

I grew up in New England and consider myself a Yankee. I was baptized in the Congregational Church at 12 years old. In my late 20s, I moved to California, where I studied accounting and ran my bookkeeping service for many years until I moved to Kauai in 2001.

I had stopped attending church as an adult, but when I moved to Kauai, I started attending All Saints Episcopal Church in Kapaa. I fell in love with the Episcopal faith and the congregation at All Saints, which is so welcoming and inclusive. I became a lay leader in the church, serving as a lay reader, EM, and EV. I was trained in healing prayers and joined The Order of Saint Luke. I served on the Vestry and as Jr. and Sr. Warden.

All Saints is known for its outreach to the community, and I was involved in many of the different ministries. I led “Laundry Love,” where we washed, dried, and folded clothes for free. I also helped start the Kauai Interfaith Association and was a member for 20 years. This organization provides meals for people on Thanksgiving Day and served over 1500 people last year.

I have always felt called to service. As Christians, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world. It took me ten years to accept God’s call to the diaconate. To acknowledge this was what God wanted from me, especially in later life. But once I received the call, everything fell into place. I studied for four years under WCM, the local formation program, and was ordained as a Deacon in October 2023.

I am now assigned to St Michaels and All Angels in Lihue, Kauai. As the only deacon on the island, I also serve occasionally at the other Episcopal Churches so the congregations can learn about the ministry of a deacon.

At St. Michael and All Angels, I am a co-leader for the Loaves and Fishes ministry, serving 90-plus families twice a month. We always want to expand the program so no one goes hungry. I am working with local community agencies to see how we can help those homeless on the island—trying to find the needs of those struggling and how the church can help. I’m still involved in healing prayer, an essential ministry.

I am widowed, live in a tiny house, and have no children, but I have a small white fuzzy dog that runs my life. I spend much time trying to cut back the jungle on my property. I love to read, especially mysteries. I am a potter; I crochet and love jigsaw puzzles, and am currently learning to paint.

I believe Deacons are beacons of hope and love in our messy world. We are signs of Christ’s compassion and loving care and call other Christians into those

ministries of care and service. I genuinely believe the ministry of deacons is essential to the growth of the church as we move into the future.