



October 2019

Diocese of Hawai`i Education Day is Friday, October 25th at St. Andrew's Cathedral - The Day before Diocesan Convention

8:45 am - 9:45 am: Check-in at Registration Table
 10:00 am - 3:30 pm: RenewalWorks with Jay Sidebotham
 Lunch will be provided

Each year before The Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention, the Diocese holds an Education Day to which all in the diocese are invited. This year Rev. Jay Sidebotham, the Director of RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement, will be the featured speaker. Known for his light-hearted cartoons that have been featured in numerous church publications, Rev. Sidebotham is an engaging speaker who shares how this program can help build cultures of discipleship in Episcopal congregations, with a singular focus on spiritual growth among congregants.

Education Day is the day before the annual Diocesan Convention, Friday, October 25th. Convention is on Saturday, October 26th. Although St. Peter's elected delegates will represent St. Peter's at Convention, anyone may register as a visitor.

After October 3rd, the registration fee (lunch included) is \$50.00.

Register online at <https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/51st-diocesan-convention.html>

Sunday, October 6th - Celebration of St. Francis and the Blessing of Animals



Many thanks to Stephanie Wight and her committee for again organizing St. Peter's annual blessing of the animals. We are blessed by the companionship of our furry and feathered friends, and we give thanks for their presence in our lives!

We celebrate our pets on October 6 this year because it is the Sunday closest to the celebration of the life and ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. (October 4 is the actual feast day.)

Born into a wealthy family in the 12th century, St. Francis renounced wealth and worldly privilege as a young man to focus on God's beauty in nature and the wonder of creation. The special relationship he shared with animals is legendary.

This year, with the assistance of photographer Karin Kimura, Stephanie added a special feature to St. Peter's annual blessing of the animals--a pet photo shoot. Not an easy task for a photographer, but a beloved memory for pet owners! Thank you, Karin, for assisting Stephanie in this gift to our community.



The Anglican Indigenous Network is a body composed of members from Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, the Torres Strait Islands, Canada, the continental USA, and Hawaii. Rev Jazzy has been involved in the work of this group since 2009, as a delegate both from Hawaii and, during college, from the continental USA. The group meets every three years, and this year in Honolulu, as it was Hawaii's turn to act as host. On the agenda are topics like Mauna Kea and sacred sites, the ongoing effects of colonization, climate change and rising ocean in the Torres Straights, Indigenous Theological Education, and the Aboriginal voice in Parliament.

Though we come from different places, the issues impacting our various communities are similar, and as people of faith we gather to uplift and challenge the church. This year, there are five bishops attending the conference, bringing a focus to the structure of the church.

For more information, visit the AIN website <https://ain.anglicancommunion.org/about-us.aspx>

We Honor Our Elders!

We jokingly say around St. Peter's that our "tag line" should be, "Come worship with us and live forever!" Of course, it's true that we believe in the Christian promise that we live with God into eternity after our time on this earth, but it's also true that people live a long time around here!

On Sunday, October 20th, St. Peter's we will once again have its annual Elders' Recognition Sunday. A special invitation is extended to all our elders 90 years of age and older to join us in worship and the fellowship time following the services. A special booklet sharing the stories of our elders is prepared each year for this special Sunday. This year we recognize the following elders:

Centenarians:

Eleanor Chang 102
Nora Fong 101
Bernard Ching 101
Miriam Everhart 100

Nonagenarians:

Violet Chew 98	Lily Ing 96
Loretta Loo 96	Stanley Kau 95
Velma Kim 95	Annette Besvold 94
Rosie Ching 94	Helena Won 93
Adrienne Yee 92	Joseph Chang 91
Ellen Jean Fo 91	Cedric Ching 90
David Lee 90	Doreen Yuen 90

Please remember all our elders with prayers of thanksgiving and for good health. Many thanks to Velma Lee and Haroldwyn Chang for coordinating this special Sunday!



You are warmly invited to come and walk as a part of Honolulu LGBTQ Pride!

The Episcopal Church has a long history of standing with those who have been marginalized, which includes our LGBTQIA+ siblings. In our baptismal covenant we pledge to "seek and uphold the dignity of every human being" – which is too rarely practiced in our current society. This is a chance to show your support for those who often feel on the outside, particularly when it comes to the church.

Be a beacon of God's love! The march will be on October 19th, beginning at Magic Island. If you are interested, please contact Rev Jazzy at revjazzybostock@gmail.com.

