## faith

Hebrews 11 is an amazing chapter of the Bible. It recounts exciting stories of Bible heroes who "by faith" walked with God, built an ark, left their homes in hopes of an eternal home. By faith, they trusted God to give them a child, or hid their precious son away in a floating basket. They conquered kingdoms, administered justice, received back their dead, faced chains and imprisonment. The stories are endless. These were, in fact, not super-human heroes, but ordinary people like you and me. Their faith in God was what mattered, not their intelligence, skill, or resources—for "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).

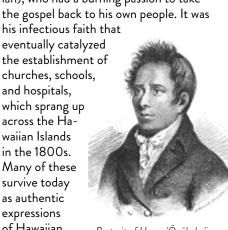
## by faith in the past

The theme for our 2019 Global Missions Conference is "By Faith." We will kick off the conference by recognizing Park Street's faith-filled people of the past, as we celebrate the Hawaiian Mission Bicentennial. Two hundred years ago, a joint team of Hawaiians and New Englanders set sail from Boston Harbor for Hawaii (at that time called the Sandwich Islands), after a commissioning service at Park Street Church on October 15, 1819. "By faith," they went on a 18,000-mile ocean journey without

knowing the outcome. Their faith had been inspired by a young Hawaiian Christian, Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia (Obookiah), who had a burning passion to take his infectious faith that eventually catalyzed the establishment of churches, schools, and hospitals, which sprang up across the Hawaiian Islands in the 1800s. Many of these survive today as authentic expressions

of Hawaiian

identity.



Portrait of Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia, Hawaii State Archives

It will be our privilege to welcome over a hundred Hawaiians to Park Street to celebrate these historic events. Some of our guests are direct descendants of the early missionaries. Others are historians, linguists, musicians, educators, and fellow believers from several of the original churches in Hawaii. On Sunday, October 20, our guests will help us celebrate God's faithfulness to Hawaii in our worship services. On Wednesday, October 23, there will be a special evening of music, stories and other

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