



HIM was incorporated as Hawaiian Islands Ministries three months later in October 1983. The ministry sponsored its first HONOLULU Conference in 1985. More than 400 people came. We thought that was a lot. HIM's all-volunteer staff said, "Let's do it again in two years!" Attendance, church participation and enthusiasm grew, and the crew said, "One more time!"



The conferences continued every two years powered by the prayers and passion of committed volunteers. Full-time staff was hired in 1992, and the HONOLULU Conference became an annual event in 1993. We moved from one church facility to two, to Waikiki hotels, and in 2000 to the Hawaii Convention Center, Hawaii's largest conference facility. Other training events were added: pastors conferences, ushers/greeters workshops, audio/video and radio ministry, prayer gatherings, and the Straight Talk business breakfasts. HIM regularly teams with local churches and other ministries to host special-focus events, such as women's and singles conferences. In 2000, HIM launched its San Francisco Bay Area ministry to serve and unite churches and Christian leaders as they minister there.



Hawai'i Moving Forward After the tragic national events of September 11, 2001, HIM produced an ecumenical prayer gathering for Hawaii government and religious leaders at Punchbowl's National Cemetery of the Pacific. In 2002, HIM received with the UH Center on the Family (COF) and the Hawaii Community Foundation one of the first federal Health & Human Services (HHS) grants for building capacity among faith and community organizations. Under the name *Hawaii Moving Forward*, the partnership serves hundreds of organizations in Hawaii, offering no-cost training workshops produced by HIM. HIM's collaboration with COF has been honored as one of only two recipients nationwide to receive three consecutive HHS grants.



The HONOLULU conference has expanded to now include a full youth program for middle school/senior high students. The Friday Night Worship Concert featuring top Christian artists such as Chris Tomlin plays to sell-out crowds of 2300. Various conference tracks address specific issues for pastors, parents, teachers, collegians, worship leaders, and others.



HIM events are marked by world-class faculty presenting excellent content that pragmatically addresses relevant community issues. HIM is committed to training that is accessible, affordable and effective. We are consciously cross-cultural, trans-denominational, intergenerational, promoting "unity amid diversity." Many say *a taste of heaven!*



We have experienced an extraordinary bus ride that has taken us over bumpy, dusty roads as well as the internet highway. Countless friends have boarded the bus with us: an estimated 60,000 participants, hundreds of churches, community leaders from across Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. What a ride it has been, and it's not over yet.



2010: Let Your Light Shine. HIM heads into its 27th anniversary year in 2010. We look forward to another year of "shining as stars." The doors of the bus are open. HIM invites all who want to be a light that shines hope to families, schools, businesses — the community at large.





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A higher purpose.*



Hawaiian Islands Ministries

A long time ago in a Greyhound bus far, far away...

HIM was born. It was the summer of 1983. Dan and Pam Chun were studying in the Holy Land, rumbling up and down the scorched and dusty roads with a rag-tag group of pastors, priests and nuns. One day in the bus, Dan shared a long-held vision with a priest friend. "What if the world's best Christian communicators and teachers could come to speak regularly at a conference in Hawaii? What if all the Christian leaders could be trained by them? What if local Christian churches from across denominations were impacted and renewal was sparked?" Our friend said, "Not what if, but when." That moment, HIM took its first breath.