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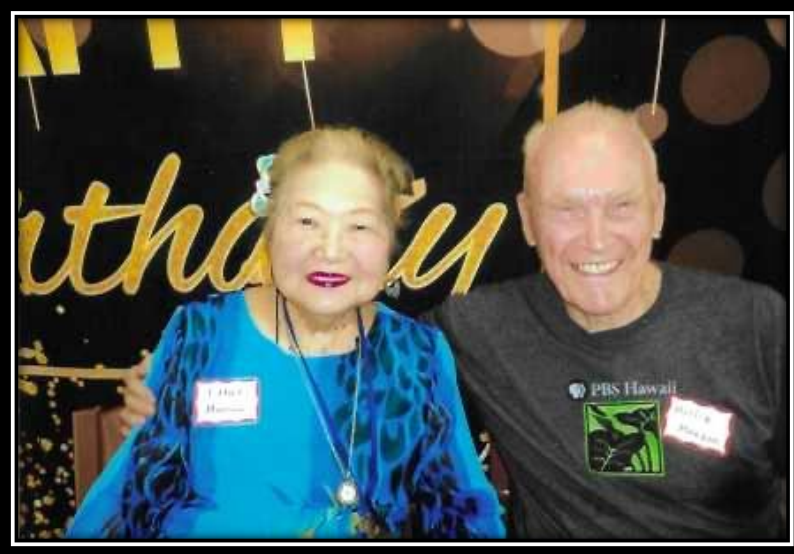
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ALOHA, HOLLIS & ETHEL MAXSON



On July 1, The Maxsons boarded a plane bound for Florida and their new home after 63 years of ministry in Hawai'i. In the weeks before they departed, they were honored by various going away celebrations. The first was at the Retired Clergy Lunch in June, held at Ruby Tuesday's in the Moanalua Shopping Center. Next was special time at Calvary Church when Hollis has served as the Eucharistic Minister for years. Below the pictures, we have a special tribute to Hollis' ministries written by Rev. Alison Dingley.

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At the lunch meeting on June 3 Frank, Norma and Carol gave Hollis a great send-off and David Ota brought roses!



The entire group gathered at Ruby Tuesday.* Here they are at an earlier luncheon. * Allison and Carol at Calvary



THE REV. HOLLIS MAXSON A MEMORY BY THE REV. ALISON DINGLEY

I arrived in Honolulu in November of 1983. I had come through a number of personal and professional crises in the five years that I had been ordained and was finally able to hear God's call to me to return to Hawai'i, the land of my birth. I came willing to follow God's lead to the best of my ability and to trust God to provide what I needed to heal and to be of service.

My first Sunday in Honolulu, I looked in the Yellow Pages for an Episcopal Church near where I was staying and found my way to St. Mary's. Their Rector, the Rev. Doug McGlynn, was away and Hollis Maxson was supplying. At the announcement time he asked if anyone was visiting, and I raised my hand and introduced myself. He invited me to join him at the altar, and we celebrated the Eucharist together.

I did not know how radical that simple act of hospitality was. Of course, Hollis knew full well what he was doing, that the rector and parish leadership opposed the ordination of women to the priesthood! Members of St. Mary's got on the phone with Doug McGlynn and Bishop Browning and complained to Hollis.

The rest is history. Hollis and I have continued to enjoy telling that story throughout the ensuing 40+ years. That simple act of hospitality created a bond between Hollis and me. It also has inspired me to do what I can to support new and younger clergy, especially women and those marginalized for whatever reason.

Hollis' life and ministry have always modeled quiet, humble service - from his arrival here in 1951, to his ordination and first call as the third Vicar of Holy Innocents in Lahaina, to his service as a social worker with the State Department of Corrections while assisting at Holy Nativity and other congregations. He was always around, being supportive of everyone, telling great stories free of rancor, complaint or gossip.

