

Standing Committee

Serves as the Bishop’s Council of Advice. Performs duties as specified by the General and Diocesan Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Hawai‘i. Serves as the Ecclesiastical authority when there is no Bishop. **Vote for:** one (1) clergy (four-year term) and one (1) lay (four-year term).

Standing Committee – Clergy At-Large Nominees

Nominee: Carol Arney
Church: Diocese of Hawai‘i
Occupation: Clergy, retired. Actively supplying at Calvary & other churches



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

Chaplain to the retired clergy. By appointment of the Bishop.
Sunday supply, preaching and celebrating the Eucharist.
2nd year student, ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i, Diocesan class.

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 30 years of active ministry in Hawai‘i, serving 3 terms on Council, and once on Standing Committee, at the time of Bishop Chang’s retirement. I have served as rector or priest in charge for 4 churches on 3 islands. My experience will contribute to the Diocese in a time of transition.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? I hope we can together articulate a new, vibrant mission statement that we can all commit to.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? I fear that our churches may become self-focused instead of feeling a part of a vital whole.

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Nominee: Jazzy Bostock
Church: St. John the Baptist, Waianae, O‘ahu
Occupation: Vicar at St. John the Baptist, Pastor at Maluhia



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

Serving churches with different denominations helps me to see a bigger, perhaps more ecumenical picture that might serve the Diocese.

Serving small churches helps me see the reality for many of our priests and worshippers in the Diocese.

Caring for two small children helps me to immediately prioritize needs, and hear beyond the request into what is actually needed in a moment.

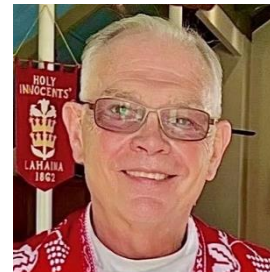
What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)? After working at a mission for the last three years, and taking a step back from the Diocese, I am interested to come back to the governance side to understand how things work. I am a quick learner and have already been exposed to church structure, though I haven't served in this role before. Additionally, I was approached by some clergy colleagues who asked me to put my name in - and I always believe the Spirit calls through community.

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 so much potential for more ecumenical partnership! Being part of both the Lutheran and Episcopal clergy groups has shown me how often we double up on events unnecessarily. We are facing the same struggles (churches with fewer in attendance, more part time calls), and I think there is an opportunity to pool resources and creativity as we imagine new ways to be community to one another. I think this missional expansion is in line with Jesus' prayer, "that we all may be one".

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? I sometimes think we don't spend enough time with joy and gratitude as spiritual practices! It can be easy to look at the numbers and feel discouraged, but I often remind myself that there were only 12 disciples - and they got a lot done! I want the experience of our churches and our worship to not only be steeped in beauty but also to exude joy :).

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Nominee: Bruce DeGooyer
Church: Diocese of Hawai‘i
Occupation: Coordinator of Diocesan Chaplains to Retired Clergy Families, Supply Priest



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

Congregation Ministry: Past Vicar, Holy Innocents, Lāhainā 10/2021- 9/2023 when retired. Was Vicar when Church was destroyed in Lāhainā wild fire 8/8/23. Past Vicar, Trinity-by-the-Sea, Kihei 7/1/2016 - 12/1/2019. Supply clergy, St. Augustine’s, Kapa‘au, 4/1/2014 - 5/28/14, and 2/10/2015 - 6/29/2015. Priest Associate, St. Matthew’s, Bloomington, IL, 10/4/2012 - 11/30/2015. Deacon, Bloomington, IL, Provide pastoral care, coordinate Stephen Ministry, supply at services of Holy Communion (at Bishop’s direction) throughout Diocese when no priest available, 6/29/2004 - 10/4/2012. Coordinator of Chaplain to Retired Clergy Families Team Ministry 2021- present. Diocesan Council 2016-2019, 2019-2022; Served on the Commission on Finance and Administration (COFA), and Commission on Ministry (COM) Secular employment 1994-2010: Internal Consultant for Succession Management; Corporate Director of Learning and Development; Organizational Development; Leadership Skills Trainer