Guidelines for Creating Experimental Liturgies and New Texts for Worship in the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

The 2018 General Convention specifically urged Bishops to engage "...worshiping communities in experimentation and the creation of alternative texts to offer to the wider church, and that each diocese be urged to create a liturgical commission to collect, reflect, teach and share these resources with the TFLPBR" (Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision). The same resolution, also, "memorialize[d] the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as a Prayer Book of the church preserving the psalter, liturgies, The Lambeth Quadrilateral, Historic Documents, and Trinitarian Formularies ensuring its continued use" and affirmed that the Church would continue "to engage the deep Baptismal and Eucharistic theology and practice of the 1979 Prayer Book." The resolution is nuanced and calls the Church to well-ordered and communal liturgical renewal. It also instructs that any liturgical revision to "utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church's liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, class and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship."

I appointed the Worship Task Group (The Rev. Kerith Harding, Chair; the Rev. Jasmine Hanakaulani o Kamamalu Bostock; the Rev. Brian Grieves; the Rev. Paul Lillie; Ms. Niambi Mercado; and the Rev. John A. Hau'oli Tomoso) to establish guidelines for the creation and use of such experimental liturgies, and to provide a means for their evaluation. The attached Guidelines and Evaluation Form are the fruit of their work.

I commend the Task Group for their outstanding work and I look forward to our shared exploration of liturgical possibilities in the coming months before the 2021 General Convention.

Again, to the Task Group, thank you for these guidelines and your ongoing work.

Yours faithfully,

Bob

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop Diocesan
The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

Jazzy will discuss the trial liturgy St. Peter's used in August and September. Did you like it? Did you understand it? What was different? What was the same? Please participate in the conversation and share your insights and questions.

Discussion at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Faith Action Affordable Housing Summit

On Saturday, September 22nd, Faith Action for Community Equity, an advocacy group of faith and community organizations, held an affordable housing summit at which leaders from government, non-profit development, and financial institutions came together to share their current efforts and ideas toward addressing the affordable housing crisis in Hawaii. The past two years, for the first time in recent history, Honolulu had a net loss in population. A speaker pointed out that while, fewer people may sound good, it is, in fact, a bellwether of problems. In a recent survey, it was pointed out that 47% of the current population responded that they are considering leaving Hawai'i, primarily due to economic reasons and the high cost of housing.

The summit was not one of handwringing, however, but rather one of optimism and a look at efforts underway and ideas being proposed to address the housing problem. There was consensus that the 60,000 plus units that are needed could be reached with government and community will behind the effort. Broad agreement was expressed regarding the need for affordable housing and financing that targets the 80% AMI (Area Median Income) or below level as well as for a shift to high density communities where services are within walking distance with the TOD (Transit-oriented Development) zones associated with rail being prime opportunities for this.

One of the more novel proposals, approved for more study in the 2019 legislative session, is a plan put forth by Senator Stanley Chang. His program called A.L.O.H.A. Homes (Affordable Locally Owned Homes for All) is based on a Singapore housing model, one of the most successful countries in the world in housing its population. This high density development on state lands would offer 99 year leases with no income cap and no restrictions (e.g. first-time home buyers). To prevent "flipping," sellers would only be able to retain a cap of 25% of any profit. Senator Chang announced that there will be further opportunity to discuss this model on November 6th when Singaporean representatives will be in Honolulu to discuss their approach in more detail.

Peter Savio expressed his support for the A.L.O.H.A. Homes model and then advocated for some additional measures

- "rent to own" units, allowing for wealth creation by the tenant
- including government rental income subsidies (currently excluded) in the calculations for military personnel
- building 30,000 homes on Hawaiian Homes land (which by law can't be sold into international hands)

- the state giving 100% financing to local groups who want to build
- selling state developments to tenant owned associations.

For decades, the development of affordable housing in Hawaii has received minimal attention. Today we are experiencing the negative effects of that. Attention is once again shifting to the realization that what we do now impacts not only the present reality but the health of our communities for decades to come.

Many of our sister churches are actively engaged in this work through the Faith Action for Community Equity organization. If you are interested in helping the St. Peter's community become involved in this issue as well as others that Faith Action for Community Equity addresses, e.g. kupuna care, living wage, public school support, please speak with Pastor Diane.

Pastor Diane

November Adult Formation Book Group

The next adult forum book study, beginning in November, will be ***Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks***, by Diana Butler Bass.

A review says: *If gratitude is good, why is it so hard to do? In Grateful, Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks.*

We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness. Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives. In Grateful, cultural observer and theologian Diana Butler Bass takes on this "gratitude gap" and offers up surprising, relevant, and powerful insights to practice gratitude.

All are welcome to join when the group reconvenes in November. Sundays in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Studies at St. Peter's

Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00am, Parish Hall

Each week we read and hold lively discussions about the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. Drop in any Wednesday!

Thursday Faith Conversations - 7:15pm, Parish Hall

Currently discussing the *Book of Esther*, an intriguing and controversial story found in both the Jewish and Christian Bibles.



