritance among all them that
are sanctified. Amen.

Hiram Bingham

Sybil Bingham
Hou Thurston
Lucy G. Thurston
+ Daniel Chamberlain
+ Jerusha Chamberlain
Thomas Holman
Lucretia Holman
Sarah Whitney
Mercy Whitney

+ Samuel Ruggles
 + Nancy Ruggles
 Elisha Loomis
 + Maria J. Loomis
 + Thomas Hopson
 William Fenner
 + John Honore
 + George Sandwick
 + William Richards
 Clarissa L. Richards
Chas. Saml. Stewart
 + Arctomas Bishop
 Elizabeth Bishop
 Abraham Blatchely
 Fennina M. Blatchely
 + Joseph Goodrich
 + Martha P. Goodrich
 + James Ely
 + Louisa Ely
 + Levi Chamberlain
 + William Sumner
 + Stephen Pope
 + Betsy Stockton
 + John C. Frepoak
 + Robert Hoyle

Batimea Lalana
 Faraa Mahine
 Larri Andrew 51
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 Wm. P. Alexander
 Mary A. Alexander
 Richard Armstrong
 Clauja B. Armstrong
 Alonzo Chapin
 (Mary A. J. Chapin)
 John S. Emerson
 Ursula P. N. Emerson
 Cochran Torbet
 Rebecca D. Torbet
 Harvey R. Hitchcock
 Rebecca H. Hitchcock
 David B. Lyman
 Sarah J. Lyman
 Lorenzo Lyons
 Betsy B. Lyons
 E. W. Rogers
 Meriam Spaulding
 Julia B. Spaulding
 Lowell Smith
 Abba W. Smith
 Benj. Off. Parker
 Mary C. Parker

+ John Dill
 + Caroline A. Dill
 Titus Coan
 Fiddia Coan
 Henry Dimond
 Ann Maria Dimond
 Edwin O. Hall
 Sarah L. Hall
 Lydia Brown
 Elizabeth M. Hitchcock
 Persis G. Thurston
 Lucy G. Thurston
 Thomas Lapham
 Sophia L. Lapham
 Bethuel Munn
 Louisa C. Munn
 Saml. A. Castle
 Angelina S. Castle
 Seth L. Andrews
 Parnelly D. Andrews
 Abner Wilcox
 Lucy C. H. Wilcox
 Daniel T. Conde
 Andelucia L. Conde

Mark Ives.

Anne S. Cooke

Juliette M. Cooke

Edwin Locke

Wm J Vanduzee

Oral H Vanduzee

Horton O Knapp

Charlotte C Knapp

Edward Johnson

Lois S H Johnson

Chas McDonald

Edward Bailey

Caroline H Bailey

Marcia M. Smith

Lucia G. Smith

Mary A. Ives

Harriet Jewell McDonald

Mary A. Castle

Marla R. Whitney

Samuel G. Dwight

Eliyath Ken Whittlesey

Eliza M. Massey

Mary H. Thurston.

Martha Ann Chamberlain.

Miah H. Clark.

Ann Eliza Clark

O. H. Gulick.

Henry M. Lyman.

Helen C. Richards.

Julia Maria Richards

Sophia E. Hall.

Mary Jane Armstrong.

Mary Catharine Dimond.

William Henry Dimond.

David Dwight Baldwin.

Wm De Witt Alexander.

Chas H. Wetmore

Lucy S. Wetmore

Caroline H. Clark

Mary C. Green.

D. H. Hitchcock.

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John T. Gulick

Samuel L. Conde

Susan H. Conde

Paulina H. Conde.