

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Beacon of Hope... A Call to Serve!



Thanksgiving service ~ November 24, 9:30am

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 100

A special, joyous Thanksgiving service will be offered this year with our Jazz musicians joining us! We will have both "in person" worship with masks and distanced seating as well as live-streaming. Start this day of Thanksgiving worshipping the God who created us, whose steadfast love endures for ever and whose faithfulness is to every generation!



SUNDAY AT
7:30AM AND 10:00AM
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING

JAZZ VESPERS - 6PM THURSDAYS
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING

A MOMENT WITH MUSIC
WITH DR. JOSEPH EPPINK

Weekdays on our Facebook page

VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
Thursday, November 11
Office Closed & No Jazz Vespers

VESTRY MEETING BY ZOOM
Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 6PM

Commitment Sunday
Sunday, Nov. 21
Presentation of pledges
for 2022

Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, Nov. 24
9:30am (in person and live-
streamed)

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, Nov. 28



Diocesan Education Day and Annual Convention, Friday, Oct. 22nd, and Saturday, Oct. 23rd

This was the second year during which we had a completely virtual Diocesan Education Day and Convention due to the pandemic.

The topic of Education Day was "Reconciliation" and featured presentations by Dr. Jonathan Okamura and Dr. Akiemi Glenn that provided both historical insight and challenge in calling us to consider the embedded impact of racism within Hawai'i and the resultant disparities in access to wealth, education, and power. During lunch Dr. Jon Osorio and his daughter, Dr. Jamaica Osorio, shared their mana'o and music. Discussion was begun in smaller break-out groups.

The topic of the Annual Convention on Saturday was "Remembering those who have gone before...." St. Peter's lay voting delegates were Joseph Eppink, Taka Kimura, Velma Lee, Nancy Rowe, and Tim Yuen. With almost 200 people participating, there were eight screens of "Hollywood Squares" faces in the Zoom meeting. Three of our delegates happened to be on this screen. Can you find them?

Besides annual business issues and a fiscally responsible Diocesan budget clearly presented by our treasurer, Nancy Rowe, and another fellow treasurer, Tripp Lynch, both of whom serve on Diocesan Council, the most significant action was the passage of a resolution committing our Diocese and congregations to an acceleration and expansion in discussions and actions regarding the climate



crisis and global warming. **At the heart of the resolution was a call for each congregation to form a "Green Team" with an "Environmental Coordinator" who will serve as a liaison to the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force.** Konstantinos Karampakakis (10am worshiper) has volunteered to serve as St. Peter's "Environmental Coordinator." Might you consider serving on our congregation's Green Team? This is an issue of critical importance not only for us but for our children and grandchildren and the well-being of this earth which God has created. Please prayerfully consider this and speak with Pastor Diane and/or Konstantinos.

In addition, the resolution calls upon the Diocese to:

- provide grants to congregations to "green" their buildings and to help with the cost of energy audits
- ensure that the Diocese is following the "socially responsible guidelines of The Episcopal Church including non-investment in companies (and funds) where more than 10% of revenue is derived from fossil fuels," investing instead in renewable energy and carbon-free energy sources
- Acknowledge that human-caused climate change disproportionately affects those who are least responsible and have the least amount of power and resources to alter their circumstances
- Encourage all Episcopalians to advocate for state and national responses to the public health and existential crisis facing God's creation due to climate crisis and global warming





Diocesan Education Day and Annual Convention continues...

A rather perfunctory resolution to approve revisions to bring the Diocesan canons in line with the national church canons raised an interesting discussion around the increasing awareness of gender fluidity when a motion was made to add "they" to the list of he/she pronouns.

Taka Kimura wrote, "I was very impressed with how smoothly the whole Diocesan Convention went, thanks to the staff's fantastic prep work. The online forum still allowed great discussion and I was happy to see differing perspectives expressed openly and honestly without judgement or backlash. It was also great to have vote tallies reported almost instantaneously! I DO miss the interpersonal interaction that you get when attending a non-virtual convention and look forward to a time where we can all meet in person again!" A great summary, Taka! I think all of us who "attended" this virtual Convention felt the same way.