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 feel called to serve on Standing Committee, and offer my communication, consulting, and collaborative/team skills and experience. These are important years as the Diocese charts a course during great change, and as it prepares to begin a search process for the next Bishop. I think this is a time when we all need to exercise the gifts of discernment as we are led by God’s will for the Diocese.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? The Diocese of Hawai‘i has an opportunity to reimagine the shape of ministry, discerning new ways of being a purposeful and meaningful church in light of the changes and challenges post-COVID. We have an opportunity to explore together what might be the best missional approaches, at times having uncomfortable (sometimes maybe even difficult) conversations with each other in the spirit of love and respect. In doing this, we also have the opportunity to continue and expand our commitment to issues of justice including, caring for all of creation, and respecting the dignity of every human being.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? Given demographic trends (including declining membership) and economic realities of the Diocese, will we be open to the ways in which God calls us, being open to change in a changing world? Will we be open to new, and perhaps uncomfortable, new realities that move us away from “the way it has always been” while embracing new ways of doing things? I think we will need to be diligent in tolerating ambiguity, be prepared to make appropriate sacrifices, and think differently about the meaning of “church,” and how it will work going forward, so we can continue to effectively share the Good News about Jesus the Christ.

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Nominee: Katlin McCallister
Church: Holy Apostles, Hilo, Hawai‘i
Occupation: Rector



Church, Community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:
Waiolaihui‘ia Instructor
General Convention Deputy
Condominium Association Board of Directors

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 dream of a Church that is unafraid of dying because the God we follow is about resurrection. I am skilled in group development, active listening, and facilitation.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? Spiritual growth and commitment development among lay and clergy alike.

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

Lay leadership development: I think that the laity of the Church have a wealth of undeveloped spiritual gifts. The Church needs more lay leaders that teach, preach, and carry the Good News of Jesus Christ in the world.

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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Standing Committee – Lay At-Large Nominees

Nominee: Mary Carpenter
Church: St. Clement's, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Samoan Interpreter/Translator



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

A 2 year term as Diocesan Rep on Cathedral Chapter.
Deputy to 80th and 81st General Conventions.
Convener of The Reconciliation Task Force and member of Prison Ministry.

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)? To this ministry I bring:

- My courageous heart and the Mana inherited from a long line of dynamic Samoan women, tempered by humility and a deep and enduring faith in a generous God who has been ever gracious to me and mine.
- My wide-ranging empathic perspective nurtured by Lived Experience growing up in the South Pacific in what western society considers poverty, and from my vocation in my ethnic community as a Samoan interpreter and translator where I bridge the cultural context and language gap in healthcare services, legal and prison systems, Public Housing, Dept of Education, etc.
- My commitment to direct truth telling which I feel is vital to building beloved community in our multi-cultural context.
- My understanding of and engagement in church governance as a deputy to General Convention 80 (Baltimore) and 81 (Louisville); As a Diocesan representative on Cathedral Chapter, numerous terms on vestry including a year as Treasurer and several 3 year terms as Junior Warden at St Clement's.
- I am also honored to be a member of the Racial Reconciliation Task Force, the new convener and the Task Force representative in the Prison Ministries.
- In my personal faith journey as a follower of Jesus:
- With eternal gratitude I need to verbalize more often than I do, I bring my whole self to this and any work of ministry and responsibilities that come with the privileges of being a member of this Church.
- To this end I recommit to: Discerning a call to ordination as a Vocational Deacon; Continuing to voyage alongside my Kanaka Maoli siblings in advocacy for the addition of Queen Lili'uokalani to the Church Calendar; Explore the intersectionality of Racial Reconciliation work and the mission of Creation Care especially through my indigenous Tangata Pasifika lense.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? Let us all walk the journey of Reconciliation as a Diocese, the journey to right relationship with each other and with God, as followers of Jesus. Clergy and lay leaders of congregations are in the facilitator training process. They will lead our churches through the Difference curriculum from The Archbishop of Canterbury's Reconciliation Ministry and Ho'imi Pono which was developed to be contextually adaptable for our cultural and ethnic diversity, through the faithful dedication of the Reconciliation Task Force curriculum committee under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Eppink and the Spiritual guidance of the Rev. Canon Andrew Arakawa. This work will be critical as we navigate a changing Church alongside our new Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe.

