



**June - July 2019**

*St. Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus:*

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6



On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that descended upon the expectant disciples, just as Jesus had promised. From that moment on, the disciples were empowered to spread the

good news of Jesus Christ into the world—and that they did from generation to generation right down to today. The Christian Church was born, and we at St. Peter's are part of that great history, which has carried the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world and into the future.

In that Spirit, this community took on the ambitious project of repairing and renovating the sanctuary. To make this happen, in 2016 this community committed to extra financial gifts over and above our annual giving for a period of three years. Over the time that those funds were coming in, St. Peter's took out a construction loan to pay for the construction work. In 2017, the repairs and renovations were completed. The baptismal font from China around which are chiseled the words from Paul's letter above, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism," stands today in a sanctuary space that is renewed and refreshed. In our coming and our going, we are encouraged as Christians to dip our fingers into the baptismal bowl and make the sign of the cross on our foreheads, reminding us that God made us, claims us, and calls us to be Jesus' disciples in this world. That is the purpose of this beautiful sacred space in which our faith lives are nurtured.

Three years later, some wonderful news! This Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, thanks to the faithfulness of this congregation and its friends, we have cut the FINAL check for the repayment of the construction loan! St. Peter's will continue to keep and accept gifts for a "building fund" to cover routine maintenance so the church doesn't fall so far behind in repairs going forward and for projects that are ongoing, e.g. putting a new cross back on the high steeple to replace the one Hurricane Lane took down, repairing the fire escape on the Parish Hall, etc., but it is an amazing testimony to the faithfulness of this community that the three-year capital campaign wrapped up on schedule. To everyone who contributed through financial gifts and prayer, YOU have blessed this

church into the future. God's blessings be upon us as we continue to live into our calling as the present day disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*Pastor Diane*



St. Peter's Renovation Project received a 2019 Preservation Project Award at the recent Hawaii Historic Foundation Annual Awards Ceremony. The text stated, "The project provided much needed repairs, physical improvements, and upgrades to the church and parish hall while maintaining the historic fabric and character and working within the limited funding available from the congregation.... Added to the project was installing the stained glass at the altar... The project provided the necessary repairs and upgrades without compromising the integrity of the 1914 church."

The award was presented to MASON (Glenn Mason Architect), the Congregation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Constructors Hawaii (Contractor), Mechanical Engineers of Hawaii, Inc., Douglas Engineering, James Erickson Studios (Stained Glass Designer), and Annalee Jones (Stained Glass Artist).

## THE MAJESTIC ART OF BRONÉ JAMEIKIS

2019 marks the 100th birthday of stained glass artist Brone Jameikis. In a recent article in the magazine *Lithuanian Heritage*, Brone's extraordinary career was featured. Of interest to St. Peter's is the paragraph below.

*Broné Jameikis' most celebrated and monumental art glass installation is at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Honolulu. She designed fifteen sanctuary windows between 1975–1983, inspired by texts from the "Book of Revelation." The faceted glass windows: "Holy Ones," "Worship of God and Vision," "Earth's Harvest," "Peace," "Alpha and Omega" et al. form a single Biblical theme. Each of the windows was dedicated to one of the families of St. Peter's Church who sponsored the art installation. Jameikis worked closely with the donor families to create windows that had personal meaning. In harmony with Hawaiian nature, they depict fish, birds, a rainbow, flowers, butterflies, and the blue Pacific.*



"Earth's Harvest" and "Peace" leaded glass, B. Jameikis.  
(courtesy of St. Peter's Church, Honolulu)

The complete article is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

## Sela Speaks Up for Epilepsy!

Sela Kimura

I had my first seizure in January 2017 and I was diagnosed with epilepsy in May 2017 after my second seizure. Since then I have had five more seizures. When I was first diagnosed, I was sad and angry, asking why this had happened to me. I felt so lonely with no one to talk to who could relate to me. I also felt very isolated, even though 1 in 26 people have epilepsy, because no one really talks about it and people tried to limit what I was doing because they didn't know about epilepsy.

