## 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. Also is the legal corporate body of the Episcopal Church in Hawaiʻi and, as such, is responsible for the business and property of the Church. This is the Board of Directors of the Diocese. **Vote for**: one (1) Clergy At-Large Nominee, one (1) Lay At-Large Nominee, one (1) County Nominee (Honolulu), and one (1) County Nominee (Hawai‘i), each for a three-year term.

#### Diocesan Council – Clergy Nominee

**Nominee:** Robert Hino

**Church:** The Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu, O‘ahu

**Occupation:** Canon Administrator and Priest in Charge, Cathedral of Saint

Andrew

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

1. Rector, Church of the Holy Apostles, Hilo (2011-2016)
2. Diocesan Convention Secretary
3. General Convention Deputy and chair of the deputation from the Diocese of Hawaii

**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 have been rector for a neighbor island parish; chaplain at an Episcopal affiliated school and a diocesan school; and now am priest in charge at the Cathedral. I believe these varied experiences have given me a perspective that would be valuable as a member of the Diocesan Council.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** We must seize the opportunity to change our perspective, look to the future instead of to the past, let go of how things have "always been done." We should be motivated to love and serve the Lord, rather than do things out of feelings of obligation or because we don't know how to get out of a rut.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** I am concerned about the lack of knowledge about the finances of the Diocese. How are needs identified, what happens if money isn't spent, etc. Without clear financial information, it is not possible to make wise decisions about matters relating to mission and ministry.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Diocesan Council – Lay At-Large Nominee

**Nominee:** John Decker

**Church:** Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wailuku, Maui

**Occupation:** guitarmaker

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

1. Strategic Initiatives Group (present)
2. Standing Committee (2013-2017)
3. Diocesan Council (2007-2013)

**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 have been an active member of the Episcopal Church for the past 60-something years, serving in a variety of leadership positions at the parish and diocesan level. At present, I am a member of the Strategic Initiatives Group, and would like to be able to help carry out its recommendations.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** Finding ways to reach out to youth, young families and ethnic groups who are not currently involved in any religious group is, to my mind, the Diocese's - and the Church's - greatest challenge.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** My greatest concern is that we continue to do things the way we have always done them, while expecting different and better results!

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Diocesan Council – Lay At-Large Nominee

**Nominee:** Dixie Kaetsu

**Church:** Holy Apostles, Hilo, Hawai‘i

**Occupation:** Retired

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

1. Member of Diocesan Council, 2014-present
2. Member of Commission on Finance and Administration, 2014 to present
3. Senior Warden, Church of the Holy Apostles, 2016, Treasurer, Church of the Holy Apostles, 2014-2015

**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 am an accountant by profession, and worked for the County of Hawaii for thirty years, including twelve years as an accountant, ten years as controller, and eight years as managing director. My experience in county bureaucracy provides me insights that I think

can be valuable in a church setting.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** We have an amazing opportunity to share and show that Christ's message is not one of exclusion but of radical inclusion, love and acceptance of all. That is what makes the Episcopal Church so special. We need to reach out to the many who are turned off by fundamentalist Christianity.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** The Diocese does not know how to take advantage of the mission opportunities before it today (see above answer.) I am hopeful that the strategic initiatives that have been developed over the past year can help get us moving in the right direction.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Diocesan Council – Lay Honolulu County Nominee

**Nominee:** Wilma Namumnart

**Church:** Epiphany, Honolulu, O‘ahu

**Occupation:** Retired Civil Engineer

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

1. I have served as Treasurer for Epiphany Church for over fifteen years and learned much about Parish and Diocesan finances.
2. I have served as a voting member of the Vestry for three year terms and attended vestry meetings as a non-voting member during the required 'breaks in service.' As a Vestry member, I serve on the Stewardship and Finance Committee, the Compensation Review Committee, and the Emergency Preparedness Committee.
3. Last year I was appointed by Bishop Fitzpatrick to serve the remaining term of a member of the Diocesan Council. I also served on the Committee for Financial Affairs for the Diocesan 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 would like to further serve the Church in a meaningful way which uses my skills both as a professional engineer and a dispute mediator. During the past year, i learned more about issues regarding Church operations and management.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** I believe our greatest opportunity for mission is to spread Christ's love to the un-churched and the homeless.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** My greatest concern for the Diocese is that we are slowly decreasing in size and membership. We need to find ways to attract members and encourage active participation.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Diocesan Council – Lay Hawai‘i County Nominee

**Nominee:** Daniel Garrett

**Church:** St. Jude's, Ocean View, Big Island]

**Occupation:** Retired

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

1. President/Chairperson Church Council, Redeemer Lutheran Church and St. Phillip Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio. Delegate to Annual Synod Convention and Quadrennial ELCA Convention
2. Director, Quality, Marion General Hospital, OhioHealth, Joint Commission and State Department of Health Survey Co-ordinator. Responsible for quality and regulatory functions, direction of case management, social work, employee health, risk management, third party payer contract negotiation, and development of multimillion dollar organization budget with CFO.
3. Ryan White Consortia Board, Columbus AIDS Taskforce Board, Columbus Symphony and Columbus Symphony Chorus Board, Chairperson, The Garrett Family Fund.

**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 was raised to believe that a life of dedicated service was returning to the Lord what was already His, and a way that we could demonstrate our gratitude to Him. I have spent the vast majority of my life in healthcare, as a clinician, teacher and administrator, understanding I had been called to it.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** Continuing revitalization that calls all members of the Body to demonstrate the Love of Jesus by caring for the least, the last and the lost.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** Complacency. We need to be not just worshipers, but vessels of the Love of Christ in action.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*