

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 Nominee, 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: Epiphany, Honolulu, O‘ahu
Occupation: Priest-in-Charge Epiphany Episcopal Church



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

1. Vice-President Diocesan Council
2. Priest-in-Charge Epiphany Episcopal Church
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 experience as Vice President of Council, priest-in-charge of a parish, Jr. Warden at the Cathedral, and my military background bring skills, knowledge and leadership experience as we navigate the future of the diocese in the years ahead.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? Engagement with the gospel of Jesus at the parish and mission level is where opportunity is to be found. Our parishes and missions must be empowered to realize those opportunities. For the next 5 years we must be focused on resources, leadership development, and administrative support to them.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? Ensuring that our missions are moving toward being parishes and our parish being able to sustain themselves as they carry out their missions and grow.

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Diocesan Council – Clergy At-Large Nominee

Nominee: Kawika Jackson
Church: All Saints, Kapa‘a, Kaua‘i
Occupation: Priest-in-Charge & Head of School All Saints’ Episcopal Church & Preschool



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

1. Instructor, Waiolaihui‘ia Center for Ministry
2. Standing Committee, Diocese of Hawai‘i, 2010-2014
3. General Convention Co-Chair of Deputation, Diocese of Hawai‘i, 2012

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)? God is bringing us collectively into new vistas of ministry and common life. While I value our Anglican heritage, it also allows us to grow and respond to ever-new challenges and opportunities that God is placing on our path. I’d like to serve on Diocesan Council to help discern God's call to us.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? We are being drawn to creative responses to the pandemic. While this has been a crisis of untold magnitude, we will no doubt face similar ones going forward, not least of which is climate change. Our Anglican heritage will help inform us as we listen for the Spirit’s voice together.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? God is calling us to learn from our kanaka indigenous host culture as well as celebrate our melange of cultures in Hawai‘i nei. We can only grow in God’s aloha for each other when we have the humility to recognize past mistakes and seek the wisdom of the voices with which God has blessed us.

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Diocesan Council – Clergy At-Large Nominee

Nominee: Andrew Walmisley
Church: Diocese of Hawai‘i, Kula, Maui
Occupation: Priest



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

1. Preaching
2. Counseling
3. Hawaiian Islands Land Trust Historian

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)? 43 years of ordained ministry. Many years teaching. I have a PHD in Hawaiian Ministry.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? Evangelism is the most important mission, the decline of the church worries me.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? The decline of the Episcopal Church.

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Diocesan Council – Lay At-Large Nominee

Nominee: Kim Arakawa
Church: St. Mark’s, Honolulu, O’ahu
Occupation: Project Coordinator (Baptized for Life) - Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS), and doctoral student - Leadership Studies, Gonzaga University



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

1. Diocesan Council, Current Member
2. Diocesan Listening Team, Current Member
3. General Convention 2022 Deputation, Co-Chair (Lay)

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 work focusing on baptismal calling in lay ministry, coupled with my study of servant-leadership rooted in deep listening and group discernment led me to my current council seat. I feel called to continue serving the diocese in this way.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai’i in the next five years? The cultivation of Mutual Ministry - where every baptized person is an active participant in collaborative and discerning ministering communities, each according to their gifts.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai’i right now? My feelings echo that of Scott Cormode, author of Innovative Church (2020), who states, "The church as we know it is calibrated for a world that no longer exists." As we honor what is cherished, we can also embrace new ways of engagement to grow in community through God's love.

Diocesan Council – Lay Kaua’i County Nominee

Nominee: Bill Caldwell
Church: All Saints, Kapa’a, Kaua’i
Occupation: Retired engineer



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

1. Member, Diocesan Clergy Compensation Review Committee
2. Director, All Saints Solar Roof Project
3. Editor, All Saints e-newsletter “The Epistle”

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)? Bill has a passion for Jesus and for the growth of the church. He heads up All Saints' Solar Roof Project, which will be completed in October, as an outgrowth of his vision of mālama for creation. Bill has a keen financial mind that has helped All Saints' finances greatly. He would be a great asset.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? Bill's conviction is that all organizations could grow in their ability to communicate effectively, which is why he is the editor of "The Epistle", All Saints' e-newsletter. Part of his vision for Diocesan Council is to enable more effective all-around communications at all levels of the church.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? That we further develop "glad and generous hearts" (Acts 2:42-47) among all our members, for God's glory, for the blessing of our wider communities, and for the deepening of our own faith in God through Jesus Christ.

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