At the end of April this year, I went to Washington, D.C. to learn more about epilepsy and how to advocate for epilepsy awareness and research at the **Teens Speak Up! (TSU!)** conference. I was selected to go to D.C. to represent the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii and others in Hawaii living with epilepsy. Before I went to TSU!, I wasn't very comfortable with my epilepsy, I felt alone, and I didn't really want to go. But after I went and met everyone, I'm so glad I did and I feel more comfortable because I got to meet other teens who are going on the same journey as me.

At TSU! I learned more about epilepsy and what is needed to improve the lives of people living with epilepsy. Then all the teens and their parents went to Capitol Hill to speak with our Senators and Representatives about supporting bills to help the epilepsy community. On Capitol Hill, I met with Senator Hirono, Senator Schatz, Congressman Case, and Congresswoman Gabbard's office.

One of the bills that I advocated for is for CDC funding for epilepsy research and education. Most people don't really know what epilepsy is and how they should respond to the various types of seizures. Before I was diagnosed with epilepsy all my family knew about epilepsy was what you see in movies and TV shows. 1 in 10 people will have a seizure in their life time and 1 in 26 will be diagnosed with epilepsy some time in their life. There are roughly 14,000 people in Hawaii who are living with epilepsy. Since epilepsy is so common people, should know more about it and how to react to someone having a seizure.

As part of going to TSU!, I am doing a year of service with the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii to advocate for legislation to help those with epilepsy and spread awareness about epilepsy. I'm hoping I can educate others about epilepsy so people like me don't have to feel so lonely.

P.S Check out these links and photos to see more of what I did in D.C. and see some of my new friends!

<https://www.epilepsy.com/release/2019/5/teens-around-country-joined-epilepsy-foundation-capitol-hill-urge-congress-funding>



Although there were only 8 of us in May, we were able to make the 30 needed lunch bags for the 24 recipients.

\* Mahalo to Sim for purchasing all the fruit as well as the makings for the sandwiches, and especially for washing the head of lettuce before arriving.

\* Gracias to Carla, Addison and Rebecca for making the sandwiches and to Carla for taking picture.

\* Thanks to Marvie, Rodney and Myrna for filling the bags with water, fruit, chips, napkins, sandwiches and the prayer sheet.

\* A special shout out to Rev. Jazzy for her smiling face encouragement, and taking pictures of the group, and to Pastor Diane for taking the bread out of the freezer.

\* Thank you to Myrna, Marvi, Rodney and Velma for spending time distributing the lunch bags at Harris, and for visiting with the men and women who stopped by.

\* And lastly, special thank you to Ruth gave me a detail report.

Again, THANK YOU to St. Peter's Hie Hie Ministry volunteers.  
*Pokhui McKinney, Coordinator*

## July 2 Grief Workshop!

*Joseph Eppink*

12 – 1pm, Von Holt Room, Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

Grief is the garden of compassion. But it's hard!!! The process of grieving is an incredibly difficult journey and the path is different for each of us. Sometimes we feel alone amid a large crowd and sometimes we become very angry for no apparent reason. There are times that tears come upon us so fast and we wonder when they will lessen. There are other times we feel so encouraged by a memory that has come to us. It's all okay. It's all very okay.

Join us for this hour as we learn not only more about grief and what it really is, but strategies to help us deal with this pain-filled road. And maybe, just maybe, our grief will be our garden of compassion.

*Dr. Joseph Eppink, St. Peter's Director of Music, is also a bereavement coordinator at Bristol Hospice. He will present the workshop. Participants will have an extended opportunity using meditation and the grounding sounds of the waves at a later scheduled time to further the healing.*

*A men's grief support group will soon be meeting at St Peter's and facilitated by Dr. Eppink. Information will be forthcoming.*

To reserve your space for the workshop, questions or other information, contact Joseph at 225.7906 or at [joseph.eppink@bristolhospice.com](mailto:joseph.eppink@bristolhospice.com).

