

Pre-Convention Meeting
Via Teleconference/Adobe Connect online
From Von Holt Room, St. Andrew's
Wednesday, August 25, 2010
7:00 pm

Convenor: Keane Akao, Discipleship Department

Attending Council Members: Lot Lau, Mission Department, Cecilia Fordham,
Stewardship Department
Congregational Health & Growth Commission Chair, Sandy Leialoha

Clergy and Lay present in order of sign-on.

Donna Oba	St. Augustine's, Hawai'i Island
David Murray	All Saints, Kauai, Jr. Warden
Judi Greer	Christ Memorial, Kauai & Council Member
Mary Schulz	All Saints, Kauai & Council Member
Michael Ida	St. Mark's, Honolulu
Paul Klitzke	St. Nicholas, Kapolei, Vicar
Richard Shields	Supply Clergy, Honolulu
Libby Smith	St. Augustine's, Hawai'i Island, Treasurer
Dan Parsons	St. Timothy's, Aiea
Bob Holden	St. Nicholas, Kapolei
Kala Holden	St. Nicholas, Kapolei
David Millard	St. Timothy's Aiea
Jean Nakamoto	All Saints, Kauai
Kate Lewis	Emmanuel, Kailua, Oahu, Vicar
Robert Windisch	Bishop's Committee
Ben Nelson	All Saints, Kauai, Rector
John Hays	Emmanuel, Kailua, Oahu
Dot Shigemura	St. Nicholas, Standing Committee

Notes

In our excitement with this first online meeting and the need to stay within our 1-hour time limit, we neglected to appoint a recorder. The following notes are from the scant notes taken by Cecilia Fordham and recorded.

The meeting was called to order by Keane Akao at about 7:10 pm. We were unable to bring up the video component for two of the computers, so we did not use video. (next time)

All present introduced themselves. Keane welcomed everyone and introduced to the online protocol for the meeting. We acknowledged how pleased we were to have such good attendance at the first Council Teleconferenced Pre-Convention meeting.

Keane began with the presentation of the 2011-2013 Draft Budget on page 4. We worked through each section, opening for questions at the end of the explanation of the parts of the budget.

Cecilia commented that Council maintained the reductions taken in 2009, prioritized the work of our commissions and ministries, and addressed first the needs of ministries locally. Our investment income rebounded; although the recovery did not return to the levels prior to 2007-2008 market plunge. The assessment remains at 20%.

A reminder that the budget is balanced– expenses do not exceed revenues– throughout the three years. The three-year budget anticipates continuing economic volatility and cautious optimism through 2013. Any change to the budget must be self-balancing: an increase in one area means a reduction in another. There is no additional income available.

At Convention we will vote on the 2011 budget.

Keane covered the Discipleship budget, Lot Lau, the Mission Department, and Cecilia Fordham, the Stewardship Department.

Most questions which were asked and answered. I did not write them down. Here are a few recalled.

1. Why is there an increase in Diocesan Convention in 2012 Budget?
A year-long Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Church in Hawai'i is planned & included in the Convention line item.
2. Clergy Compensation Schedule will be presented at Convention. The committee revised the # of levels and the manner in which compensation is calculated. The information is clear in the documents sent to delegates and congregations. Someone asked that it be posted online.
3. What is Pacific Island Ministries? Lot spoke to the ministry housed at St. Elizabeth's with hope that it will extend throughout the diocese. Currently, The Rev. Saimone Lino has begun a vibrant ministry among the families in the Kalihi community for children, youth, and family members. A task force is recommended to plan for the future.

We thanked everyone for attending this online meeting.
The meeting ended at 8:03 p.m.