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Beloved Parker Ohana,

Aloha! How goes it with your soul? I hope that these weekly letters have helped you remain connected with the rhythms and life of our Parker Ohana. After this week, I plan on taking a two-week break sending these letters – not because I am tired of writing but more so because we are in the midst of a pastoral transition and perhaps it is best that I limit my correspondence with you during this time.

My final day of holding office hours at Parker UMC will be Friday, June 12. I have chosen this date because it will also mark the final day of recording Sunday worship services (we are recording enough worship services for the entire month of June). I plan on using the remaining time in June to help my family move to our new parsonage in Aiea.

In the meantime, I want you to know that I will be available should any urgent concerns or a pastoral emergency arise. Please know that you can still call/text/email me. In June, I will also give you the contact info of two other Windward-area UMC Clergy who will be available to receive calls should I be unavailable.

The standard protocol for United Methodist clergy who move to a new appointment is that, during the first year, minimal-to-no contact is made with members of the pastor's previous church. Since we are in unusual times, however, I don't know if that will change. For example, I will most likely not be able to see any of you in-person when it is time to say good-bye. In any case, I'll keep you posted on what the recommendation is for the end of my time here at Parker.

I end this letter with the pastoral blessing given by Aaron to the people of Israel, the priestly blessing:

"The LORD bless you
and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.'" – Numbers 6:24-26

Because He Lives,

Rev. Samuel Nam