I acknowledge with heartfelt awe, wonder, and unending gratitude how enormously blessed I am through the Grace and Love of our Creator to be part of this Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? The Standing Committee will play an important role in the election of our new bishop – and the work of reconciliation will be central to understanding our identity as a Diocese as we conduct the search. It is vital that the Standing Committee be made up of as much diversity as possible – gender, age, island, lived experience, cultural understanding, etc.

We are in difficult political times made more challenging by Christian Nationalism. I pray for us all as the elections approach. May the diocesan leaders we elect reflect who we are as a society and live into the ideals of this country, this denomination, and this Diocese.

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Nominee: Deb Lynch
Church: St. John's, Kula, Maui
Occupation: Retired and professional artist



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

A Cup of Cold Water - active volunteer 10 years, Board member, President 2020-2023.
Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Visiting Eucharistic Minister, Altar Guild vestments sewing.

I was in the Crisis Responder unit for Victims Services in Lane County, Oregon for almost 10 years, being sent to crime scenes and hospitals to serve victims and help them with safety, security, and comfort. I got to see the worst and best of people ... their cruelty and their courage, their despair and deep faith.

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 am a cradle Episcopalian, and have always loved God in my heart. I have had times in my life where on my knees and in tears, could only turn to Him; but then learned that from those times later on I have been able to turn and help others who may be suffering. I have also learned that leaders need help and support as much as anyone - perhaps even more as they

are often alone in their positions. I admit when I don't know an answer to a question, but also good at searching for that answer. When I've been in a leadership position I've tried to find what people love to do and encourage them. I'm neutral with politics. My husband, Trip, and I have 6 (now adult) children in our blended marriage and raising them taught me to listen, to try to be fair, to understand we are all different, and are all wonderful in God's eyes. I have been active with St John's (Kula) for many years now and feel the people there are not only friends, but family too. I like to spend time in meditation/prayer in nature - a quiet time to communicate with God, seek guidance and wisdom, and give thanks for so many blessings.

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 the first (and maybe the most visible) mission opportunity is community outreach such as A Cup of Cold Water and other "hand's on, dirty boots on the ground" ministries that serve those in need. (I'd love to see a mobile medical ministry happen too). Being visible in the community, not just having services inside a building, gets to show the community that Episcopalians live as Jesus said - to love and help others. The outreaches "walk the walk" and then people get curious about "Just who are those Episcopalians, anyway?". And then they may want to learn more and may learn that all are loved and accepted. Serving Jesus with love, compassion, and joy - people respond to what they see us do more than what we say. (I have other ideas too, but the question just asked for one).

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?
Diminishing members - congregation and clergy.

Nominee: Willis H A Moore
Church: St. Luke's, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Adjunct Faculty for Chaminade University and Hawai'i Tokai International College



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

Church musician.
Member Neighborhood Board #13 - Downtown Chinatown.
Volunteer for HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES, Public Radio, Waikiki Aquarium.

