



The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop

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Aloha ke Akua:

Over the past few months, the diocesan leadership has been living into the changes made at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention. Diocesan Council now has twelve members elected by Convention (down from over twenty).

Membership of Diocesan Council

- President: The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick
- Vice-President: Mr. Keane Akao
- Treasurer: Mr. Peter Pereira
- Assistant Treasurer: Ms. Jane Tonokawa
- Assistant Treasurer: Mr. John Decker
- Secretary: Ms. Amy Null
- Assistant Secretary: The Rev. Paul Klitzke

Name	Seat Designation Class (County)
Mr. Keane J.K. Akao	Lay - Honolulu 2014 (Honolulu)
The Rev. Michael Barham	Clergy At-Large 2013 (Honolulu)
The Rev. Tom Buechele	Clergy At-Large 2012 (Hawai'i)
Ms. Penny Chu	Lay - Hawai'i 2014 (Hawai'i)
The Rev. Dallas Decker	Clergy At-Large 2012 (Hawai'i)
Dr. John Decker	Lay At-Large 2013 (Maui)
Ms. Lisa DeLong	Lay At-Large 2014 (Honolulu)
Mr. Tom Kelly	Lay - Maui 2013 (Maui)
The Rev. Paul Klitzke	Clergy At-Large 2013 (Honolulu)

Ms. Amy L. Null	Lay At-Large 2012 (Kauai)
Ms. Mary W. Schulz	Lay - Kauai 2012 (Kauai)
The Rev. Robin Taylor	Clergy At-Large 2014 (Kauai)

Diocesan Council acts for the Diocese when the Convention is not in session. It is the board of the corporation that “owns” church property and has fiduciary responsibility for diocesan assets. Because of the change in the make-up and the resulting need to find new ways to do business, the schedule for Diocesan Council will now be from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the third Saturday on the following months:

- January (Priory School Annual Meeting and Vision/Mission Review)
- February (Camp Mokulē‘ia Annual Meeting)
- **(NO March Meeting)**
- April
- **(NO May Meeting)**
- June
- **(NO July Meeting)**
- August (Final Budget Meeting)
- September (Pre-Convention Meeting)
- **(NO October meeting)**
- November (Organizational Meeting)
- December (Optional Meeting)

The Chancellor and I are also looking at ways to have electronic meetings and to provide the Commission on Finance and Administration greater authority for approval of contracts.

Since the Diocese will be celebrating the sesquicentennial of the establishment of the Anglican Church in Hawai‘i at the invitation of King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma in 1862 at this year’s annual meeting of Convention (November 9, 10 and 11, 2012) with the presence of the Presiding Bishop and other guests, I hope there will be very few resolutions this year. I think it particularly important that we live into the new Diocesan Council structure and put off any additional restructuring or major changes in the canons until the 2013 Convention. Please keep the members of your Diocesan Council in your prayers and informed of your concerns for the life of the Diocese.

Aloha ma o Iesu Kristo, ko mākou Haku,

+Bob

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
+ Keali‘ikoaokēakua

I. Vision: The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i is spiritually relevant to a dynamic body of believers – the Body of Christ – who become connected and more responsive to human needs.

Goals:

- Transform the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i into vital and vibrant Christian communities.
- Streamline our diocesan leadership and support structures so that they focus on transforming the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i into vital and vibrant Christian communities.

II. VALUES OF OUR DIOCESE: Our Diocesan motto is *"HE LANAKILA MA KE KE'A"* (Victory through the Cross). We are united by faith in Jesus Christ and that is what we share. We also take seriously that as a Diocese we have said that we will incorporate "the Native Hawaiian Christian spiritual concepts of *mana*, *mālama* and *pono* into the overall life and work of the church in all areas of ministry in the diocese." Ministry here must seek to care for others, creation and all that God has given us (*mālama*), to live righteously and in respect one for another (*pono*), and to find the holy (*mana*) that comes from God in all creation and all of God's children. It is into such a vision of ministry and church that we can welcome all of the children of these islands. Our Diocese must be a model of *mālama* in which we care one for another, for the hungry and lost of our islands and, especially, for those living all around us who do not know the love of God in Jesus Christ. We need to live these values so that we can live with the courage of the First People of these islands – *"Ka lā hiki ola."* We are called to look to "the dawning of a new day." The courage it took to sail into unknown waters guided by the stars, the clouds, the seas and the rising sun lives in us by the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are sailing into new waters, but we are guided by the cross of Jesus Christ, we are secure in the love of God through Jesus Christ, we are piloted by the Holy Spirit, and we are assured of the outcome. *He lanakila ma ke ke'a. Holo i mua.*

