

General Convention Deputies

Deputies represent the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the House of Deputies at the meeting of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Both Deputies and Alternates will meet in caucus several times prior to the Convention. During the Convention, the Deputies and any Alternates in attendance will meet daily. Deputies and First Alternates attend General Convention at the expense of the Diocese. Other Alternates may attend at their own expense.

Vote for four (4) Clergy Deputies and four (4) Lay Deputies. Those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes in each order become the Deputies. The next four nominees receiving the greatest number of votes become the Alternates, in order of the number of votes received. The person in each order who receives the most votes is the Co-Chair of the deputation.

General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Diana Akiyama
Church: St. Augustine’s, Kapaau, Big Island
Occupation: Vicar

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

1. Vicar, St. Augustine’s Kapaau
2. Dean, Waiolaihui‘ia local School for Formation
3. Chair, Task Force on Reconciliation

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)? My work in the Diocese of Hawai‘i as a Vicar and as Dean of the local formation school have deepened my interest to serve the Diocese as a deputy to General Convention. Representing the Diocese to the larger church will allow me to represent local interests at the national level.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? Our Diocese has a great opportunity to form Christians as active participants in the Beloved Community. Our faith communities already express “aloha” and the natural extension of this is a deeper engagement in the Way of Love through reconciliation and hospitality.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? My greatest concern for the health of our Diocese mirrors my concern for the Episcopal Church USA: we live in a time when issues of justice (including climate change) need to be lifted up and articulated through the lens of the Gospel.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Randy Albano
Church: St. Paul’s, Honolulu, O‘ahu
Occupation: Clergy

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

1. Vicar, St. Paul's Church, 1999 to Present and Canon for Filipino Ministry.
2. Current Member, Commission On Ministry
3. Previous Member: Cathedral Chapter, Diocesan Council, HEPAM (EAM) Chair 2002, and other Diocesan Committees.

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)? As Asian Clergy serving in a multi-ethnic diocese with geographical concerns, there is a need to explore opportunities that promote deeper unity among us in doing God's ministry, unique in some ways amidst diversity.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? A continued call and empowerment among laity to serve God: loving Him, proclaiming His Word and administering His sacraments.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? In every parish and mission, members are advancing in age (like me) and there is less and less interest in revolutionizing the youth so that they may become witnesses of God's love to their neighbors.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Jazzy Bostock
Church: St. Peter's, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Curate

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

1. Commission on Native Hawaiian Ministry, co-convenor
2. Previously chair of the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries
3. Previously Official Youth Presence to General Convention (2006)

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 interested and invested in the decisions of the church and committed to bringing my experiences back home to this Diocese. I want to see the Diocese of Hawai'i grow and flourish into God's vision for us. I want to be of service to the people of this place, and am willing to go where I am called.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? I think there could be tremendous growth in our parishes around children's ministry, ministering and mentoring youth and young adults, and forming a community of disciples of all ages. I think, too, because of our specific location we will always have a responsibility to kanaka maoli people.

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

I am concerned for our depth of spirituality. I am learning to walk more closely with God, and bringing others into that place of light and joy. I want our churches to be sanctuaries, hallowed ground where we expect to encounter and be transformed by the liberating, loving, life-giving God.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Steven Costa
Church: St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Archdeacon

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

- 1. Archdeacon
- 2. Jubilee Officer
- 3. General Convention 2018 Alternate

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)? As a trained clinician, I am able to listen to not only what is said, but what is not said. This helps me to sort through the many, many resolutions and to discern the needs of the greater church.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? Evangelism through the living out of our Baptismal Covenant to respect the Christ in every human being.

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

The fear of survival that leads us to concentrate our resources and energies towards the material things of running the church instead of building our faith and trust in god to provide.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Kate Cullinane
Church: Diocese of Hawai'i, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Priest

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

- 1. Previous General Convention Deputy
- 2. General Convention Legislative Committee
- 3. Standing Committee

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)? Having served as Rector, Associate Dean and Canon to the Ordinary I bring a

broad spectrum of experience to the church and ministry. I truly enjoy having the opportunity to serve the church on its commissions and boards.

