

Secretary of the Convention

Records minutes, enters them in the Journal, and, under the supervision of the Bishop, attends to the publication and distribution of the Journal, and performs other duties as prescribed in the Diocesan Constitution and Canons. Chairs the Committee on Convention Plans for planning the agenda and making physical arrangements for the Convention. Maintains various directories of Diocesan officers, commissions, departments, etc. **Vote for:** one (1) Lay or Clergy Nominee, for a one-year term.

Secretary of the Convention – Nominee

Nominee: Annalise Pasalo
Church: Calvary/Emmanuel/St. Matthew's (CES), Kailua, O'ahu
Occupation: Vicar



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

Secretary to the Convention for the Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, 2021-present

Leadership Team for United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Presiding Bishop's Delegation, 2020-present

Mentor for the Official Youth Presence, 79th Session of the General Convention, 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)? I have served as a priest in both the congregational setting and as a school chaplain. This has given me insight to the gifts and challenges of serving in both a traditional and non-traditional clergy role. For the past three years, I have served as secretary to convention for The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i. I served as the Dispatch of Business to convention for the two years prior to that. Participating in convention in a leadership capacity has allowed me to better understand the significance and impact of resolutions and budgets on a diocesan scale. I have attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, both as a delegate on the Presiding Bishop's delegation and as a member of the leadership team for the delegation. I have a passion for advocacy. I have witnessed firsthand the way church policy affects the ability of representatives of the Episcopal Church to advocate for people and causes on our behalf. I bring a diverse perspective to governance and leadership and a passion for putting our beliefs into practice.

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 opportunity for mission that I see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years is collaboration- between churches, ecumenically and with community partners. I see immense possibility when God's people work together. When we share resources and function as a collective, while remaining true to our unique communities and identities, we have the capacity to expand ministry and engagement beyond the walls of the church buildings. There are many needs in our beloved islands. The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i is situated to make a lasting impact and positive changes that will better not only the lives of our members, but also those who we are called to reach out to as Christ's hands and feet in the world.

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

My greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now is the lack of engagement with diocesan committees. As members of the diocese, we are responsible for offering accountability and awareness of decision-making processes. There needs to be transparency and communication between the various governing entities so that we can ensure that there are opportunities for conversation and input as plans are being made that will have enduring effects for the church in the islands and beyond.

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