THRIVE CHURCH

Hawai‘i

SAME CHURCH ~ NEW NAME

Same **mission.** Same **beliefs.** Same **leadership.** Same **heart for people.**

WHY ARE WE CHANGING OUR NAME?

1. **THRIVE COMMUNICATES JESUS' VISION FOR OUR CHURCH.**

Jesus didn't come so we could just survive through life. He came so that we could experience abundant life in Him.

> *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*
> John 10:10 NKJV

*Our vision is to help people **thrive** in their **faith, relationships, purpose,** and in every **season** of life.*

2. **WE BELIEVE GOD INITIATED THIS CHANGE.**

God began stirring this over a year and a half ago. Our pastors prayed and processed it together and were unified. Our elder council prayed through it and agreed. Our district council and the Foursquare Board of Directors confirmed it. Pastor Wayne Cordeiro affirmed the decision.

This decision was carefully and prayerfully discerned at every step.

3. **"WINDWARD" NO LONGER REFLECTS OUR REACH.**

Our church now reaches far beyond the Windward side of O‘ahu. We have people throughout O‘ahu, across Hawai‘i, and on the mainland who attend and engage with our church.

Thrive better reflects the church Jesus has grown us to become.

4. **TWO NEW HOPE CHURCHES IN ONE COMMUNITY CREATE ONGOING CONFUSION.**

Every month, newcomers confuse New Hope Kailua with New Hope Windward.

The new name removes confusion for people in our communities.

WHAT IS NOT CHANGING?

Our **mission** is not changing.
Our **beliefs** are not changing.
Our **leadership** is not changing.
Our **location** is not changing.

The name is changing, along with a deepened focus
to help people thrive in their faith and life.

COMMON QUESTIONS

WHAT IS OUR NAME EXACTLY?

Our full name is Thrive Church Hawai'i. Locally, we simply say *Thrive Church.*

ARE WE LEAVING NEW HOPE OR FOURSQUARE?

No. New Hope has never been our denomination. We remain a Foursquare church. Our close relationship with Pastor Wayne Cordeiro and New Hope isn't changing. Pastor Wayne fully supports and has blessed the name change.

WHAT ABOUT OUR HISTORY?

We love our history, and we'll always honor it. For 26 years, God has changed countless lives through this church. Changing our name doesn't mean anything about our past was wrong. We're not abandoning our past; we're preparing for the future God has for us. And through this process, we've been reminded of something important: **A church is not a name. A church is a family.**

WHEN DOES THIS NAME CHANGE HAPPEN?

The rollout begins November 8 and will take place over several weeks as we update our website, signage, volunteer shirts, and other materials.

DOES MY GIVING CHANGE?

No. Your giving records, online giving, and year-end statements remain the same, and our legal entity and tax-exempt status are unchanged. Beginning with our November launch, please make checks payable to Thrive Church.

HOW TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NAME CHANGE

1. **LISTEN**
   Give people space to process the change. Don't debate or try to convince them. You can simply say, *"I understand. I know it may take a little time to get used to."*
2. **REASSURE**
   Remind them, "Same church. New name." Our mission, beliefs, leadership, and heart for people are not changing. We're changing our name, not who we are.
   If someone is really struggling with it, connect them with a pastor or ministry leader.
3. **SHARE THE VISION**
   Share why you're excited about where Jesus is leading our church ~ *to help people experience His abundant life and thrive in every season.*

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