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 the greatest opportunity for mission in our Diocese as with the disenfranchised whether that be because of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality or age. The "isms" still exist and we can be the church that stands with those who are marginalized.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? There are a number of congregations that lack vitality. It doesn't matter the size of the congregation as long as people are committed to its mission and ministry.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: David Gierlach
Church: St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Priest

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

1. Rector
2. Per diem family court judge
3. Board of Directors IHS

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 see being a delegate to the General Convention as an opportunity to help shape the future of our national church, at a time when the Holy Spirit is moving in the world, helping us to come to grips with tribalism and nationalism and pointing the way back to unity, compassion, and hope.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? That we reach out to those who are traditionally not like us. Here in Hawai'i I think that is somewhat easier because we are in many ways an immigrant church. My hope is that we continue to reach out to new arrivals, to help them as they adjust to this new community.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? That we examine where we are becoming too much like a "club" and move more radically to embrace the wild call of the Holy Spirit to care for the least, the lost and the left behind, because they are the face of Jesus.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Kerith Harding
Church: St. John's, Kula, Maui

Occupation: Rector

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

1. Rector of St. John's Church, Kula (2012-Present)
2. Worship Task Group chairperson (Present)
3. Standing Committee member (2013-2017)

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)? Having served in various ministries locally and nationally, I've found energy in my work with the Worship Task Group in encouraging experimentation in liturgy, as called for by GC Resolution A068. As such, I would very much like to be a part of this continuing conversation at the next convention.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? I think collaboration and partnerships with neighbor institutions, both secular and religious, who have similar goals, is an incredible opportunity for evangelism, fostering ecumenical relationships and worship, and to effect change in areas such as poverty, hunger, and justice.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? I'm concerned about the corrosive effect that comes from the scarcity mindset, particularly in smaller churches, but which happens in large ones as well. When we shift from an attitude of scarcity to one of abundance, that's when we are most open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Keleawe Hee
Church: St. Andrew, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Priest

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

1. Associate for Pastoral Care, The Cathedral of St. Andrew
2. Supply clergy for lower school chapels at St. Andrew's Schools
3. Former General Convention deputy, Austin, Texas 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)? Having experienced the General Convention before gave me an excellent opportunity to learn the ins and outs of this large gathering body. Being able to contribute to the vote on many issues that affect the future of the Episcopal Church is of utmost importance and I hope to participate again.

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 in our Diocese of

Hawai'i is to be seen as an active community contributor and to be seen as a relevant ecclesiastical body who understands today's pertinent issues all while being inclusive to groups who have been excluded throughout history.

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

The greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i is to build and maintain a core structure of vibrancy, vitality, and validity. A thriving community filled with ideas and action. We can do this, all while keeping God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit central in everything we do.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Daniel Leatherman
Church: St. Timothy's, 'Aiea, O'ahu
Occupation: Priest-in-Charge

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

1. Chaplain, US Air Force and Hawaii Air National Guard
2. Priest-in-Charge, St. Timothy's 'Aiea
3. Former Chaplain, 'Iolani School

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 often imagined being a delegate to General Convention to bear witness to the Church at work at that level. My experience in large organizations such as military and schools helps to see things globally and to look for the Spirit's work in the connections of ideas, theologies, and resolutions.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? Our greatest opportunity for mission will be to remain relevant to a society that no longer thinks the church matters. The generation of Millennials and GenX'rs some single, some with children, must find a church ready to receive them and help them make meaning in their lives.

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

Lacking growth, more of our congregations will move further into Mission status driven by economics, cost of living and natural attrition. We are land rich and cash poor- how do we inspire hope when many struggle to be viable?

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Paul Lillie
Church: St. Mark's, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Rector of St. Mark's Honolulu

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

1. Standing Committee
2. Queen Emma Square Planning Group
3. Deputy to General Convention in 2012, 2015, and 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)? Having served as a deputy three times, I have served on the Liturgy, Prayer Book, and Music Legislative Committee and the Social Justice and International Concerns Legislative Committee at the last two conventions. I am also passionate about congregational development and discipleship.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? The Episcopal Church in Hawai‘i has the opportunity to welcome many people who have been disaffected by other churches, or who have never been part of a faith community. We can continue to grow in faith and numbers simply by deepening our Episcopal identity.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? Sometimes our Diocese and our churches lack clarity about what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal tradition, and we try to grow without knowing who we are. The statistics show that this approach does not work. Churches only grow when they understand who they are.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Annalise Pasalo
Church: Emmanuel, Kailua, O‘ahu
Occupation: Clergy

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

1. Member of the Presiding Bishop’s Delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, 2018
2. Chaperone to the General Convention Official Youth Presence, 2018
3. The Episcopal Church in Hawai‘i, Annual Meeting 2018, Dispatch of Business

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 had the opportunity to see firsthand how the decisions we make as a unified body affect our community life-from worship to facilities and beyond. I hope to add to the diversity of voices that will represent the people of our Diocese as we look to the future of the church.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? The greatest opportunity for mission that I see is finding

partner organizations in ministry that will allow for greater community engagement. Shared resources can lead to new opportunities to do the work we promise to do in the Baptismal Covenant as members of the body of Christ.