Besides the business of resolutions, the most meaningful part of the Convention were two presentations beautifully prepared by Sybil Nishioka, who handles Diocesan communications. The first was the visual necrology across the Diocese of those who have died since the start of the pandemic in March 2020 when funeral gatherings ceased, and the other was a celebration of the Diocesan Treasurer, Peter Pereira, who retired after 30 years of service to this Diocese. Both were heartfelt and touching. St. Peter's, along with all the congregations of this Diocese, have greatly benefited from Peter's faithful guidance over these decades, especially most recently in navigating our way through the financial challenges of the pandemic. We are grateful, and with one heart we all wished Peter much joy in his retirement.

Further Diocesan Convention Comments:

From lay voting delegate, Tim Yuen:

The second (and hopefully last) Virtual Diocesan convention due to COVID was a success from a technological and execution standpoint. The voting, and discussions went off without a hitch with very little, if any fumbling around. Recognition to our very own Nancy Rowe on an excellent Diocesan budget presentation, Rev Jazzy Bostock who led Friday's educational topic of reconciliation which dealt with race inequities of the past, and Rev. Annalise Pasalo who was the Secretary to Convention.

The entire convention was open to the public for viewing and the recording is still on the Diocesan web page. Bishop Bob as always gave a well presented address which is also on the recording.

From lay voting delegate, Nancy Rowe:

Not having participated in the virtual convention last year, I was intrigued at how well it actually worked. The Special Orders of Business videos were wonderfully well done. I hope that is a concept that is adopted going forward.

There was very little business beyond the mandatory elections, budget, and resolutions which made the meeting shorter than in-person. I participated in the Centering Prayer Breakout session during the lunch break. It was nice to connect with the facilitator, Lindy Marzo, who had been a regular at our Jazz Vespers. The disadvantage of a virtual convention is that the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones is not there. The advantage? Not looking for a parking spot.





From lay voting delegate, Velma Lee:

Disadvantages of a virtual meeting:

- ✓ We didn't get to see all the representatives of each church.
- ✓ We didn't get to participate in the in-person Eucharist at the Cathedral. I missed seeing all of the clergy process into and out of the Cathedral, everyone's awe-inspiring singing, and responses to God's words.
- ✓ We didn't get to give Peter Pereira a standing ovation in gratitude for his 30 years as our Treasurer. Three people have divided his responsibilities and there will be a rotating fourth volunteer to help oversee their work. Imagine that!

Advantages of a virtual meeting:

- Got up on time and had a leisurely paced breakfast.
- No traffic to maneuver from Pearl City in to town and then look for a parking space.
- We saved several trees because we could check the contents of the workbook online.
- Voting on the nominations was super easy, results were almost instantaneous, and we saved several trees since there weren't any paper ballots to distribute & then count.
- Great videos on Camp Mokuleia, Halau Wa'a, and the Prison Ministry with photos of the backpacks that St. Peter's put together!
- The video on the 2022 budget by Nancy & Trip (from St. John's Kula), the two treasurers on the Diocesan Council, was also excellent!
- The "Mahalo & Aloha Peter" video as well as Peter's video thank you to us were really well-done! Hopefully, it will be online as part of the next e-News.
- No line for my own bathroom!
- Lunch was at my leisure and I had fun listening to the responses of the people who played the "Church Jeopardy" game.

Sr. Warden's Corner: Velma Lee ~ Highlights of October Vestry Meeting:

Devotion thought: Trust God's presence and follow the way of Jesus.

After several years of devoted service, Stephanie Goo has resigned as a counter and Susan Dang has graciously volunteered to take her place. She is teamed with Robert Wight, an experienced counter.

Nancy Rowe says that St. Peter's is very blessed to have Richert as our new bookkeeper! He has made a great transition with the software program, Church Windows.

