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 (Ballot E)

Nominee: Moki Hino
Church: Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui
Occupation: Rector of The Parish of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wailuku, Maui

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

1. Former Standing Committee Member and President
2. Former Diocesan Council Member and Secretary
3. Former Secretary for the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention

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 possibilities on our horizon are exciting as we look forward to consecrating Bishop-Elect Berman and working with her to develop youth ministries, serve our kupuna, and address stewardship and creation care issues that we continue to face.

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

We can serve as a model for the wider church of multicultural ministry in a blended setting where Christians from diverse backgrounds live and worship together.

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

My greatest concern for the Diocese is a perceived sense of stagnation and apathy about our mission and ministry. We can work to build on our strengths to ensure vitality into the future.

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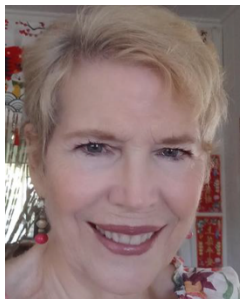
Standing Committee – Lay at-large (Ballot F)



Nominee: Frances (Fran) Kramer
Church: St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu, O'ahu
Occupation: Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Hawaii Tokai International College, Kapolei

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

1. Member of the Standing Committee (SC) from 2020 to 2024. For four years, Fran worked closely with fellow SC member the Rev. Libby Berman. Fran participated in a variety of SC endeavors, such as helping with canon revisions, serving on the Kapolei Hālau Wa'a Episcopal Honouliuli planning and oversight committee, and visiting Maui to support the parishioners of Holy Innocents.
2. Fran was a member of the Spiritual Growth Design Team that was initiated by the Strategic Development Plan of 2017 to develop and sustain spiritual growth in the diocese. Fran was actively involved in the efforts of the team to develop designs, test concepts, and work out a piloting strategy around spirituality in the diocese. Six parishes were involved in the process. This effort was documented in a 37-page document shared at the 2018 convention entitled "Spiritual Growth Development Prototyping Process" (https://www.episcopalhawaiinews.org/uploads/2/5/4/8/25486559/spiritual_growth_development_prototyping_process_final_draft_10_17_18x.pdf) put together by Fran Kramer. On Education Day, Fran also gave a related presentation on the topic of spirituality.
3. Parish Leadership:
   St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church: Beginning around 2010, Fran was a member of the vestry on two occasions and held the position of secretary in 2025. Fran also served as Eucharistic Minister, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, member of the Clergy Search Committee, and since 2025, has been teaching Bible Study to houseless guests at the Saturday Morning Breakfast outreach gatherings.
   St. Luke's Episcopal Church: From 2016 to 2023, Fran was Secretary of the Bishop's Committee. She also designed the parish website.

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 hope to serve on the Standing Committee because I believe my commitment to education, spiritual formation, cross-cultural understanding, and community service has prepared me to contribute to the leadership and mission of the Diocese. My background in Asian Studies, anthropology, religion, and philosophy has given me a deep appreciation for the diversity of cultures, traditions, and perspectives that make Hawai'i unique. As a Christian educator and longtime member of the Episcopal community, I see the Church as called to be both a spiritual home and a source of hope, reconciliation, service, and transformation.

My experience as an instructor in critical thinking, spiritual care volunteer, and hospice volunteer has taught me the importance of listening, working collaboratively, and respecting differing perspectives. Teaching students from diverse cultural backgrounds has strengthened my ability to bring people together around shared purposes while honoring their individual

experiences. My work in spiritual care has also deepened my understanding of compassion, presence, and discernment, especially during times of uncertainty or change.

I value the opportunity to serve the Diocese at a time when the Episcopal Church is seeking to strengthen congregations, encourage new forms of ministry, and respond creatively to the needs of Hawai‘i’s communities. I would bring to the Standing Committee a combination of organizational experience, educational leadership, spiritual sensitivity, cross-cultural awareness, and a willingness to learn.