He has also been a role model in retirement. He has been retired 40 years and continued to show up for every diocesan and clergy event he could, ordinations, funerals, retired clergy events, and conferences. He is the last of a generation of clergy including Claude DuTeil, Bill Grosh, Jerry Gifford, and Charley Crane, who stood together in support of justice, accountability and integrity in the community and the Church. They, along with Jan Rudinoff and others, helped me find my place in the diocese and helped orient me to local culture.

I pray to be able to continue that legacy as much as I can in support of current and rising generations of leaders in the church in hopes that we can build a community able to welcome newcomers to this diocese so that they may be able to find a home here and share their gifts.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE!

Letters to the Editor I welcome your contributions. Reach me: By email:

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From the Editor:

It is my goal to make this newsletter about the milestones and events of **all** our readers. There are a few of you who regularly send me notes and pictures to put in the newsletter. I welcome **MORE** of you to send me your news. Travels, special events...it's all good!

Just send me an email (with pictures attached) to arneycm@earthlink.net

Mahalo, Carol+

On Jul 3, 2024, at 10:26 AM, Laurie Luczak <laurieqluczak@gmail.com> wrote to Frank Chun about her Mom. :

Thank you for the updates. It's challenging to hear that the natural progression of life is occurring. I guess we can be grateful for the vibrant memories.

Mom continues to hang on. She goes to daycare daily at St. Timothy's as it's familiar. She also has a caregiver come in on Saturdays and to help in the evenings. She is still using a walker in and outside of the house. Her appetite is still good, but her hearing is poor, and processing of information has slowed down. However, she is not as confused as she tells everyone she is as there are things that she recalls quickly both from the long ago past and the recent past. She doesn't read email. But she enjoyed the card received from another clergy widow to which I responded. Phone calls are hard because of the hearing situation. She continues to attend service on Sunday. Thanks, Laurie

From: "Peter Besenbruch" <peter@besenbruch.info> [Edit Address Book]
To: "Carol Arney" <arneycm@earthlink.net>, "Franklin Chun" <revfchun@gmail.com>
Subject: The Latest in Long Covid
Date: Jul 5, 2024, 4:28 PM

If you click the link below you will be taken to YouTube for a 55-minute presentation on Long Covid.

This video came out today, and contains the latest information we have about long Covid. This is an excellent presentation that lays out what we may be facing, both medium term and long term. It's an hour long, and well worth watching. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HG81LsXtA>

From: Heather Mueller heathermaymueller@yahoo.com
Date: July 9, 2024, at 9:56:51 PM GMT+9



Dear friends,

So... I have been on Okinawa for about two weeks now and what an adventure it has been. I am serving at a beautiful church called All Souls. It is named this to commemorate all (American and Japanese) the soldiers who died in the sad days of WWII on Okinawa.

Bishop Ed Browning was the first established pastor to serve this church, as rector, 1959 -1963. Then after two years of study of the Japanese language in Japan, he returned to Okinawa and served as priest in a parish. He was called to be the Bishop of Okinawa in 1967 until 1971.

As many of you already know, Bishop Edmond Lee Browning was a huge part of my life. He encouraged my journey toward ordination, he ordained me at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Lahaina, Maui, April 22, 1981, and he installed me as rector of St. John's on December 3, 1981. He was so affirming of me and my ministry during the years he served as Bishop in the Diocese of Hawaii. Many of us missed him greatly when he was called to be The Presiding Bishop of the US Episcopal Church.

It is a joy to be here serving this beautiful church with some of the kindest people I have ever met. The people on Okinawa are just plain good to know.(Some of you know the story of my escapade on the road with all the traffic coming at me)I will share it on request!

I am doing supply for Sensei Irene Tanabe, who went to the General Convention in Kentucky, and now is recovering from knee surgery in Seattle, Washington.

I am so blessed to be staying in her home which is beautiful,(complete with two very friendly cats called Kamehameha boy and Emma,) and using her very new car. We drive on the left side of the road. A very helpful piece of advice, given to me by Irene is " keep your heinni... on the linie! So far it is working!

