## 2025 Hawai`i World Interfaith Harmony Week-Month



## Sunday, January 26, 2025

"A`ohe hala `ula I ka po" —Weaving Workshop

## Sponsoring Organization (s) - Hawaiian Church of Hawai'i Nei

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 pm HST

Location: National Bahá'í Center, 3264 Allan Place, Honolulu 96826

Cost: \$4.00 for cost of weaving materials

Workshop Contact: Kahu Loko`olu Pohāleo Quintero (808) 265-0482

**Description:** The "A`ohe hala `ula I ka po" —Weaving Workshop began with an opening Oli, offered by Kahu Loko`olu Pohāleo Quintero, who then explained about the Hawaiian cultural and spiritual tradition of weaving with lauhala leaves, a creative activity done in a spirit of aloha is as worshiping God (Akua). "Lau" means leaf in Hawaiian, while "hala" is the name of the tree that produces long, flat leaves ideal for weaving. When the two words are combined, it refers to the method of weaving leaves from the hala tree. The hala tree is native to Hawaii and served many important uses in ancient Hawaii.

The beauty of Akua (God) is seen in the light of the weaving. Within the Hawaiian culture, lauhala weaving represents practical utility, deep cultural identity, family lineage, and the connection to 'āina and to each other through the art of Lauhala weaving. This practice is used throughout Polynesia.

Attendance: 25 people participated in the workshop, and made lauhala bracelets.