Lastly, I intend to serve with integrity, seeking and serving truth that sets us all free, even when that truth needs to emerge through difficult group processes faithfully and transparently engaged in. I see Standing Committee service not simply as an administrative responsibility, but as an opportunity to help the Diocese discern God’s direction, support its congregations and clergy, strengthen relationships across the islands, and carry forward the Episcopal Church’s mission of welcoming, serving, and transforming lives.

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 the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i over the next five years is to reach beyond our church walls and build deeper relationships with the younger, more diverse, and increasingly multicultural communities of Hawai‘i and the Pacific. Hawai‘i is uniquely positioned for this mission because our Diocese already brings together people from many cultural backgrounds and now includes Guam and Saipan as part of our diocesan ‘ohana.

I believe we should build on ministries we already do well—especially youth and family ministry, Pacific Islander ministry, feeding and homeless ministries, disaster preparedness, environmental stewardship, and partnerships with community organizations—but connect these efforts more intentionally to evangelism and spiritual formation. St. Elizabeth’s Saturday Morning Breakfast Ministry, for example, demonstrates how relationships, education, meals, and practical assistance can become genuine ministries of welcome and Christian community that change lives and bring in new members.

The opportunity is to become known not simply as churches that people attend on Sunday, but as communities that people turn to throughout the week—places where young people can find mentors, families can find support, immigrants can find welcome, people in need can find practical assistance, and spiritually curious people can explore faith without feeling that they must first understand or fit into the church.

For me, the mission is ultimately about relationship, welcome, and service: listening to the needs of our communities, forming partnerships, and inviting people into a deeper relationship with Christ. If we can successfully connect our existing ministries with new forms of outreach and discipleship, the Diocese can become an even stronger spiritual and community presence throughout Hawai‘i and the Pacific over the next five years.

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 maintaining a strong sense of connection, trust, and shared mission among our congregations and within them. Like many Episcopal dioceses, we face challenges of fewer priests, declining or aging membership, limited financial resources, and difficulty engaging younger generations. But I believe the deeper concern is whether we can respond to these challenges together rather than as individual parishes or leaders. Teamwork and collaboration, supported by transparency and guided by the

compassionate pastoral care of able and competent leaders, will be essential to the health of our Diocese.

The recent election process for a new bishop recognized the importance of pastoral care, identifying it as the quality most desired in our next bishop. Good pastoral care builds trust and deepens connection. This quality must be fostered, encouraged, and practiced by all leaders—both clergy and lay. It enables people to discover and use their unique gifts, recognizes the contributions of those who serve their communities, and gives credit where credit is due.

Good pastoral care also welcomes honest questions, constructive challenges, and different perspectives without becoming defensive or threatened. It seeks and serves the truth wherever and however it is found, because truth helps heal, reconcile, and make us whole.

If we can build greater trust and collaboration while honoring the unique gifts of each person and congregation, I believe we can meet our challenges with hope rather than fear. More than simply surviving, I believe that by working together in this spirit, the Diocese of Hawai‘i can thrive and grow.

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Nominee: Hans L'Orange
Church: St. James', Kamuela, Hawai‘i Island
Occupation: Retired

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

1. Sr. Warden and Vestry member, St James' Kamuela
2. Co-chair Stewardship and Gratitude Committee, St James'
3. Volunteer at weekly community meal where I welcome everyone with Aloha and start them down the serving line

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 initial involvement in the Standing Committee was by invitation to serve a one year vacancy. That experience has called me to offer myself for election and hopefully to continue to serve with members who are so dedicated to the Committee's charge. I welcome the opportunity to continue as we transition into our time under Bishop Libby.

I've been a senior warden in two different parishes and had experience supporting and guiding those parishes through their times of clergy transition. I believe that experience would be helpful to the diocese and Bishop Libby, as we all transition to a new episcopate. I also have served for several years as the cochair of our stewardship committee. That has allowed me a little more insight into the nature of collaboration and appreciation, striving to include everyone in supporting our dreams. That experience has also offered some insight into the fiscal operations of the church. Finally, the parishes of St. James' include four different services at three locations and as senior warden, I've been very mindful of trying to include everyone in what happens in the wider parish.

