

Reflections on the 80th General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland

By Faye Hee

Thank you for electing me to serve as a Delegate for this past 80th General Convention. The experience was overwhelming and awe-inspiring. I learned that your "V-Binder" (or virtual binder) is your new best friend as you intently follow and vote on proposed resolutions that will affect The Episcopal Church.

My experience differs greatly from those who went before me. Covid protocols shortened the convention, there was no youth presence, and ECW was not there. We were encouraged to stay together with our own delegation only and have minimal contact with delegates from other states. Luckily, our Hawaii delegation got along very well and we wanted to spend as time together as possible!

I was honored to serve as a member of the Privilege & Courtesy Committee. We met on Zoom to draft and finalize resolutions that would be read on the floor for approval and adoption. We finally met in person, for only a few minutes, after months and months of meeting online.



(Some of our lay and clergy members of the Privilege and Courtesy Committee.)

Our Hawai'i delegation was proud to share our love for our beloved Queen Lili'uokalani. I spoke to many delegates from other states who strongly voiced their support for, and looked forward to, our Queen's addition into the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.





Of course, it wasn't all work and no play. The people of Baltimore were extremely friendly and welcoming. The crab was 'ono. And don't you think we need "Kupuna Crossing" sign at some of our crosswalks here too?

(Fr. Keleawe and Fr. Hau'oli)