

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:** one (1) clergy Hawai'i County, One (1) lay Kaua'i County, one (1) lay Maui County, and one (1) lay-at-large.

Diocesan Council – Clergy Hawai'i County Nominee

No nominations as of 9/20/2023

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Diocesan Council – Lay Kaua'i County Nominee

Nominee: Maggie Lea
Church: Christ Memorial, Kilauea, Kaua'i
Occupation: Psychologist - Semi retired



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

1. Jr Bishop's Warden for Christ Memorial involved with maintenance of the property in Kilauea and custodian of the historical and genealogical records for our church's dedicated windows and those buried in our graveyard.
2. Manager of the Building and furnishing of our new Vicarage to be completed by Nov 1, 2023.
3. Coordinated the Clergy In Residence Program for 3 years where 16 priests came to minister at CMEC for 1-3 months rotations.

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 a Psychologist since 1971 and serving on Kauai since 2001 for Office of Elderly Affairs, Kaua'i Hospice, and doing Caregiver Support Group work before that. I currently work part-time privately and have an interest in genealogy. I have a listening heart and love of our church family.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? I would hope the Clergy In Residence Program could be used more throughout the Diocese of Hawai'i where needed as a way to secure future priests to come serve here in the islands longer term. I also see the eventual rebuilding of Holy Innocence Church in Lahaina, Maui as a top priority.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? The aging of many congregations and fewer young people joining our church family to grow ministries into the future would be a concern. The financial health of some of the smaller church

congregations like where I worship has been greatly enhanced by running a Thrift Shop for the neighborhood.

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Diocesan Council – Lay Maui County Nominee

Nominee: Trip Lynch
Church: St. John's, Kula, Maui
Occupation: Semi-retired real estate investor



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

1. During my 3 years on Diocesan Council (2019-2022), I was appointed the Council's representative on the Commission on Investments, was appointed Assistant Treasurer for the last 2 years, and volunteered to help on the Cluett Apartment and PPP Loan Task Groups. I looked forward to Council meetings and to working with other Council members as we analyzed, discussed, and helped shape the direction the Diocese takes regarding future challenges and opportunities.
2. In the past year I have continued to serve as a member of the Commission on Investments and was appointed Co-Chair of the Kapolei Development Task Group.
3. At the Parish level, I have been St. John's Treasurer and Vestry member and for the past 2 years Senior Warden, including directing a very successful search process while St. John's was in transition. I have been an active volunteer for A Cup of Cold Water for almost 10 years.

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)? Over the past 4 years, I have been honored to help steward the Diocese through unprecedented times. My skill set includes corporate strategy, marketing, finance, and real estate. I feel called to give back to my community and my church in any way I can.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? To me, the "graying" Episcopal Church must continue to explore ways to increase its relevance to younger people. How do some churches reach the next generation more successfully than we do? It may not be an achievable goal, but it is an existential challenge that requires thought, energy, and ideas.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? Reversing declining membership is a top priority, but prudent stewardship requires us to formulate a plan to manage an eventual consolidation of assets. Leading the Kapolei Development Task Group since February 2023 has opened my eyes to the potential of expanded community uses of church properties.

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Diocesan Council – Lay at-large Nominee

Nominee: Nancy Rowe
Church: St. Peter's, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Small business owner and administrator



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

1. Treasurer, St. Peter's Church
2. Board member and treasurer of a scholarship fund
3. Member of ecumenical knitting outreach ministry at St. Peter's serving Hope Lodge, Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea Program, Tripler Palliative Care, and other similar programs

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)? The world and the church have changed in many ways, known and not yet known, because of the pandemic. How the church understands and uses assets and resources for ministry and justice will and should change to meet the emerging needs. My combination of stewardship and treasurer experience can help.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? Sharing God's love with the community that needs love and offering peace and hope to people who long to know God's love.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? Sharing God's love in an increasingly secular world.

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