

Cathedral Chapter

Serves as the oversight body for The Cathedral of St. Andrew (both as a congregation and as the seat of the Bishop). **Vote for:** one (1) Clergy and one (1) Lay nominee, each for a two-year term.

Cathedral Chapter – Clergy Nominee

Nominee: Karen Swanson
Church: St. Timothy's, 'Aiea, O'ahu
Occupation: Episcopal priest / Marriage and family therapist (currently inactive)



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

1. Interim priest, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 'Aiea, Hawaii 9/2022-now
2. Assisting priest, Trinity Cathedral, San Jose, CA. 2/2022-8/2022
3. Canon pastor, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1991-1997

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 enjoyed my earlier ministry as a canon pastor at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Since that time, I have gained further experience in church leadership and multi-cultural ministry. I have also worked with under-resourced people as both a priest and a therapist.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? I think the Episcopal Church, with its focus on inclusivity, justice, and generosity, can offer a warm welcome and spiritual home to seekers of various cultural and economic backgrounds, and ages, as long as we are grounded in our faith and open to the Holy Spirit.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? Our strength is in the aloha we have for one another and in "the bonds of affection" in our ohana. Like others, our beloved church was challenged by the pandemic. Our path to health is through community building, justice seeking, friendship, and forgiveness.

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Cathedral Chapter – Lay Nominee

No nominations received as of end of day 9/20/23.

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