III. The Five Marks of Mission: The Mission of the Church Is the Mission of Christ

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

We recognize with gratitude that the Five Marks ('Five Marks of Mission' as developed by the Anglican Consultative Council between 1984 and 1990) have won wide acceptance among Anglicans, and have given parishes and dioceses around the world a practical and memorable "checklist" for mission activities.

IV. THE CHARTER FOR LIFELONG CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Lifelong Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

I have called you friends... John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, *God* invites all people:

- To enter into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service.
- To hear the Word of God through scripture, to honor church teachings, and continually to embrace the joy of Baptism and Eucharist, spreading the Good News of the risen Christ and ministering to all.
- To respond to the needs of our constantly changing communities, as Jesus calls us, in ways that reflect our diversity and cultures as we seek, wonder and discover together.
- To hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people, placing ourselves in the stories of our faith, thereby empowering us to proclaim the Gospel message.

...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit... John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, *God* inspires all people:

- To experience Anglican liturgy, which draws us closer to God, helps us discern God's will and encourages us to share our faith journeys.
- To study Scripture, mindful of the context of our societies and cultures, calling us to seek truth anew while remaining fully present in the community of faith.
- To develop new learning experiences, equipping disciples for life in a world of secular challenges and carefully listening for the words of modern sages who embody the teachings of Christ.
- To prepare for a sustainable future by calling the community to become guardians of God's creation.

...I am giving you these commands that you may love one another. John 15:17

Through The Episcopal Church, *God* transforms all people:

- By doing the work Jesus Christ calls us to do, living into the reality that we are all created in the image of God and carrying out God's work of reconciliation, love, forgiveness, healing, justice and peace.
- By striving to be a loving and witnessing community, which faithfully confronts the tensions in the church and the world as we struggle to live God's will.
- By seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context.
- By holding all accountable to lift every voice in order to reconcile oppressed and oppressor to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS A LIFELONG JOURNEY WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST, AND TO CHRIST.

Developed by the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education in conjunction with the Proclaiming Education for ALL Taskforce, Christian Educators throughout The Episcopal Church, and the Office of Adult Faith Formation for The Episcopal Church.

V. THE BISHOP'S PERSONAL PRINCIPLES OF MINISTRY (from Archbishop William Temple):

- The sacredness of personality is the principle that affirms the value of each of us as individuals before God. The basis for this principle in our Christian life is the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. The Incarnational Principle affirms the sacredness of individual human persons as products of creation and the *foci* of redemption. (see John 1:1, 14).
- The second principle—the fact of fellowship—reminds us that we live in Community. This is the Pentecost Principle. There is no such thing as a natural human being: a lone wolf—especially a

Christian lone wolf. One cannot be a Christian outside of the fellowship of believers. Our relationships do matter; the conduct of each of the individuals within the fellowship is the concern of the whole. We are not a collection of individuals, but a community created at Pentecost (see John 13:34-35). This Principle drives the ministry of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20).

- The third principle—the duty of service—reminds us of our collective responsibility for one another. This is the Apostleship Principle. The fact of fellowship is preserved by the duty of service. We are gathered for mutual support and the enhancement of our sacred personalities. We are also moved by God's love in Jesus Christ to serve others (see Matthew 25).
- The fourth principle—the power of self-sacrifice—reminds us that in all aspects of our lives we are, as Christians, called beyond our egotistical beings to the service of others and God. We meet self-sacrifice as a divine imperative at the foot of the cross. God in Jesus Christ gives us the living love of self-sacrifice. We are bonded to God in the sacrifice of His Son (see Philippians 2:5-7). This is the Atonement Principle. Ministry must include the willingness to take risks and to turn the world upside down in order to share the message of salvation.