Online Men's Grief Support Group 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 8:00pm

In the comfort of your own space, you can enter an online room and be in the presence of those who will support you wherever you may be in the grief process. Contact Dr. Joseph Eppink, St. Peter's Director of Music and Bristol Hospice bereavement facilitator, with questions and information including the site and passcode to enter, joseph.eppink@bristolhospice.com

Junior Warden's Corner

Terry Dang, Junior Warden

Summary of projects accomplished in the past month....



- Replaced batteries for bookkeeper AC remote and elevator cab sensor light.
- Posted new gas stove valve instructions with photos to show closed and open positions.
- Replaced Organist parking sign with a 24/7 sign.
- Flushed ice maker and replaced water filter. Needs to be serviced every 9 months.
- Removed carpet stain in the sanctuary.
- Mahalo to Sheri Yoshida for notifying us that Parish Hall restroom soap dispensers were filled with the wrong type of soap. Sheri was right as I found thick pink hand soap in the dispenser bottle instead of foaming soap. The hand soap was emptied, and foaming soap added. Now it's so much easier to pump the soap!
- BIG MAHALO to Oriel, John Afong, Stephanie Goo, Albert and Maureen Wong, Steve Mitchell, Bryan Matsumoto, Tiare Ono and Barry Woods for painting the main office and moving the furniture. Also, thanks to Nancy Rowe for providing the chicken salad and watermelon lunch!
- NOTE: The Parish Hall office painting continues Sunday, October 13 after each service. Save the date so we can paint Jazzy's and Pastor Diane's offices.

Sunday, October 13th - Painting Party 2.0!



The first painting party on Sunday, September 15th went so well, that our Junior Warden, Terry Dang, has scheduled another painting party for Sunday, October 13th.

Mahalo to Albert Wong for bringing painting supplies for September 15th and to all who helped to tape, paint, supervisor, and clean-up--our Sexton, Oriel Agcaoili, John Afong, Stephanie Goo, Albert Wong, Maureen Wong, Tiare Ono, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood, Steve Mitchel, and Terry Dang.

In just a few hours, they managed to "refresh" three walls of the main office with a "Creamy Spinach" color. Even if you don't like spinach, it looks fabulous! Then, we enjoyed a very tasty lunch of chicken sandwiches and watermelon provided by Nancy Rowe. Thank you, Nancy!

The next step is to finish the fourth wall and expand into the other offices. Painting will commence after the first worship service on Sunday, the 13th, and will continue after the second worship service. Come to church in your painting clothes and join the fun! It is rewarding to see what a dramatic difference a fresh coat of paint makes.



For August's Hie Hie Ministry there were eight volunteers: Haroldwyn, Ruth, Rodney, Maureen, Lois, Sim, Bill and Pokhui. We met at 8:30 on the morning of Thursday, September 19, and made 30 sandwiches and lunch bags.

There were 28 patrons on a very hot and sticky day. We had watermelon slices for them in their lunch bag and extra watermelon bags were available. They were well received.

One of volunteers suggested that we should split volunteers with half meeting at 8:30 at St Peter's Episcopal Church to make sandwiches and lunch bags and the others meeting 9:30 to distribute lunch bags at the Harris Methodist Church until 12:00. We will implement this plan in October to see how it works out.

God bless everyone.

Pokhui McKinney

Editor's Note: On the third Thursday of each month a volunteer group meets at St. Peter's to make lunches for an outreach program to the homeless headed by IHS at Harris United Methodist Church. The ministry takes its name from the shower van that is part of the outreach program. To participate, contact Pokhui McKinney at pmcki55@gmail.com.

Noteworthy News for September- The Choir Returns

It is time to gather the choir again. Consider joining St. Peter's music family as we learn music to enhance worship and have a lot of fun doing so! Thursday rehearsals at 7:15 p.m. Sunday rehearsals at 9:00 am Ukuleles after the 10:00 am service

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For more information on the music ministries at St. Peter's, click on <http://www.stpetershonolulu.org/music-ministry.html>



Godly Play - A way for young people, their families and the church at large, to engage with the foundational stories of the Kingdom of God.

Oct 6 **Animals and the Saints they loved**
This will also be a work day in the Godly Play room. We will be making sturdy toys that will be given to animal shelters to ease the time as the creatures wait to be adopted or reunited with their owners.

Oct 13 **The beginning of the story of Moses**

Oct 20 **The ten best ways** Matthew 22:36-40

Oct 27 **The Good Shepherd and World Communion**

Everyone is invited to participate in the circle of Godly Play. There is but one requirement..... that you come as a child, open to wonder. Godly Play gathers in the Loft, 9 AM -9:50 AM Sundays



AIM Delegates in Waikiki



Lunch for Hie Hie Ministry

Sharing Time and Talent



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Clerk: Karin Kimura

Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Term expires in 2019: Edmund Choy, Kyle Saito, Jaime Yamane

Term expires in 2020: Karin Kimura, Steve Mitchell, Barry Wood

Term expires in 2021: Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, Stephanie Wight

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