

## **Diocesan Council**

Exercises the power of the Convention and performs planning and policy-making between meetings of Convention. Oversees the policies, programs, mission, and budget of the Diocese and may initiate new work. Is also the legal corporate body of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i and, as such, is responsible for the business and property of the Church. This is the Board of Directors of the Diocese. **Vote for:** two (2) Clergy At-Large Nominees, one (1) Lay At-Large Nominee, and one (1) County Nominee (Kaua'i), each for a three-year term.

### ***Diocesan Council – Clergy At-Large Nominee***

**Nominee:** Christopher Bridges  
**Church:** Holy Nativity, Honolulu, O'ahu  
**Occupation:** Transitional Deacon at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

### **Church, Community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Serving as a Transitional Deacon at Holy Nativity and a Graduate of the School of Theology University of the South Sewanee
2. Former Board Member at Capitol Place Condo and Former Chapter Member Cathedral of St. Andrew
3. Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Former Officer US Army

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** My experiences as a Chapter Member at the Cathedral and serving as a board member of a condo provided skills and insights that would be helpful on the Diocesan Council. In the past I was responsible for the development and oversight of policy, program, and budgets in various Army organizations.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** The opportunity for evangelism and making connections with various people. We have a story to tell the wider community. Our story is our history and how we as the Episcopal Church follow Jesus Christ in the world. I believe that people want to hear our story.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** The need for young leaders. I am concerned that we are not mentoring and developing more young leaders in the Diocese.

### ***Diocesan Council – Clergy At-Large Nominee***

**Nominee:** John A. H. Tomoso  
**Church:** Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui  
**Occupation:** Social Worker/Administrator, Licensed Social Worker in Private Practice, Bi-vocational Priest, On-call Hospital and Hospice Chaplain

### **Church, Community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Vestry, Altar Guild, Worship Committee, Liturgist, Safeguarding All God's Children Trainer, Non-profit Board Trainer/"The Boardwalk" for Maui United Way

2. Board Member of Maui Nonprofit Executive Directors Association, Board Member of Hawai'i Pacific Gerontological Society, Member of State Policy Advisory Board on Elder Affairs
3. Board Member of Maui Historical Society, Volunteer of A Cup of Cold Water, Clergy Member of Maui Ho'ouikaika Family Strengthening Coalition

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** Born and raised on Maui. Graduate of Catholic Schools, elementary through college. MSW from UH-Manoa in 1977. Social Worker of 42 years in practice. Father and Grandfather. Member of the first class of Waiolaihui'ia, locally raised and formed Clergy. Received into TEC, by Bishop Fitzpatrick in 2009.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** To grow the church by widening access to the unchurched, the formerly churched (especially "formerly Episcopalian"), the marginalized, the underserved, the doubtful and to those who want to relate to God in an inclusive, Gospel-valued, widely faithful, and open to Jesus' Way of love.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** We are not reaching out and inviting to young families, with children and to youth, millennials, and generations whose parents either still attend church OR who used to attend church.

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*Diocesan Council – Lay At-Large Nominee*

**Nominee:** Angela Cainguitan  
**Church:** Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wailuku, Maui  
**Occupation:** Student

**Church, Community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. 79th General Convention Official Youth Presence
2. EYE 2017 Delegate and Spoke about EYE at 2017 Diocesan Convention
3. Good Shepherd Church Youth Council

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** I believe I have the capability of being a Diocesan Council because I was immersed with the bigger church at General Convention. Given the chance, I want to be part of conversations and decision making regarding important topics within our diocese because I understand the significance of my voice.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** I envision the Diocese of Hawai'i with faithful youths coming from all over the islands during youth programs to network and share their love for Christ. The

church says the youth are the future leaders but we are not nurturing them so they can lead passionately and honestly in the near future.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?**

The church needs to focus on the youth, too. As we all know, the number of our youth has drastically declined due to fewer programs created for them. It may not be a priority for some churches but there are congregations who genuinely treasure their youth. The youth are vital to our Diocese.

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*Diocesan Council – Lay Kaua'i County Nominee*

**Nominee:** Nelson Secretario  
**Church:** All Saints, Kapa'a, Kaua'i  
**Occupation:** The Financial Education Partnership, 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization - Hawaii Community Outreach Coordinator

**Church, Community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. All Saints' Church, Kapa'a Vestry Member
2. All Saints' Church, Kapa'a Stewardship Chair
3. 501(c)(3) Non-profit Planned Giving Educator  
Using charitable strategies for families and estates

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** To get back on the Diocesan Council and Finance Committee as a member of a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading financial literacy helping individuals become more fiscally fit by understanding financial pitfalls that may encounter in their everyday lives.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** Having the opportunity to give something back to the Episcopal Church of Hawaii, that my wife Vikki and I have been members for 40 years attending - St. Mary's Church on O'ahu, St. Michael and All Angels Church on Kaua'i and now All Saints' Church, Kapa'a.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?**

Providing free educational resources, to leaving a planned giving legacy, one-time gifts vs. ongoing gifts, using charitable trusts for planning giving, and tax ramifications to benefit families and estates.

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