I have a reputation, both as a warden and in my pre-retirement career as someone who is a collaborator, a consensus builder, and have been told I bring a very calming presence to group

interactions. As a lifelong Episcopalian, I am reasonably familiar with the practices of the Episcopal Church. However, I would welcome the opportunity to learn more while serving as a member of the Standing Committee.

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

We are in a unique position sitting in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Strong relations are being developed with the western members of our large ‘ohana in Guam and Saipan. We hosted 157 participants from 11 diocese across western states at the Province VIII Episcopal Youth Event: PYE with Aloha. Bishop Bob’s address at last year’s convention noted that “We are The Episcopal Church in the Pacific.”

This opportunity for mission combines geography and generations. We have a broad canvas, the whole of the Pacific and the Pacific rim and we have youth that are the future of the church. That’s a tremendous opportunity, but it’s also a tremendous challenge. It’s a huge distance to encompass, and our parishes are growing older. Data shows that we have fewer youth in the Diocese. However, that is no reason not to focus on our future generations and I believe if we can do that across Hawai‘i and the broad Pacific, the Diocese of Hawai‘i will be well positioned for the future.

The other opportunity for mission is a little less direct. I’m a big believer in demonstrating Christ’s love by the way we live our lives. St. James’ parish on Hawai‘i Island serves a free community meal every Thursday. Close to 300 people gather together; there’s no liturgy or preaching beyond the opening pule. It’s a very welcoming space and I’ve had people tell me as they’ve left “I’m not much for religion but I experienced love and Aloha here tonight. I feel like I’ve been to church.” We have no idea of the impact we have on others, but we have mission opportunities every day. “They will know we are Christians by our love.”

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

I am an optimist by nature, but we must acknowledge that the next several years will be challenging ones for the diocese. The very nature of a transition to a new Bishop means there is the potential to be unsettled, especially after the long tenure of Bishop Bob as the fifth Bishop of Hawai‘i. I believe we are in a sturdy boat and we will weather this time and its challenges, particularly if we give ourselves and Bishop Libby the grace to grow and learn together as we create a new “us” even if it is a little bumpy. As one of the external consultants who assisted in the search noted “no one knows how to be a Bishop on day one. Everyone has to grow into the position.” Let’s give her (and us) time to grow.

We have an exciting time of growth ahead of us and growth can be challenging but as we let the Holy Spirit lead, that concern will diminish.

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Nominee: Nelson Secretario
Church: All Saints, Kapa‘a, Kaua‘i
Occupation: Certified Financial Fiduciary

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

1. I’ve been an active member of our Episcopal Diocese since 1973, and have served previously on occasion on the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, since our Bishop Edmond Browning, Bishop Donald Hart, Bishop Richard Chang and our current Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick
2. I’ve been elected to the Kaua‘i County Council, served 6 years on the Kaua‘i Liquor Commission, Served as President, Kauai Life Insurance Underwriters Association
3. Has been a Church Member Lay Reader - St. Michael Episcopal Church, Lihue, currently at All Saint’s Episcopal Church, Kapa‘a. Occupation: Over 40 years as a Financial Life, Annuities and Long Term Care Insurance Advisor, CLU, ChFC, NACFF (Certified Financial Fiduciary); Vietnam Army Veteran (1969)

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 member of the Hawai‘i Episcopal Church since 1973, we have experienced the Home Care Development Fiasco (with the loss of Bishop Hart), the years of Growth and Fall of the Charismatic Movement with Saint Mary’s Church (Honolulu) and Calvary Church (Kaneohe) Episcopal Churches, and the (25+) years of experiences led with Bishop Robert (Bob) Fitzpatrick, I look forward to assist the Bright New Future with our new elected Bishop.

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

To reach out to our Episcopal Church Families to be more involved in their communities.

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

Lack of commitment, the need to reach out to younger adult families.

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