‘Aha Hoʻolana
Gather at the sacred land of Apahuʻa, ʻIolani Palace Grounds, as we join our pule of hope & aloha with kūpuna before us.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
40-minute Personal Procession
Start anytime 6P - 8P

Procession around Apahuʻa, ʻIolani Palace Grounds. Meet at the statue of our beloved Queen Liliʻuokalani at the mauka gates of ʻIolani Palace.

Part of The Gathering Project and organized by the Puʻuhonua Society. All are welcome, all are included. For details on participating, please visit https://www.gatheringprojectoahu.com/aha-hoolana
E holomua kākou me ka na‘au ha‘aha‘a a me ke aloha i kekahai i kekahai a no kākou iho, ‘oiai kākou e ho‘omākaukau ai i kēia au pulapula.*

Let us continue forward with humble hearts and compassion for one another and for ourselves as we prepare for this epoch of abundance*

* This is an expression kanaka educator, historian, and scholar Pūlama Collier uses to describe the period we are currently entering, in a continuum of time—the au pulapula, an epoch of abundance.

Ke Kumu (Purpose)
Let us gather with intention and shared purpose, to acknowledge kūpuna and ali‘i whose ‘iwi rest in this ‘āina & who called this ‘āina home. To honor them and their legacy of aloha, wisdom, & ‘onipa‘a mau (continued steadfastness), & to pule as they did at Apahu‘a with great hope - no ka ho‘ōla ‘ia ‘ana (for the restoration/healing/thriving) - of our people & ‘āina ‘o Hawai‘i.

Āhea kakou e huipū ai? (When to Gather)
Wednesday, February 16th, the night of mahina Hōkū, a bright presence in the heavens to light our inner thoughts and intentions.

6P – 8P
Gather any time during these hours for a personal procession around Apahu‘a—the name of comfort used by our kūpuna, - also known as the grounds of Pohukaina, the location surrounding and including ‘iolani Palace.

Aia i hea e huipū ai? (Where to Begin)
Meet at the statue of our beloved mōʻi wahine ʻo Liliʻu‘okalani, outside the Hakaleleponi Gate (mauka entrance of the Palace). Everyone will begin and conclude at the feet of our Queen.

E Ho‘omākaukau (Make Ready)
Prepare to join us—no need to bring mea—no need for phones, purses, bags, chairs, refreshments—come as light as possible. Ask your ‘ohana, friends, co-workers to join you. Prepare yourself to walk procession style - single file around the entire exterior of the grounds.

When you arrive, a kākōo will offer you a small palapala that will have the words to selected pule, passages, and songs. You will also be given a small light to turn on as you walk and read the palapala. Please walk slowly, safely, and single file, as the pathway in some areas is suited for only one person.

Parking along Richards Street, King Street, Post Office, Judiciary Building environs, or Ali‘i Place Parking Garage, entrance on Alakea Street. Please wear comfortable shoes. The procession around the perimeter of Apahu‘a will take approximately 40 minutes to an hour to complete.

E Hoʻolohe a Holomua (Listen as you begin your Procession)
When you hear the kani ka pū (the sounding of the pū), please begin reading, saying, praying, singing, or humming out loud or in your mind the words on the palapala. When you have finished, feel free to repeat, or spend time in quiet meditation as you continue your walk, waiting for the next kani ka pū.
Me ka na‘au piha (While walking with intention)
Every 15 minutes a pū will sound from one of the portals/gates leading into/out from Apahu‘a. I ke kani ka pū (at the sounding of the pū), begin your reading, saying, praying, singing, or humming again. Meditation is a practice. Repetition creates recollection. Become pili to the hua ‘ōlelo on the palapala. Words have mana and can bring ola, and our people understood this simple truth. These words have been chosen for each of us, so our collective intentions lift our kupuna, ancestors, ‘ohana, descendants, ourselves, and ‘āina.

In our collective actions of aloha we recognize the strength of our steadiness, our capacity to survive and thrive, and our belief that Aloha is our Mana.

When you conclude at the feet of our beloved mōi wahine ‘o Lili‘uokalani, please take a moment to close your pule & procession by returning your light to pass on to others who will come after you. Please take the palapala with you, along with the mana we experienced together, and continue to carry our pule of hope and aloha.

Mahalo nui for your contribution in helping gather energy and focus as we move forward in hope with humanity and aloha nui.

This evening is also the first of three nights of an art video installation across the front of ‘Iolani Palace, visible from King Street only. The work was created for the Hawai‘i Triennial which formally opens at ‘Iolani Palace, February 18th. It is the work of artist Jennifer Steinkamp inspired by Uluhaimalama, the Queen’s Garden.

E Ho‘omanā‘o (Let us Remember)
As you walk past the gates/portals, reflect the metaphor and kaona they hold:

- Kīna‘u on Richards Street // Contemplation of the past - Looking to ancestors
- Kaulikeouli on King Street // Evokes the present, think of those living in today’s world
- Likelike Mall, by State Library // What is ahead and how you can impact our descendants
- Hakaleleponi on Hotel Street // Thought of as a “service entrance” (where we began) and at one time considered a disrespectful place to put the statue of our beloved mōi wahine ‘o Lili‘uokalani. Yet, it has been reinterpreted as the ideal location, since her life was dedicated to be of loving service to our Ia‘hu Hawai‘i.

For more information on the event, please email <info@puuhonua-society.org>.