



2017

A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve

Pastor's Message

For years we have been working toward this month—the start of the long awaited and planned for repairs and renovations of the church building. This is it—April 2017! It falls during the month in which we celebrate Holy Week and Easter. How appropriate! This side of the resurrection, we know that Holy Week will lead us to the new life and joy of Easter. A week later we will close our sanctuary space for three months in the sure and certain hope of new life about to come to St. Peter's 103 year old building! On April 24th, our sanctuary will be closed until the end of July while exterior and interior painting and spall repairs are made and new air conditioning, carpeting, lighting, and audio enhance our worship space.

The more recent addition is the discovery of severe deterioration of the large altar window. In working with a stained glass consultant and with diligent and extensive work by the Vestry members, Facilities folks, and a team of artistic advisors in the congregation, we have come up with a design for a new and improved window—both in terms of structure and in terms of design. The basic structure will be enhanced with an aluminum frame that will not fall victim to termites as the current frame has and with extra reinforcement in the panels that will not be seen but that will hold the weight of the window more securely. The design, while essentially the same with the red cross upon a rock in the center of the window, will be enhanced with a more clearly defined rock with a ti plant symbolizing our presence in Hawaii and a color scheme that will draw upon the blue tones of the other windows in the sanctuary rather than the current green and brown tones that date back to when the side windows in the sanctuary were also green.

In addition, three new toilet rooms will be added to the mauka, Ewa corner of the Parish Hall, one of which will be ADA accessible. Come August we will be celebrating new life breathed into the ministry of this church for generations to come through an enhanced and beautified worship space with accessible restrooms for all who use this property.

If you have questions about the project, please speak with me or any of the folks listed below, but please also give them your special thanks for the extra time and diligence with which they are caring for this church during this busy time!

Pastor Diane

Vestry: Velma Lee (Senior Warden), Tim Yuen (Junior Warden), Nancy Rowe (Treasurer), Stephanie Wight (Clerk), Michele Baldovi, Beth Cox, Ron Kim, Bryan Matsumoto, Pokhui McKinney, Edmund Choy, Kyle Saito, Jaime Yamane

Facilities Folks: Tim Yuen, Ron Kim, Kyle Saito, Terry Dang, Taka Kimura, Bill McKinney

Artistic Advisors: Paula Choy, Ralph Panelli, Jaime Yamane

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm/ Passion Sunday, April 9th
7:30am and 10:00am services
Gather in the Parish Hall to receive a palm branch. The service begins in the parking lot (weather permitting) and proceeds into the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th
6:00pm service
Foot washing, Holy Eucharist, and stripping of the altar followed by soup and fellowship.

Good Friday, April 14th
11:30am and 6:00pm services
A solemn, meditative service. Piano at 11:30am. Organ and choir at 6:00pm. Good Friday offerings of The Episcopal Church go to the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Easter Sunday, April 16th
7:30am and 10:00 services
Joyous celebration with Holy Eucharist!

Holy Week and Easter Activities

Palm cross folding, **Saturday, April 8, 9-11am**, Aloha Room, all welcome.

Pew Polishing, **Saturday, April 15, 9-11am**, Sanctuary, all welcome.

Easter Egg Hunts, **Easter Sunday, 9:00am or 12noon**, on the grounds of the Cathedral. Children from St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and the Cathedral are all invited to participate.



Bishop's Annual Visitation



Bishop Fitzpatrick will be with us on Sunday, April 9th for a fun evening of laughter and good food.

The Bishop visits each congregation in the diocese every year, alternating between Sunday worship visits and social visits.

The social visit provides opportunities for the members of the congregation to meet with him in a casual setting to share mutual concerns and joys of the ministry of the congregation.

**Bishop's Social Visitation Sunday,
April 9th, 5-7pm
Parish Hall**

The main dish will be provided, Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary. Please let us know that you will attend so we can set up properly.



In a few weeks, the long awaited St. Peter's construction and renovation project will begin. Pledges to the

capital campaign will continue to come in through 2019.