A bit of new drama came into my life last Saturday when I started the symptoms of COVID.....yup. I got it. So I missed my second Sunday of Supply. The sermon was finished....written out so it can

be translated into Japanese....so the Eucharistic minister offered morning prayer and read my sermon.

There is a very active military presence here on Okinawa and the congregation I am serving is a mix of Military families and local Japanese.

There are many islands which are surrounding Okinawa. I am scheduled to visit one next week. There are some museums and great restaurants.

I am looking forward to the rest of the time I will be here.

Aloha, Heather Mueller

On Jul 1, 2024, d. Chang <promethi@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi, Everyone,

If there is anything in my musings which you would like to share with the rest of the retirees in Hawai'i, please feel free to do so. I welcome snail mail, email, and/or phone calls, if people remember the time differences between Hawai'i and East Coast time. Right now we're 6 hours behind HST. During the winter it's a 5-hour difference. My sister lives in Idaho and insists upon calling me after her dinner and bath, about 11:00 pm here in Georgia!



When we first moved back to Honolulu from Dick's work at 815, our home phone number was one number away from the marriage license telephone number, and we would get calls all hours of the night and early morning. Someone had published it incorrectly. Ah, well.

Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list. I have been praying with and for David+, and for Hollis+ and Ethel. May their move today go smoothly. I know what it means to move 5,000 miles from home, waiting for Home to come.

The move to Georgia was the right move for me, but I still miss Hawai'i daily. We all have one place which is Home in our heart, but there is a wonderful group of people here at "Brandon Wilde", many of whom are Episcopalian. I teach water exercise here at the Olympic size swimming pool, and participate in a lot of the events, musical events, bus rides for fresh fruit stands nearby (love those South Carolina peaches), minor league baseball games, the BW library, museums, speakers, special meals for holidays, Episcopal services here every other Wednesday, etc. I am still driving, so I go to my church, Holy Comforter, near Hannah's home. About 6 of us go there from BW, and share rides, but there are 3-4 other Episcopal churches nearby and others go there on Sundays. We have about 350 residents here at BW.

I still do some traveling. I leave next Monday for Denver to visit with my friend from the first day of 6th grade, who was recently diagnosed with something which will require her to have more and more assistance. We'll be visiting 6 continuing care communities to help her decide where to move, probably within the next couple of months.

I visited with her in January, and we had a wonderful time catching up. We talk regularly, but visits are more and more infrequent and important.

I am working with 7 wonderful people here in the Diocese of Georgia on the Chaplains' team. It is a joy to see the Hawai'i chaplains on national CPG zoom. Home seems a bit closer. This is a wonderful retirement community, but not home. I have more than I need.

I hope to be coming back to visit Hawai'i again, perhaps later this year or next year. Hannah has an October meeting in Hawai'i and I may join her for the trip.

Our family is doing well. Our oldest grandson, Ryan, is in the Army, and got married a little over 2 years ago during Covid. He and his wife live in Washington State. His sister, Lauren, is working on her Master of Science in nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. She graduated from Pacific University a couple of years ago. She got engaged in December 2023, and they will be married in June of next year in Las Vegas where they met and where both parents live across the street from each other! Their dad retired from LAPD, and they moved from Los Angeles to Las Vegas several years ago. Their mother, Holly, is the Administrator of Henderson Hospital 2-3 days a week, and also travels to evaluate Urgent Care facilities for national certification.

Our daughter here in Georgia is still working hard from home for the company she's been associated with for many years. She does mergers and acquisitions for them. Their kids are now almost 15 and 13 and they live about 15 minutes from where I live. It's a joy being so close to enjoy tennis matches, grandparents' Day, musical concerts by the two kids, and just getting together for Sunday night dinners.

Please give my aloha to the retired clergy community in Hawai'i.

Aloha, y'all,

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Rev. Liz Zivanov has just been added to our canonically resident retired clergy. Liz was rector of St. Clement's Church from 2001 to 2016. After she retired, she was required to change her residency in order to do interim ministry in another diocese. Now that she is completely retired, she is *canonically* returning to our ohana, though staying on the mainland. Welcome, Liz!



