Social Activities

Opening Reception—Sunday, July 13

The Opening Reception takes place in the hall adjoining the Kawaiaha’o Church in historic downtown Honolulu. The Church dates to 1842 and contains pictorial records of the Royal families of Hawai‘i. Renowned Hawaiian explorer and educator, Nainoa Thompson, who is chief navigator for the ocean-going sailing canoe, the Ho’okele, will be the opening keynote speaker for our Conference.

Conference Excursion—Tuesday, July 15

Buses for the excursion will depart from the front of the Convention Center at 12:30 pm. All registered participants, accompanying partners and children will spend Tuesday afternoon and evening at the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC). The PCC excursion includes experiences of various Polynesian cultures, a Hawaiian lu‘au (dinner), and an evening show of cultural dancing.

Conference Dinner/Dance—Thursday, July 17

On Thursday evening at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on the shores of Waikiki, conference registrants and accompanying partners will experience a sunset dinner on the grass courtyard of the Sheraton Hotel. Later in the evening, Tino and the Rhythm Klub will provide us with lively music to get our feet moving and our bodies gliding around the dance floor.

Program for Accompanying Partners and Children

Roberts Hawai‘i will have a desk in the lobby of the Convention Center. Accompanying persons may sign up for various tours on O‘ahu as well as to neighboring islands. A brochure outlining some of their attractions is available on the website (www.hawaii.edu/pme27). These excursions are optional and available at extra cost. The following are specially arranged for PME accompanying partners and children.

Monday, July 14

Pearl Harbor/ Arizona Memorial/City Tour: Visit Pearl Harbor, the Arizona Memorial, a guided tour of the Mighty Mo (the battleship Missouri on which the Japan/American truce was signed in 1945), a drive through Punchbowl, the National Cemetery of the Pacific, and a tour of historic downtown Honolulu. Participants must sign up for this excursion at the Roberts Hawai‘i desk at the Convention Center on Sunday, July 13.

Tuesday, July 15

The Conference Excursion to the Polynesian Cultural Center includes registered accompanying persons.

Wednesday, July 16

Take the #22 Bus ($1.50 each way) to Hanauma Bay or just stay in Waikiki for a leisurely day of snorkelling and beach time at some of O‘ahu’s outstanding beaches. After a day on the beach, enjoy a Sunset Dinner Cruise off the shores of Waikiki. Appreciate the beauty of Honolulu and the beauty of Waikiki beach from the decks of the Ali‘i Kai Catamaran. Choose between a casual buffet dinner and a more formal dining experience.

Thursday, July 17

O‘ahu Grand Circle Island Tour: Explore the wonders and beauty that makes this island so special. From the lush, green mountains to the crystal, clear blue waters, and across the fertile central plain, you will experience the diversity of O‘ahu on this 120-mile tour. Scenic points include Diamond Head, Hanauma Bay, Mormon Temple, North Shore surfing beaches and many more.