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 is how we incorporate young professionals, young families, and youth into our communities. Time constraints and the inability to take time off of work or school inhibit participation in Diocesan life in its traditional form.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: Irene Tanabe
Church: Diocese of Hawai‘i, Honolulu, O‘ahu
Occupation: Clergy

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

1. TEC Standing Committee on World Mission
2. TEC Bishop’s Disciplinary Committee
3. Diocese of Hawai‘i Reconciliation Task Force

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 been to several General Convention meetings in various roles, the most recent being the last one where I went as part of the Diocese of Hawai‘i delegation serving as an alternate deputy. I attended legislative hearings daily and whenever relevant, testified on issues affecting our people.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? In a time where there is so much division, our Diocese models what it means to be diverse and yet united in Christ.

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

That we might fail to recognize that diversity is our greatest gift and hesitate to take the opportunity to share this glory with the wider church.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

Nominee: John A Hau‘oli Tomoso
Church: Diocese of Hawai‘i, Wailuku, Maui
Occupation: Priest, Retired Social Worker

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

1. Diocesan Council
2. A Cup of Cold Water

3. Society of Catholic Priests (SCP)

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)? As a Priest actively engaged in church, social and civic affairs, I see the General Convention as the nexus of TEC's being relevant and capacity for advocacy in matters of faith, pastoral care and nurturance of community.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? To be relevant to Native Hawaiians and other Indigenous people, and to actively and consistently advocate, in light of the Gospels, with cultural competence, sincerity, truth and understanding.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now? We need to engage of and strengthen, nurture families, intergenerationally and multi-culturally.

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General Convention Deputy – Lay

Nominee: Kim Arakawa

Church: St. Mark's, Honolulu, O'ahu

Occupation: Organizational health and vitality; Communications/Development

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

1. I am the Project Coordinator for Baptized for Life: An Episcopal Discipleship Initiative; a five-year program funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. through Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) under the direction of Dr. Lisa Kimball, Associate Dean of Lifelong Learning and Professor of Lifelong Christian Formation. Our project seeks to nurture lay vocation and call in 18 parish communities across seven dioceses.
2. I am halfway through my graduate studies with Gonzaga University working towards a Masters in Organizational Leadership with a Servant-Leader concentration. Expected graduation date: May 2020.
3. From September 30, 2019, I will begin regular participation in Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education through The University of the South, Sewanee. (St. Mark's Kapahulu Group)

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)? My current work with Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) and my three years as a VTS seminarian spouse, coupled with my leadership studies and experience on Diocesan Council (2014-2016) can bring a unique perspective to the wider church if given the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years? In collaboration with clergy -- supporting and empowering laity to hear God's call to live Christian lives of meaning and purpose through a renewed

commitment to baptismal vows and Christian vocation, thereby strengthening Episcopal identity, church participation, and community impact.

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

Church Vitality and Growth. We have an opportunity to decide together how we will continue to nurture those already in our church communities while embracing new ways of doing church to ensure the continued health of our diverse parishes and communities of faith.

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General Convention Deputy – Lay

Nominee: Mary Carpenter
Church: St. Clement, Honolulu, O‘ahu
Occupation: Samoa Language Interpreter/Translator

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

1. Diocesan Reconciliation Task Force 2019
2. Diocesan Blessing of Same Sex Unions Task Force 2004
3. Vestry (Former Junior Warden & Treasurer)

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)? The willingness to address difficult issues may be my greatest strength.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? Care for creation and environmental justice for our islands losing substantial land mass in coastal areas due to sea level rise is becoming an urgent issue.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? Aging out of our lay leaders and volunteers as younger generation is slower in taking over.

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General Convention Deputy – Lay

Nominee: John Decker
Church: Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui
Occupation: entrepreneur & consultant (retired), guitar maker

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

1. General Convention Deputy (2006, 2012, 2015, 2018, Alternate 2009)
2. Senior Warden, Good Shepherd Church (1993-2009? - 16 years!!)
3. Diocesan Representative, St. Andrew's Cathedral Chapter (2016-present)

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)? General Convention works on seniority: it typically takes three or four

Conventions to be assigned to a legislative Committee, where the real work takes place. I have been so assigned for the past three Conventions, and expect to be assigned to a committee if elected to the 2021 Convention.

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 has been a pioneer in openness to women and the LGBTQ community, and can continue to lead the church in this area as such openness increasingly comes under fire on the mainland and in the wider church.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? I feel the greatest challenge facing the Diocese is its tendency to repeat the same actions in the face of new situations while expecting the results to be the same as always. New situations require new imaginative solutions, not repetition.