Spiritual thought for the Summer by **Bishop Steven Charleston**

Steven Charleston is a Choctaw Native American, a retired American Episcopal bishop and an academic. He was bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska from 1991 to 1996, and Dean of Episcopal Divinity School, from 1999 to 2008.

“I may no longer be able to bounce back like I used to, but I can still ease back, and that is exactly what I intend to keep doing. I do not imagine the days to come will be without their challenges. But when they come, even if they knock me down, I will not give up. I will get up. I will uphold the light.”

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The 6 Dimensions of Wellness

The Keynote presentation of our May conference was about “wellness”.



When I think of wellness, I naturally assume it means physical health. This presentation was enlightening, as I realized that there is more to wellness than having a good checkup. Our Keynote presenter, Dr. Karen Keune, EdD, MJ, RN, gave wellness much more depth and meaning. With her warmth and understanding, she presented as though she were talking to each individual personally. As the National Wellness Institute explains: Wellness is an active, intentional, and ongoing process.

The lessons I learned from this presentation and the workbook that came with it from the *National Wellness Institute* were so valuable, that I have decided to share some of the points during the next two issues of this newsletter.

Emotional wellness recognizes the awareness and acceptance of one's feelings. It includes the degree to which one feels positive and enthusiastic about oneself and life, and the capacity to manage one's feelings and related behaviors, including the timely and realistic assessment of one's limitations. In this dimension, it is important to be aware of and accept one's own feelings, consider the feelings of others, develop autonomy, take an optimistic approach to life, and develop the ability to self-regulate in response to stress.

An emotionally well person maintains authentic, satisfying relationships with others.

Awareness of and accepting a wide range of feelings in oneself and in others is essential to wellness. On the wellness journey, this includes developing the capacity to recognize and manage feelings as they arise and communicate openly, honestly, and freely about the feelings being experienced.

Those who are well developed in this dimension make their decisions based upon the synthesis of their collective feelings, thoughts, philosophes, and behaviors. They live and work independently while realizing the importance of seeking out and accepting the support and assistance of others. They build strong, interdependent relationships with others from a foundation of mutual respect, commitment, and trust. They willingly accept challenges, take risks, and recognize conflict as being potentially healthy. They manage their lives in personally rewarding ways and take responsibility for their actions. They see life as an exciting, fun, and hopeful adventure.

Emotional Wellness follows these core tenets:

- *It is better to be aware of and accept our feelings than to deny them.*
- *It is better to be optimistic in our approach to life than pessimistic.*

Summer Birthdays



Clergy

JUNE

- *Kate Cullinane* *June 2*
- *Liz Zivanov* *June 4*
- *Agnes (Pat) Leo* *June 5*
- *Jodene Hawkins* *June 12*
- *Steve Costa* *June 17*

JULY

- *Robert Steele* *July 2*
- *John Tomoso* *July 17*

AUGUST

- *Carol Arney* *August 7*
- *Frank Chun* *August 13*
- *Dallas Decker* *August 18*
- *Nance Hite-Speck* *August 18*

Clergy Spouses

JUNE

- *Barbara Sexton* *June 11*
- *Robert Johnson* *June 11*



JULY

- *Kathryn Bonsey* *July 1*
- *Joe Ellen Nurdin* *July 6*
- *Mary Ann Lentz* *July 25*
- *Margo Johnson* *July 27*
- *Patrick Pang* *July 29*

AUGUST

- *John Norris* *August 5*
- *Elizabeth Hart* *August 18*
- *Mary Sjostrom* *August 18*
- *Richard Speck* *August 27*

Surviving Spouses

JUNE

- *Marilyn Snyder* *June 23*

JULY

- *Susan Bauder Reynolds* *July 2*
- *Tina Williams-Van Culin* *July 14*

AUGUST

- *Louisa Quintero* *August 2*