Everyone will soon be receiving letters about our annual stewardship efforts, and vignettes will be included in every Sunday bulletin for a month until the Annual Giving Sunday on November 21st.

Our revised By-laws (Section 4.4) will go through one more change to raise the minimum age to vote at annual meetings from 14 to 16 to bring it into alignment with the National canons and, most recently, per Diocesan canons revisions accepted at the 2021 Diocesan Annual Convention.

Terry Dang, Jr. Warden, coordinated termite spot treatment of Parish Hall by Kevin Davis of AAA Termite & Pest Control, Inc.

St. Peter's needs a backflow plumbing upgrade to bring it up to code. Cost will be \$1,427.00, the lowest of three bids.



Following Peter Pereira's surprise tribute at the Annual Convention, Velma and Keith delivered a "Mahalo and Aloha gift" from St. Peter's to Peter's home: a yellow Phalaenopsis plant along with a St. Peter's mug, a wall hanging in Koa wood with an engraving of St. Peter's seal, and some avocados from their tree. Peter wrote a note of thanks to the congregation:



I am very touched to receive your card, the beautiful vase of orchids and gifts. You made my day. Thank you for taking the time to do this. Thank you Velma and Keith for bringing them to me.

It has been an honor serving the church and especially friends like all of you at St Peters. I am so blessed to know you all. The outpouring of love at convention was so touching. Words can't express my sincere gratitude.

I wish you all the best in your ministry. Please keep me in your prayers. Love you all. Thank you.

*Blessings,
Peter*

And, can you tell they are sisters?!

Cheryl Saito and Velma Lee arrived at church on October 17th without having discussed what they would wear to church that day! Everything matched right down to wearing black sandals! Discerning eyes will note, however, that their face masks are different. Velma, our face mask coordinator who usually wears her St. Peter's face mask to church, chose this Sunday to wear a mask with pink to match her shirt!



A book on St. Peter's stained glass windows is in the works!

If you've been watching Dr. Joseph Eppink's "A Moment with Music", you know that he did a series pairing hymns with information about the stained glass windows at St. Peter's. The series was so well received, that a couple of generous St. Peter's benefactors offered to fund the expansion of that material into a book. The Vestry approved the project, and Joseph has been working hard ever since! Here he is taking photos for the book.

Our Genius Jr. Warden and Sexton are at it again!

Terry Dang, our Jr. Warden, and Oriel Agcaoili, our Sexton, have added another new safety feature to our parking lot! In the September newsletter, you saw a photo of the carport post wrapped in carpet to prevent cars from scraping their vehicles when pulling in or out of parking stalls around that post. Now they have increased the height of that pesky pole by the Parish Hall handicap ramp and painted it a bright orange! That pole was like the Leaning Tower of Pisa from being hit by those backing out of parking stalls, but now freshly straightened, heightened, and painted, it should stand upright for a long time to come.





The Square Scholarship has been named

The new scholarship seeded to provide an endowed scholarship for St. Andrew's Schools, our Diocesan school on the Square, and supported by the three churches on the Square, The Cathedral of St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's, now has an official name!—The Queen Emma Square Episcopal Church Endowed Scholarship Fund.

A beautiful video service was aired online on Sunday, October 10th for the annual anniversary of Episcopal schools to launch the scholarship around the Square. You can watch the service on the St. Peter's or Cathedral Facebook pages or [click here](#).

This scholarship is a way that our three churches on the Square can support our Diocesan school and the students who benefit from its education. To be an endowed scholarship, we need to raise \$25,000. We are approximately \$12,000 from our goal. Please consider a gift to this scholarship. It will continue to benefit students and the school in perpetuity! Gifts by check should be made out to St. Peter's Episcopal Church and marked "St. Andrew's Scholarship." Gifts can also be made online through the St. Peter's website.

