



# HAWAII CONFERENCE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Ms. Mattie Cohan  
Office of Legal Affairs  
Legal Services Corporation  
3333 K Street, NW.,  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Ms. Cohan:

We, at the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ, are fully supportive of the action of the Board of Legal Services Corporation unanimously approving the rule change that will enable Micronesians, who are living in Hawai'i legally under the Compact of Free Association, to receive basic legal services.

The Hawai'i Conference UCC represents 125 churches on all the islands of Hawai'i, including a large number of Micronesians in nearly a dozen congregations. In our work with these congregations, we see that legal services are greatly needed for the poorest among the 12,000 Micronesians who live in our State.

Given the significance of the LSC rule change to the Micronesian population in Hawai'i, we have invited the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i to provide an informational session to our clergy and churches in order to make known this vital service.

Thank you for your decision to see that justice is available to all in Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Buck  
Conference Minister