



Iao United Church of Christ



September, 2017

Our Beloved Community in Christ,

Iao United Church of Christ is delighted to invite you to the installation of our settled pastor, **The Rev. Floren “Tino” Cordova**, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2017.



Tino was raised as a Roman Catholic in New Mexico. He served in the US military and as an office manager for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs/VET Center Program for three years. While co-raising two sons, Tino was an associate pastoral leader, worship team leader, and treasurer for Llano Estacado Metropolitan Community Church in Clovis, NM.



Feeling called to the ministry, Pastor Tino got a Certificate of Information Processing Specialist from Idaho State University, and a B.A. in Religious Studies from Edgewood College in Wisconsin. He then attended the Pacific School of Religion, a UCC seminary in Berkeley, California, where he attained a Master of Divinity degree and a Certificate of Sexuality & Religion in 2013. He also completed a chaplaincy residency at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Berkeley. Pastor Tino was ordained in the Metropolitan Community Church denomination in 2013; he then obtained ministerial standing with the Disciples of Christ, a partner denomination of the United Church of Christ that encourages Disciples pastors to search a call in the UCC and vice versa.



After an exhaustive, year-long search, Iao UCC called Pastor Tino to serve our church, and he relocated to Maui to start his ministry at Iao UCC on March 1, 2017. Tino’s partner, Rong Chao Bi, is still in Los Angeles, where he is employed by the City of LA as a Civil Engineer; Rong plans to seek employment opportunities and to eventually join Pastor Tino here on Maui.



Over the six months that Pastor Tino has been at Iao UCC, he has greatly expanded the church’s community outreach efforts—precisely what the Church sought in its pastoral candidates. Pastor Tino is a member of the Maui Interfaith Clergy Group; the Maui Homeless Alliance; the Maui Non-Profit Directors Association; the Mental Health of America Association (Maui chapter) as a “Stop Bullying” trainer; appointed as board member of Habitat for Humanity Maui; and engaged with our Maui LGBTQ+ community.



It is with great excitement and joy that Iao UCC invites you to join us in our formal installation of Tino Cordova as our pastor.

3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 12, 2017
Iao UCC—2371 West Vineyard St., Wailuku

The service of installation will be followed by a *lu’au* and Open House at the Iao UCC parsonage, which is on Main Street, just across from the church’s upper parking lot, and right behind the Bailey House Museum. Please RSVP to the church’s e-mail address: iaoucc@hawaiiintel.net or by calling the church office at (808) 244-7353, indicating the names of those in your group or congregation who plan to attend.



Mahalo, and we hope to see you here at Iao UCC on the 12th of November!

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