



PALAPALA HO'OMAU CHURCH

Wedding Reservation Guidelines

Aloha

Welcome to **Palapala Ho'omau Church** in Kipahulu, Maui. This historical church is located approximately 11 miles past Hana, on the East coast of Maui.

A short distance from Haleakala National Park, a narrow road off the main road leads to Palapala Ho'omau Church, which was built by Congregational missionaries from Connecticut, and completed in 1854. The church was partially destroyed by a hurricane in the 1940's and restored by Sam Pryor and Charles Lindbergh in 1964. Both men chose this sacred site as their final resting place.

Established in 2012, the **Palapala Ho'omau Preservation Society**, is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in the State of Hawaii, and is served by volunteers who have a special connection to this historical church.

We are pleased that you are interested in holding your wedding at Palapala Ho'omau Church. Our aim is to provide you with a venue that is sacred, personal and memorable.



The simple, elegant interior of the church with candelabra and sconces from Connecticut

The Palapala Ho'omau Preservation Society ("PHPS") encourages the use of the church building for weddings and other functions in order to cover costs and help with maintenance of the church and surrounding grounds. The following guidelines will govern the use of the church building for weddings:

- All weddings must be scheduled at least 60 days in advance through PHPS. Reservations will not be accepted more than a year in advance of the wedding date. To reserve a date, please contact **Erin Lindbergh**, Phone: 808-269-2736, email: erinlindbergh@gmail.com
- The rental fee for use of the church as the site of a wedding, vow renewal, or other blessing ceremony begins at \$700. A fee schedule is available that sets the rental fee depending on the anticipated size of the event. At least fifty percent (50%) of the rental fee shall be paid upon reservation of the event date. The balance of the rental fee must be received by PHPS at least 30 days prior to the event. Exceptions may be considered by PHPS for exceptional circumstance and last minute arrangements.
- A nonrefundable deposit must be made at the time of the request. When the wedding date is secured and the application form with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is received, the date will be held. The deposit will be credited to the total cost for the wedding. If after the application is made and there is a change in address or contact telephone numbers, PHPS must be notified.
- Checks should be made payable to the **Palapala Ho'omau Preservation Society** and mailed to: **Caroline Peters Belsom**, Treasurer, P.O. Box 11986, Lahaina, HI 96761. Office Ph: 808-666-14252; Cell: 808-281-2136.

- PHPS will arrange for the building to be cleaned before and after the ceremony. It will also have someone unlock the church prior to the ceremony and secure the building after the ceremony.
- Flowers and some decorations are permitted in the church, but they may not be affixed to the walls with nails, screws or tape that may cause damage upon their removal. Candles, lit or unlit, are not permitted in the church. For an additional fee, PHPS can arrange for flowers, church decorations, and music to be provided by local contractors. For help with planning your wedding details, we suggest you contact the Hana Wedding Company at info@hanaweddingco.com or phone: 808-248-8000.
- For your information, a marriage license may be obtained in person at the State of Hawai'i, Department of Health located at 1250 Punchbowl Street, Room 101, Honolulu, HI 96813, or through marriage agents on Maui. Additional information is available at www.hawaii.gov/health/ or by calling: 808-586-4545.
- There are no restroom facilities on the premises. Please plan accordingly.
- The church grounds are open to the public; PHPS does not restrict visitors from entering the church grounds. However, on the day of the event, the church building will be designated for the exclusive use of the bridal couple/family and their guests during the time allocated for the ceremony. For the greatest degree of privacy, PHPS recommends that the wedding ceremony be scheduled before noon or after 4 PM.
- The rental of the church building does not include the use of the grounds for any form of reception.



Window views from Church interior.