

**Proposed 2012 Budget
HAWAII AREA 17
May 15, 2011**

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

Attached is the 2012 Proposed Budget for Hawaii Area 17 that will be submitted for approval at the September Budget Assembly on the weekend of September 24, 2011.

The 2012 proposed budget includes increased travel costs in contrast to the 2011 budget. The reasons for this are that in 2012 there will be three assemblies on the Big Island and one Committee Meeting on Maui, and the Pacific Regional Forum will be held in Alaska in 2012. All these locations increase airfare costs. Fuel costs are very high right now, so the airplane fares are based on the fact that we, as an area, will continue to book our flights early and search for the best available fares. Depending on the economy, contributions, and increasing costs, the 2012 Budget may seem high, but we will continue to search for ways to decrease costs and increase contributions.

We, as the Finance Committee, would like your input on this Budget. This is the *proposed* budget. Until it is voted on and accepted, it will be available to be changed. We hope to attend meetings in all districts in Area 17, presenting the budget and having copies available for GSRs to take back to their home groups. We would like to encourage DCMs, GSRs, individual members of home groups, and any other member of our fellowship to ask questions, and provide their input and insight. When we vote on the Budget at the Assembly, it will be to vote for approval, as it is presented, so we would like to address any concerns and make any changes before the Assembly.

Thank you for letting us be in service,

The Finance Committee

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