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**Historic Hawai'i Foundation Announces a Walking Tour of Downtown Churches
Four historic gems will be featured for their architecture, history & workmanship**

Honolulu: Historic Hawai'i Foundation will sponsor a walking tour of four historic churches to share architecture, preservation facts and anecdotal history about each. The churches, located in downtown Honolulu, include: the Cathedral of Saint Andrew; Saint Peter's Episcopal Church; Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace and Kawaiaha'o Church. All four are listed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places.

The event will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to the general public. Attendees will begin the tour at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, 229 Queen Emma Square in Honolulu. Docents at each location will share stories and details about the history, architecture and artworks at each site.

"Places of worship and other sacred spaces serve vital roles as gathering places for community service, engagement, reflection, spirituality and learning," said Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director of Historic Hawai'i Foundation. "The walking tour of historic churches in downtown Honolulu will introduce visitors to the architecture, artistry and history of four significant historic churches. The non-sectarian tour values and respects the various traditions and faith of each denomination. The historic buildings that house these institutions also serve as touchstones for the larger community both as anchors for vibrant streets and in neighborhoods as objects of civic pride. We are appreciative that these congregations will open their doors to the community to share their architectural histories."

The event is part of an occasional series of walking tours offered by Historic Hawai'i Foundation to showcase the architecture, landscapes and cultural sites that comprise the historic fabric of the Islands. Proceeds from the event benefit the programs and services of Historic Hawai'i Foundation.

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Kawaiaha‘o Church, as the first foreign church on O‘ahu, was often referred to as "the Westminster Abbey of Hawai‘i" and is revered as the Protestant “mother church” of the Islands. It is significant for its association with the Protestant missionaries in Hawai‘i and as a symbol of their work. It was constructed between 1838 and 1842.

Construction of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace was completed in 1843. The church is significant for its association with the religious struggles that took place in the Hawaiian Kingdom between 1820 and 1850.

St. Andrew’s Cathedral, built with stewardship from King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, held its first services on Christmas Day, 1886. It is significant for its association with the early history of the Anglican religion in Hawaii. The building is also an example of the use of the Gothic revival style of architecture in Hawaii.

Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church was built in 1914 and is a symbol of the acculturation of the Chinese into Hawaii’s society. It is a typical Gothic revival church in Honolulu of the 1912-1915 period rendered in masonry, with subtle design modifications which reflect its Chinese congregation’s heritage.

Tickets for the tour are \$10 for Historic Hawai‘i Foundation Members and \$15 General Admission. Tickets are required and may be purchased online <https://historicchurchwalkingtour.eventbrite.com>

Municipal parking is available at the Frank F. Fasi Municipal Building Parking Garage, 1100 Alapai Street; Ali‘i Place, 1099 Alakea Street (entrance on Alakea Street) and metered parking downtown near ‘Iolani Palace and the surrounding area.

Questions about the event may be directed to Historic Hawai‘i Foundation at 523-2900 or outreach@historichawaii.org.

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