Care Packages for our College Students

Let's send some love from home to our college students who are away at school! Coordinators Sharleen Kwok and Nancy Rowe invite us to contribute the items listed below. We have five college students studying at schools on the continent—three freshmen, one sophomore, and one junior. Suggested items include:

Snacks	Arare	Lip balm	Pens
Candy	Mac 'N Cheese	Gum	Highlighters
Energy bars	Ramen	Hand sanitizer	Sticky notes
Breakfast bars	Ornament/craft item - Christmas or Thanksgiving		



Items will be collected through Sunday, November 14th. Packing of the boxes will take place Saturday morning, November 20th. If you are interested in assisting with the packing, please contact Sharleen at: sharkwok@hotmail.com or Nancy at: rowe@hawaiiantel.net. Thank you for letting our college students know we haven't forgotten them!

Annual Thanksgiving Drive for Our Friends at The Towers at Kuhio Park

Once again, due to COVID, we are collecting monetary donations in lieu of canned goods for our annual support of our friends at Kuhio Park. Please make your donations by Sunday, November 14th. Make checks payable to "St. Peter's Episcopal Church" and write "Kuhio Park" on the memo line. Donations can also be made online through the St. Peter's website under "General Fund" with the notation "Kuhio Park." The staff at Kuhio Park will purchase holiday food for their families. Thank you to Haroldwyn Chang for coordinating this ministry and for your support!



BACPAC Prison Project

We had such a great response to our last backpack collection that Keisha Webster and Haroldwyn Chang, Coordinators for St. Peter's BACPAC Prison Project, have set a goal for five backpacks per quarter. About 40 backpacks are needed per month of which the The Prison Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese has committed to ten per month. These backpacks are filled with essential, basic supplies for men and women being released from prison, often with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. We are currently collecting supplies for the next round of five backpacks in December.

The general list is below. An updated list of the items still needed for the December backpacks is printed each week in the Sunday bulletin or can be obtained by calling the church office. Any extra supplies received from the list below will be used to fill backpacks in the next quarter. Linen items can be gently used.

General backpack list:**Large size backpacks or duffel bags**

Body Care / Hygiene: Bar Soap; Tooth Brushes and Tooth Paste; Shampoo and Conditioner; Shaving Cream; Dental Floss; Body Lotion; Antiseptic Cream; Hair Brush / Comb; Deodorant; Disposable Razors; Nail Clippers; Facial Tissue; Band Aides

Linens: Bed Sheets (dbl. size); Pillow Case; Pillow; Bath Towel and Wash Cloth

Food: Cocoa Drink Mix / Hot Chocolate; Trail Mix Nuts; Cup of Noodles; Instant Coffee

Miscellaneous: Water Bottle Containers; Forks/Spoons (plastic); Toilet Paper; Detergent Pods; Writing Tablet; Pen / Pencil.

Give Aloha Summary

Many thanks to Foodland along with Western Union and those of you who participated in their "Give Aloha" program in September. St. Peter's had \$3,446.00 in Give Aloha donations. Foodland matched this with an additional \$709.89 and Western Union added \$121.41. The grand total check sent to St. Peter's totaled \$4,277.30. Thank you.

If you would like your donation to appear on your St. Peter's giving statement, please send or drop off your donation receipt to our bookkeeper, Richert Au Hoy. This is the only way we can acknowledge your gift as Foodland does not give us the names of donors.

**2021 Vestry**

Senior Warden: Velma Lee

Junior Warden: Terry Dang

Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Clerk: Karin Kimura

Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson

Term expires in 2021:

Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, Stephanie Wight

Term expires in 2022:

Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki

Term expires in 2023:

Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Kathleen Dos Santos-Tam
- 05 Marian Melish & Jessica Kaneshiro
- 06 Kenneth Inn & Renee Baldovi
- 09 Jennie Pang & Haroldwyn Chang
- 14 Ted Kanemori
- 16 Audrey Mueh & Lori Yee
- 18 Stephanie Vlachos
- 19 Ky Wong
- 22 Lena Kimura
- 24 Albert Wong
- 29 Christine Seniuk
- 30 Allison Yee

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Ron & Janet Kim
- 15 Kwai Tin & Jocelyn Choy