

## EDUCATION DAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

During our Education Day at our Annual Meeting of the Convention this year the Design Teams will be reporting on their work in 2018 moving toward the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i. Last year during convention we heard about the initial work of the Strategic Initiatives Group and their presentation of the Strategic Plan 2017 for the Diocese. We will now hear how that work is progressing.

Three Design Teams were formulated in 2018 to work on each of the Strategic Goals; Spiritual Growth, 'Ohana and Communications.

**Strategic Goal One: Spiritual Growth** – *The Diocese is committed to developing and sustaining spiritual growth, vitality, curiosity, and well-being within our churches.*

**Strategic Goal Two: 'Ohana** – *The Diocese seeks to strengthen our identity as on 'ohana and the relationships within our 'ohana among clergy, lay leaders and congregations.*

**Strategic Goal Three: Communications** – *The Diocese is focused on improving the capacity for communication within our congregations, across the Diocese, and into our communities as we engage in evangelism.*

The Design Teams have met to clarify and define terms, done research on best practices and discerned approaches as promising ways to achieve each goal. During the summer of 2018 the Design Teams have decided on approaches to implementation and done some pilot testing of their concepts in various congregations. You may have been part of these pilot concepts and strategies in your own congregation over the summer without your realizing it.

After conducting pilot programs and evaluating their designs the Teams have developed implementation strategies. The Design Teams are excited and eager to be able to share their work with the entire Diocese at our Annual Meeting of the Convention and will also be sharing their work and recommendations with the wider diocese when our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, visits the Diocese in March of 2019.

This is important and exciting work for the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i as we look to our future ministry for God and God's people together in service, witness and worship in Hawai'i.