

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: Christopher Golding
Church: Seabury Hall, Makawao, Maui
Occupation: School Chaplain, Seabury Hall



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

Cathedral Chapter (2022-present)
Bishop's Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force (2021-present)
Executive Board, Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana (2019-2020)

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 look forward to the opportunity, God willing, of continuing my service on the Cathedral Chapter. Having grown up at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Brisbane, Australia, and having served there as a chorister, lay clerk, verger, and acolyte, later as an honorary priest assistance for daily Eucharist services, I'm passionate about the place of Cathedrals as both the heart of the diocese and a throbbing pulse of arts, culture, and community in whatever city they are located. I dream of a Cathedral that continues its good work of being stewards to its beautiful campus, the City and County of Honolulu, and these islands.

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 we have a unique opportunity to articulate a Christian faith which sets itself apart from the perils of Christian nationalism, together with the ongoing injustices and discrimination related to gender, race, socioeconomic status, educational background, or social status. I believe we have new opportunities to advocate for social change as the Beloved Community, those in the world, but not of the world, challenging the status quo as the Christ did, and embracing with love those the world rejects.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? I'm concerned about an aging population and the shifting commitment of our current demographic of parishioners. I'd like to see greater partnerships between the missional units of our diocese—between the Cathedral, parishes, and our thriving schools. Continued inflation and costs of remuneration and health (and other) insurance, as well as other related operational costs will cause us to pause as we consider our resources and our mission as it relates to the balance between internal and external missional expressions.

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Cathedral Chapter – Lay Nominee

Nominee: Richard Harris
Church: Epiphany, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Director of Analytics, Hawaiian Airlines



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

Bell Ringing, Cathedral of St Andrew
Team Kokua Employee Giving Committee, Hawaiian Airlines
Lay Reader, Epiphany Episcopal Church

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)? Having previously served on Chapter during the period of Dean Walter, I have an understanding of the Cathedral's structure, Finances, challenges and opportunities. I also recognize and place great importance on the position and role of our Cathedral, its place in the Diocese, its place in the community of Downtown Honolulu, and its place historically as the legacy of Queen Emma. I dream that the Cathedral be a thriving place, a place that has open doors for more hours of the week than they are closed, and a tourist stop for the many believers and non-believers that visit Honolulu. My experiences at Hawaiian Airlines have also prepared me to step up and serve the Cathedral. I have a good understanding of navigating organizational change, and putting a focus on shrewd financial discipline.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? I see two large areas of opportunity in the coming years. One is the arrival of a new Bishop of the Diocese. I am so grateful for Bishop Fitzpatrick's Leadership since 2007, and it will be an adjustment for Clergy, parishes and communities to get used to the style of a new Bishop. But this will also likely be an opportunity for growth, a change in thought leadership and a new perspective on the Diocese's place in the community of Hawai'i into the 2030s. I look forward to exciting changes.

Second, I see the need for a renewed focus on Episcopal Church properties, and strong consideration of how they are used for the good of the community, the Church, and specifically individual parish finances. This is both a challenge and an opportunity, but I think there needs to be efforts made in developing our properties across the Diocese for revenue generation, while respecting the communities they belong to.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?

I am concerned about the viability of the Cathedral, and therefore its role as an anchor point in the Diocese. Many people often like to say that they are concerned about making our Church accessible and welcoming to 'younger people'. I am not. I get tired of that mantra, and then doing nothing about it. I maintain that for churches, many people come back to religion when they have time, in their 50s and beyond, and I feel that we need to be OK with that reality. We will always have a steady supply of aging folks and people just hitting retirement who want to use their time and talents as part of a religious community. So, this is not my concern. I am however concerned with spending in the Diocese, as I compare operations here to the only other religious organization that I'm reasonably familiar with, that is, the Church of England, and specifically the Diocese of Liverpool. I think there should be a reckoning, of what it means to live within our means, both as a Cathedral and as a Diocese.

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Nominee: Sue Ann Wargo
Church: St. Timothy's, 'Aiea, O'ahu
Occupation: Educator/Administrator St. Andrew's Schools



Church, Community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:
Licensed Eucharistic Minister and Scheduler for Lectors & LEMs for St. Timothy's
Chapel leader for Queen Emma Preschool of St. Andrew's Schools
Produce the service bulletins for St. Timothy's

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)? As an alumna of the Priory and an over forty-year teacher/administrator of St. Andrew's Schools, it has been a gift to worship in the Cathedral at least once a week during the school year. The Cathedral is a unique treasure in the history of Hawai'i. I would like to help in the preservation of this treasure and help to continue to build community and communication among the entities on the close – St. Paul's, St. Peter's, the Cathedral of St. Andrew, and St. Andrew's Schools: The Priory and The Prep.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? Many of our churches "think outside of the box" to create opportunities for others in the greater community to join with congregants to experience feel the care and love we have for one another, and then feel welcome enough to join us in worship.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? I would like to see more folks worshiping in our churches and inspiring a greater number of children and young people to actively participate in the service of our Lord.

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