

E-Chronicle: October 2013

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Please forgive a short Chronicle article this month. I have just returned from the House of Bishops meeting in Nashville, TN. We spent much time discussing the new shape of mission, and monumental transitions in church culture and life. I am still praying and ruminating on the presentations as I look to our own diocesan Convention at the end of October. The Standing Committee is pulling together information from the Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review (their report is to be in my hands by October 11th). I am also studying Report 1-A from the Property Task Group. All in all, I have much about which to think and, especially, to pray.

In my own prayer, I have been trying to take the admonition in the great hymn of the early Church found in Philippians 2:5-11 to heart:

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:
Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,
so that at the name of Jesus everyone
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth
might bow and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I am holding close the core values called forth from this passage in all of us as the followers of Jesus Christ: Ha‘aha‘a (humility), Pono (rightness and balance), Ho‘omau (perseverance) and ‘Olu‘olu (graciousness).

So, I ask for your continued prayers for me and especially for the Annual Meeting of Convention on October 26th, in Tenney Theatre of the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the 45th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Aloha ma o Iesu Kristo, ko mākou Haku,

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