Nevertheless, with the funds that St. Peter's has dedicated from its reserves and the money already generously contributed, we will begin the project with just over 60% of what is needed to complete it. However, in order to meet the schedule, St. Peter's will take out a construction loan that will be paid off from future pledge payments over the course of the next few years.

But, as you know from your own finances, any funds received now from early payment of pledges scheduled to come in through 2019 will lower the amount needed to borrow before the project begins. Also, more on-hand campaign funds will reduce our construction loan and interest costs, reducing the overall project cost — all good stewardship.

Bottom line: We thank you for your continued support for the project that will create many exciting future ministry opportunities for St. Peter's.

-Pokhui McKinney, Post Campaign Chair

Highlights from the March 15th Vestry Meeting

The Facilities Committee, Executive Committee, and a few other members from St. Peter's are diligently working together with Jim Erickson, our stained glass window designer, to finalize the details of the altar/chancel stained glass window.

Another task of the Facilities and Executive Committees is working on the updates of the audio system in the sanctuary with Audissey Company.

Kudos to Tim Yuen, our Junior Warden, for saving the church about \$5,000 by pointing out "the slatted vents above the Ewa doors are non-operable and has been like that since its original building." The Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting will now proceed with issuing a permit for us to begin construction.

We received good news from the State Historic Preservation Division, which stated that "no historic properties (will be) affected" by the renovations that are being done to the church.

The garden on the side of the Parish Hall will be open to everyone to enjoy the serenity of this special place on our property.

The refrigerator has a lock because there have been instances which have questioned the sanitation of the food stored inside. Since there are several ministries that prepare foods for various groups in the community, we don't want to have a spoiled food issue.

Preparations are underway for Bishop Bob's Visitation on Sunday, April 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It will be an evening of fun, food, and fellowship for everyone, so please mark this special date on your calendars!

-Velma Lee, Senior Warden

Congratulations and Mahalo to Oriel Agcaoili!

St. Peter's Vestry officially declared March 1, 2017 as *Oriel Agcaoili Day* in honor of and appreciation for Oriel's 20 years of service with St. Peter's Church. He is pictured here receiving the coveted Golden Payaya Award.





Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement agency of the Episcopal Church, has launched a *Stand To Support Refugees* fundraising campaign to

maintain a strong, viable ministry network to welcome those fleeing war, violence and persecution.

EMM is one of nine national agencies responsible for resettling refugees in the United States in partnership with the U.S. government. The bulk of its funding comes from federal grants that are expected to be dramatically reduced in 2017 making increased church support necessary. The Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson, director of Episcopal Migration Ministries, says of the campaign, *"At a time when the world is facing the largest refugee crisis since World War II, the United States can and should welcome more refugees, not less. Episcopal Migration Ministries is committed to embracing the command of Jesus, and his definition of neighbor. We recognize that there is little to fear from those who have themselves fled violence for fear of their lives. We respect and value the dignity of every human being. Our interest is only in being 'neighbor' to those who need to know peace and comfort. Stand with Episcopal Migration Ministries and support our work as we care for and welcome our newest neighbors and advocate for refugees at home and abroad."* Donations can be made online

at <http://episcopalmigrationministries.org>

A Word to the Church from the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church Holy Week

"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others."

On Good Friday the ruling political forces of the day tortured and executed an innocent man. They sacrificed the weak and the blameless to protect their own status and power. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, revealing not only their injustice, but also unmasking the lie that might makes right.

In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent forces being released by this season's political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors,

particularly those on the margins of society. They seek to secure their own safety and security at the expense of others. There is legitimate reason to fear where this rhetoric and the actions arising from it might take us.

In this moment, we resemble God's children wandering in the wilderness. We, like they, are struggling to find our way. They turned from following God and worshiped a golden calf constructed from their own wealth. The current rhetoric is leading us to construct a modern false idol out of power and privilege. We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.

We call for prayer for our country that a spirit of reconciliation will prevail and we will not betray our true selves.