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General Convention Deputy – Lay

Nominee: Faye Hee
Church: Good Samaritan, Honolulu, O‘ahu
Occupation: Disciplinary Board Administrative Director

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

1. Altar Guild
2. Member, Japanese Convocation of the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry (EAM)
3. Clergy Spouse

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)? At a recent Episcopal Asiamerica conference here in Honolulu, one of the speakers from New York said the “General Convention needs people who look like you!” Hmm... Asian? From Hawaii? Episcopalian? I can do this! So it became a challenge. Now I just need you to vote me in.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? Becoming relevant.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? Remaining faithful and optimistic through times of change and uncertainty.

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General Convention Deputy – Lay

Nominee: Ryan Kusumoto
Church: Epiphany, Honolulu, O‘ahu
Occupation: President/CEO of Parents And Children Together

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

1. Church Pension Fund Trustee
2. Member of the Standing Commission for Structure and Governance
3. Member of the Council of Advice for the President of the House of Deputies

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’m humbled to serve our church both locally and across the Episcopal Church. I’ve been involved since my youth and held various positions over the years. I’ve been a Deputy to General Convention since 2006. I have served on a number of Committees and Standing Commissions of the General Convention.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? The Church is rich in tradition and strong in its foundation of nurturing the Christian experience. The Church has great opportunity to go beyond its current boundaries and reach new Episcopalians (youth, young adults, the unchurched). We must look at additional ways to reach these new communities.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? My concern is continual growth through building relevant communities of faith. I believe we’re called to reach out to the body of Christ in ways that go beyond the walls of our structures. The Episcopal Church is a vital part of the Aloha Spirit and Hawaiian Soul. We must build those relationships.

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General Convention Deputy – Lay

Nominee: Willis Moore
Church: St. Andrew, Honolulu, O‘ahu
Occupation: Sr Adjunct Faculty in History, Chaminade University of Honolulu

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

1. Member, EPISCOPAL COMMUNICATORS
2. Substitute organist: Holy Nativity, St Luke’s, Epiphany
3. Attended General Convention as a Communicator since 2003.

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)? Hawai‘i voice should be heard by the Episcopal Church. We are the Diocese with the most cultural, ethnic, and racial variety. As TEC seeks to grow, not shrink numerically, Hawai‘i has some distinct insights to offer.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? If the Diocese can capture a missional spirit....that of reaching out in new directions, new forms, and in new places, we can see growth in Hawai‘i. A spirit of sharing (kokua) with strangers (new people), of malama for our environments, of mele and hau‘oli in worship, and of aloha can be vital.

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

.....that the “whole is less than the sum of our parts...” The Diocese has bright spots, congregations and individuals with insight and vision; the Diocese also has a some “keeping on keeping on...” attitudes. Concern for money, deferred maintenance, and small-mindedness in some cases hinders.

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General Convention Deputy – Lay

Nominee: Dominique Cami Pascua

Church: All Saints, Kapaa, Kaua'i

Occupation: Church Administrator

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

- 1. Youth Minister
- 2. Sunday School Teacher
- 3. Church/Preschool Administrator

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've always been a supporter of healthy dialogue, collaboration, and advocacy. I repped the Hawai'i State Student Council, trained in Army ROTC, grad with a B.S. in Organizational Communication at U of Portland, and became certified in mediation. I am also a local girl born and raised from Kauai.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?

Hawai'i has a unique sense of 'Ohana and Aloha not seen anywhere else in the world. We respect all people and all nature. We can spread this love incorporated with the Jesus Movement and follow up methods of Invite Welcome Connect. Episcopalians say “you can belong before you believe.” Let's show it.

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

Church is a unique place where people can come vulnerable and leave healed. It's magical and amazing. But do the unchurched know that? Why don't we explain how powerful healing prayers are? How cleansing communion is? How fulfilling confirmation feels? How present Jesus is? Common sense isn't common.

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General Convention Deputy – Lay

Nominee: Stanley Yon

Church: Holy Nativity, Honolulu, O'ahu

Occupation: Retired

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

- 1. Jr. Warden, Cathedral of St. Andrew (former)
- 2. Trustee & Treasurer, Holy Nativity School

3. General Convention Deputy (alternate), 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)? The church is a “faith community” central to my being. I am guided by the Gospels in living and the Epistles in the challenges of community. I aspire to live the life Jesus would have me live, while bringing to bear my life’s experiences as a planner, economist, and historian.

What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years? The “Stewardship of Creation” is of acute concern to all Pacific islanders. The abundant evidence of its need and immediacy makes for common cause that, in turn, becomes a great opportunity for mission.

What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now? The continued spiritual and fiscal sustainability of our church communities, individually and collectively, clergy and parishioners alike, as we become increasingly less able to support our assets with the resources that are or might be available.

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