

August 10, 2011

To: Pastors and Worship Dance Ministry Leaders  
From: Kahu Rennie Mau, Pacific Arise Ministries  
re: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual OAHU HO'IKE and Fellowship/Workshops, October 14 and 15, 2011

Aloha Kakou!

For the past nine year, Pacific Arise Ministries has been hosting the annual Maui PIWAI (Pacific Islander Worship Arts Institute) Ho'ike on the island of Maui, Hawaii. This 2011, we are planning the first annual O'ahu PIWAI Hoike on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the historic Kawaihaho Church in Honolulu.

The purpose of the gathering is to provide a place and time when worship dance leaders and their respective dance ministries (churches, schools, or halau) may share, worship, and get-to-know one another. The gathering is over two days: Friday night we usually have a potluck at 6PM and have a time where folks from different churches can fellowship and get to know one another. There are many dance ministries on OAHU, but many folks do not know one another. On Saturday morning there are a series of workshops to learn one or two dances together, worship fabrics, lei and other adornments. Enrollment is free, but there may be material costs depending on registration participation. We also close in worship communion together and end by 12noon.

At 5:30PM, we gather again to share in worship and praise dance. Each group will be limited to only ONE song to share due to time and the expected number of participants. We also are requesting that all music be submitted on CD (and not mp3). You may email us your mp3 and we can burn to a CD. My email is: kahumau@gmail.com. We are trying to keep our first PIWAI Hoike very simple and not to make it a "big production." Other churches and ministries may have the financial resources and space to do a big production with flashy lights, sound, and projected TV. Our purpose is for the PIWAI to be a simple time of praise, worship, and sharing. It is not a competition and the ministries participating may just be beginning or very experienced. We are inviting churches, Christian schools and chapel ministries (deputation teams) and Christian halau to participate. Participants are not limited to the island of Oahu, but any ministries utilizing Pacific cultural dance ministries.

A \$30 donation registration is requested to help defray costs. A registration form is attached. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (808) 280-9591 or Kealoha Benavente at (808) 341-5077. Or visit our website for more information: [www.pacificarise.org](http://www.pacificarise.org).

We thank Kumu Ardis Gomes and Kawaihaho Church for offering their church and facilities for the gathering.

**Mission Statement:** *The mission of Pacific Arise Ministries is to inspire, disciple, enable and network Christian actors, dancers, musicians, writers, songwriters, directors, designers, and worship leaders to use their creative and artistic abilities to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by releasing and redeeming cultural dance, drama, musical theater, and choral music to the larger Pacific and Oceania community directly and, by extension, throughout the world, all to the Glory of God.*