The Episcopal Church House of Bishops unanimously approved the above statement while in retreat at Camp Allen Conference Center in Navasota, TX,

Lenten Mite Boxes

During Lent you have been placing coins and bills in your mite the box on a regular basis. Filled with tokens of your love and care for your neighbors, bring it filled to church on Easter Sunday and place it in one of the baskets available on Easter Day. A portion of the money that is received will assist the Priory Hope Box project.



"WE ARE THE Episcopal BRANCH OF THE Jesus movement"
—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Do you Know Where Your St. Peter's Nametag Is? 10 Reasons Everybody at Church Should Wear a Nametag -Chuck Lawless , Professor of Evangelism and Missions and Dean of Graduate Studies at Southeastern Seminary

1. **Few people know everybody in the church.** Even in the smallest churches, it's sometimes difficult to remember everybody's name. If/as the

church grows, that task becomes even more difficult. Nametags allow us to admit that struggle while providing a way to overcome it.

2. **Leaders need help with names.** I want to know everybody's name in my church, but I'm not gifted with that kind of memory. I admit I need help if I want to be the best church leader I can be. I would much prefer calling people by name as I minister to them – and nametags allow me to do so.
3. **Nametags invite conversation.** Knowing another person's name breaks down one barrier to conversations that church folks ought to feel comfortable having. It's simply easier to talk with others when you are on a first-name basis.
4. **Knowing names makes fellowship more personal.** While calling each other "brother" or "sister" sounds good (and is theologically on target), that nomenclature is often a cover up for "I'm sorry I don't know your name, and I'm embarrassed to ask." As long as conversations remain at the anonymous "brother" and "sister" level, fellowship will remain surface level.
5. **Nametags save embarrassment.** We've probably all called someone by the wrong name, only to realize it later (or perhaps even within the same conversation). If "brother" or "sister" is a gentle way of saying, "I don't know your name," using the wrong name is an undeniable way of doing so. That's embarrassing for both parties.
6. **Nametags are an inexpensive way to promote outward focus.** The church that says, "We don't need nametags since we already know everyone anyway" is probably saying more than they care to admit. My guess is they see few guests at their church, and they probably aren't expecting any. On the other hand, using nametags is one way to say, "We expect God to send us guests, and we want to be ready for them."
7. **Guests feel less conspicuous.** I understand why we might give guests a nametag, but doing so for them alone actually makes them even more noticeable – and puts them at a disadvantage in conversations. I know their name, but they don't know mine if I'm not also wearing a nametag. Guests should never be the ones who must do the asking.
8. **Saying to someone, "Please let us know your name" also says, "We want to know you."** Much has been written about guests' desire for anonymity in churches, but I take a different slant on that issue. People who come to a

church are looking for something. They often welcome care and concern. What they don't want is to be smothered and made uncomfortable. That's a different issue, though, than simply wanting to know them by name.

9. **A "nametag" ministry provides opportunities for service.** Somebody must purchase the nametags. Somebody must distribute them. Greeters must remind folks to get their nametags. And, likely, somebody must clean up the "peel and press" nametags that wind up on the floor after the service. The opportunities for members to get involved in a simple but significant ministry are numerous.
10. **Leaders risk little by trying this approach.** We're not omitting a ministry from the budget, re-writing the church constitution, or killing a sacred cow with this approach. We're simply asking people to wear a nametag to promote fellowship and welcome guests. If this ministry fails – and I don't think it will if leaders promote it properly and patiently wait for it to enter the DNA of a congregation – the church has lost little.

If you need a new nametag, please contact Pokhui McKinney or the church office.

2nd Annual Faith Summit on Homelessness Saturday, April 29th, 8:30am-3pm

First Assembly of God - 3400 Moanalua Road,
Honolulu

Service providers, organized by IHS (The Institute for Human Services), will be providing a day of workshops, training, and networking to assist faith communities in maximizing their effectiveness in addressing the homelessness crisis in our communities.

For registration details, call Chaplain Irene at 447-2842.



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