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)? Confirmed by +Ed Browning in 1984, I have been active in parish life of the Cathedral and of St Luke's. A Cathedral Docent, member of the Hawaiian choir, lay reader, environmental committee member, Usher/Greeter. I served as musician for St Paul's for 10 years, writing a history of that Congregation. As a Faculty Member in the School of Humanities, Arts, and Design of Chaminade University of Honolulu since 1986, I have served as Secretary to the Faculty Senate, Chair of the Adjunct Faculty Advisory Taskforce, while teaching courses in history, political science, and communication. In the Episcopal Church was Board Member and President of the NATIONAL EPISCOPAL HISTORIANS AND ARCHIVISTS, and am currently a Member of the STANDING COMMISSION on ECUMENICAL and INTERFAITH RELATIONS. I remain active in the HISTORICAL SOCIETY of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

My volunteer work as a Docent for the HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES HISTORIC SITE allows me to share the interesting history of Christianity in the Hawaiian Islands with visitors and local people. Neighborhood Board members are not compensated, but we do have the opportunity to view our neighborhood's problems, challenges, and opportunities for betterment.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? The Diocese of Hawai'i is has the most racial and ethnic diversity in the entire Episcopal Church. DioHI has the privilege of "showing the way" for the Episcopal Church writ large in celebrating the ministry potentials of all sorts and kinds of people. DioHI must be bold in proclaiming as well as living our varied ministries and concerns in the Islands. As our population shifts to include many from Micronesia and other Islands of the Pacific, we must find ways to minister and address the needs of those communities. Congregations which were "historically this or that" ethnic group can grow to be inclusive of all of Hawai'i people. In a World dominated by hand-held devices and A.I., the Episcopal church must examine what we do, why we do it, and be willing to revise and repurpose to meet needs in our community. The COVID 19 epidemic has galvanized a spirit of fear and or mental anguish among us; our worship, teaching, and social actions need to help meet the needs of people so affected. Hawai'i can also lead the way in considering new models of ministry. With seminary enrollment declining, and even diocesan-based training programs languishing in some cases, way must be found to empower, engage, and train lay leadership as never before.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? Hawai'i people, especially those born/reared in the Islands tend to be provincial. The Diocese of Hawai'i needs opportunities to broaden our outlook on the World of which Hawai'i is a small part. While "what school you wen' go?" is an Island tradition, we have a dual responsibility of being mindful of our Island history and culture, of celebrating preserving our Native Hawaiian heritage, while understanding others outside of and beyond our borders. The DioHI cannot simply "keep on keeping on," but must examine our worship, our outreach, our use of physical buildings and spaces, in the light of changing demographics. Our children would claim to be S.B.N.R. - spiritual but not religious, but in the generation born since 2001, there is still a spiritual need and desire, often hiding behind a hand-held device. There is no need to "dump" some of our proud traditions of liturgical worship, solid, meaningful music and prayers; but there is a need to consider "upgrading" and contemporizing what we do, say, sing, and preach.

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Nominee: Leanna Roberts
Church: Holy Innocents, Lahaina, Maui
Occupation: retired business owner



Church, Community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:
Vestry and then Bishop's Committee - Junior Warden - Fr. Bill, Rev. Amy and Fr. Bruce.
Capital Campaign Committee - Holy Innocents.
2024 Waiolaihui'ia Center for Ministry Licensed Lay Ministry Program: Worship Leader track.

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)? Growing up in the church and being an active member of Holy Innocents, God is tugging at my heart strings to serve and use the skills that I have developed in business, sitting on numerous board of directors and running my own non-profit in this way. My steadfast commitment to our church and community is grounded in my faith in Jesus Christ and so is my desire to serve.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? As a member of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Lahaina, I see an incredible opportunity to rebuild our sacred church with creative vision that will become a model for other Episcopal churches throughout the Diocese they may need to be rebuilt. In addition to sustainable and less destructible churches, we will incorporate spaces that focus on the congregation and community.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? My single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i is Holy Innocents Church and the critical need to keep the parish together and build a church building for them and the community at large. Since 1862, Holy Innocents has been part of Lahaina town and is an historical landmark. To not rebuild and let it go seems easier however what an opportunity this is to keep the Episcopal Church present throughout the islands and play a vital role in the community for years to come.

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