

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 Maui County, One (1) clergy-at-large, one (1) lay Honolulu County, and one (1) lay-at-large.

Diocesan Council – Clergy Maui County Nominee

Nominee: George Wong
Church: St. John's, Kula, Maui
Occupation: Priest-in-charge



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

Diocesan Council, 2024 (one year term).
A Cup of Cold Water Board of Directors, 2023-24.
Diocesan Convention 55 presentations: Response to the Bishop's Address team and The Deacon's Call team.

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)? Drawing on my business experience and pastoral instincts, I would like to help ensure that Diocesan financial resources remain strong and continue to support the building up of our faith communities and our work in the world on behalf of those who are marginalized and those who are suffering.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? To adapt and respond creatively and prayerfully to the many deep challenges and changes we are experiencing in our parishes, and across the diocese in a way which leads to transformation and enduring wholeness in our parishes and communities.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? The shrinking of many parishes which presents challenges in terms of their financial, pastoral and spiritual endeavors and mission.

Diocesan Council – Clergy At-Large Nominee

Nominee: Amy Crowe
Church: Diocese of Hawai'i
Occupation: Maui Disaster Recovery Spiritual Care
Coordinator (Pacific Health Ministry)



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

Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy Program at Maui Memorial Medical Center (2008-2015, 2020-2022).
Vicar at The Church of the Holy Innocents (01/01/2015-12/31/2019).
Diocesan Council (2015-2018)

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)? Hawai'i has been my home for 18 years. I have resided on O'ahu, Kaua'i, and currently on Maui. In these years I have been privileged to be connected with many folks from the various Episcopal communities. Through my experience in our Diocese as a youth director at St. Michael and All Angels Church, establishing the Chaplaincy program at MMMC via Pacific Health Ministry, being an active supply priest, and serving as Vicar at Holy Innocents in Lahaina, I see the beauty and the challenges of our parishes and missions. Overall, I continue to see the heart and soul each church has for their community. Serving on the Board of A Cup of Cold Water (2015-2023), Diocesan Council (2015-2018), a partial year with the Camp Mokolē'ia Board and a year with the Board of Seabury Hall (2022-2023) I appreciate the dedication of those serving and the importance of being not just active at the parish level but also at the Diocesan level. The voices of all islands are important in these areas of serving. Currently I am serving with Pacific Health Ministry in supporting clergy of all faith traditions in Maui Recovery Fire efforts and actively involved in the process of what's next for Maui but also aware that any of our islands could experience what Maui currently is and how we all need to be prepared.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? The single greatest mission I see for our Diocese is intentional support to the Episcopal Churches on each island and community we serve. Most importantly as Maui recovers and the upcoming transition of a new Bishop we need to be prepared to walk along the islands as a Diocese.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? My greatest concern for the health of our Diocese is the burnout of parishes and clergy. Some churches have strong ministries while others are struggling to minister - how can we support our churches to take baby steps to support each other? I believe cooperation, collaboration, and creativity need to be at the table to strengthen the Body of Christ in our Diocese.

Diocesan Council – Lay Honolulu County Nominees

Nominee: Joe Kindrich
Church: Epiphany, Honolulu, O‘ahu
Occupation: Realtor; Investor; Home Builder



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

Commission On Property - TECH.
Vestry Member and EM.
Junior Warden (past).

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 experience has equipped me with the ability to solve problems and assist others, which I find highly rewarding. Leveraging my specialized skills to address challenges and support people is gratifying. I also take pleasure in sharing my knowledge, especially when my training is unique. Over the past 30 years, I’ve served on numerous Boards, including those at the State governing level and within professional associations. I greatly value our church community and align with the Benedictine monk philosophy—using our talents in service to others and recognizing the strengths of others so that, together, we function effectively.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? The greatest opportunity for the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years is to expand its community outreach by addressing pressing social and environmental issues unique to Hawai‘i. By strategically developing programs that serve those in need and foster stronger community connections, the Diocese can have a lasting impact on the well-being of its people and ensure the church remains a vital and relevant force in the lives of the people of Hawai‘i.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? I am deeply concerned about the condition of our Diocese's church properties, many of which are facing advanced deferred maintenance and the need for significant repairs. These challenges are compounded by shrinking and aging congregations, raising questions about the availability of sufficient funds to address necessary repairs and property improvements. The sustainability and upkeep of our properties are critical issues that require thoughtful consideration and planning.

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Diocesan Council – Lay At-Large Nominees

Nominee: Paul Nachtigall
Church: Emmanuel, Kailua, O‘ahu
Occupation: Emeritus Professor, University of Hawai‘i



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

Bishop’s Committee and Budget Committee Emmanuel Episcopal Church Kailua O‘ahu

Elected Delegate to the Diocesan Convention

Emeritus Professor and Graduate faculty Member in Psychology, Marine Biology and Zoology. University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. President and Chair of Ethics Committee, International – Society for Marine Mammalogy.

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 an active member of Emmanuel Bishop’s Committee and Budget Committee during the combining of three Windward congregations: (1) Emmanuel, (2) St. Matthews, and (3) Calvary. That task required a variety of skills that I have acquired during my life and dreams that excited all of us. First off, churches are not edifices they are people. The Rev. Bruce Craft, who worshipped with us before leaving for the mainland, said in his departing statement that when people ask if he’d ever seen God he could clearly answer “Yes, I see God every time I see the face of a fellow person at Emmanuel”. The people are the church. The combination of our three congregations takes the development of seeing the joy of God in each person’s face from all three churches. That is the basis of our dream. The combination of our by-laws, our agreements, our ministries, our budgets, the review of the Diocesan Canons and all of the things that Bishop’s and Budget committees do, is the work that is required to make that dream a reality. My experience as a President of an international Scientific Society, an accomplished author, one who enjoys reading the canons, a member of multiple graduate faculties, the leader of a large and well-funded research program and most of all as an active member of the Bishop’s Committee of Emmanuel would allow me the opportunity to contribute as a lay member of the Diocesan Council.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? There is no one single greatest opportunity for mission that I see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years. There are many opportunities. As we have been taught during recent times by our Presiding Bishop, all of the opportunities for mission begin with Love. If we want to share our message of good tidings to the world we must show the world by example. We must happily show them that love exists among us - that we love one another and that love is something that makes our lives fuller and much more worth living. A people full of love and enjoyment shown when they are together naturally attract others to be among them. That love is the basis for growth. As we are growing we can reach out and work to solve other very important problems. God gave us one earth. Without our home of earth we would no longer exist as human beings. We must be stewards of that earth and we must be committed to saving our environment for ourselves and our children. We must reach out to

our communities and open our doors so that all can see the love that we share. Our neighbors will not likely just walk in, they must be invited by our example.

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

I am not sure if this is true of most of our churches, but when I look around at our congregations, I see that most of us are not young. When the Bishop comes to speak to us he speaks of the aging church and how we all have to adapt and change many of our structures to fit the increasing age and declining youth of our congregations. We have been very involved in the restructuring of our three congregations at Emmanuel, St. Matthews, and Calvary into one unit with one hard-working Priest so that all three of us can continue. We have wonderful people and mostly this is being accomplished smoothly. It takes a great deal of effort to make it all happen. It takes planning, writing agreements, love, and caring for one another. That love reaches out with new ways to open to the community. Old bells at Calvary were repaired to ring again, food truck nights during the summer were started for the community, church Luaus and many pot-lucks brought joy to all, a happy Christmas party grew with substantial gifts for children in the neighborhood in need, and the smiles and love and joy in the Congregation are causing the group to grow. So, my greatest concern for the Diocese is for love to be shared with one another and that the love then be shared with the community.

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