## 3rd Annual Faith Summit on Homelessness

*Willis Yap*

The **3rd Annual Faith Summit On Homelessness** was held on May 4th at the Aloha Tower. Rev. Jazzy, Pastor Diane and I attended along with about 300 other church, synagogue and temple members to learn and share the knowledge gained with others in our community about homelessness. The Institute of Human Services (IHS), founded originally by Episcopal priest Fr. Claude DuTeil, and its Executive Director Connie Mitchell organized and led discussions of various topics including but not limited to, "Biblical Best Practices for Caring", "Toxic Charity/ When Helping Hurts: Focusing Charity on Better Results", "Engaging the Voice of Homeless Persons in Advocacy" and "Limits of Grace: Balancing Compassion with a Call to Responsibility."

Although it was physically impossible to attend all the sessions, allow me to give you my impressions as the day unfolded. It began with powerful presentations by Carolina Jesus (Shelter of Wisdom) and Josiah Koria (Tyrell's Angels) who have spent their time and personal resources sheltering homeless and finding them jobs and permanent housing. Each started doing this mission work on their own out a sense of serving and helping those whose needs were obvious to them.

Following the morning conversations, I attended a session on how we, as a community, can focus our efforts on building relationships rather than distributing resources. For example, charities are very generous in giving whereas solid evidence that exists that where the giving is unrestricted (unconditional), the outcome may not be helpful. Instead, dependency may develop and personal initiative stifled. The speaker emphasized more collaboration and engaging those in need and listening to what they want and having them do more themselves. It's almost as if a solid business model should be put in place rather than simply spending money on what the givers perceive is needed.

In another session, the IHS staff psychologist explored what might be going on in the mind of a chronically homeless person, *chronic* meaning years on the street and unwillingness to change: that person loves his relationship with drugs or alcohol more than anything else. That type of individual is probably the most difficult to approach and change. The speaker contrasted that person's situation with another with mental illness. Interestingly, IHS has had more success with persons suffering from mental illness by simply persuading them to take their medications! Following this line of reasoning, there is a legal tool known as "Assisted Community Order To Treat". A court can order an individual to receive medication when it is shown that without treatment, the individual is a danger to himself and/or others. Although the law is rather new and not widely used, it shows some promise.

The two things I remember most from the Summit are if you really want to help a homeless person, you must build a relationship and that person must want to change.

What can we at St. Peter's do? As with other urban churches, our challenges include vandalism, littering, theft and uncomfortable confrontations with obviously disturbed individuals. Pastor Diane has said that we can continue to do what we can - providing someone with a cup of coffee or a plate of food, greet these visitors and have a conversation to the extent it's possible, and welcome them to worship and fellowship time. Uncomfortable, yes, but absolutely the right thing to do. There is a woman who frequents the second service and a man who frequents the Jazz Vespers service, who by outward indicators, appear to be homeless. Clearly, their spirits are being fed not just their stomachs or they wouldn't return for worship.

These are all relational ways of connecting - food, shelter, a toilet and showers - that we can assist in providing. In addition, we also can share our knowledge of resources in the wider community to which we can direct people (see Pastor Diane for more information). What a human soul needs, and especially one that is demoralized on the margins, is caring human acknowledgment and tangible evidence of God's love - even if the person isn't groomed well, doesn't track clearly in conversation cries easily, or thinks he's the rightful king of the Hawaiian kingdom.

### Senior Warden's Corner

*Velma Lee, Senior Warden*

#### Highlights from the May Vestry Meeting

- ~ Mokuleia Middle School Camp is July 7-12: Noah, Jay, Becca, and Addie are attending. Elementary School Camp is June 23-28: Eden and Myra are attending. Rev. Jazzy will be the summer chaplain at Camp Mokuleia from June 23-28.
- ~ Estelle Hayashi's last day as St. Peter's Administrative Assistant was on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The vestry voted to give her a monetary gift as a mahalo and aloha for her years of devoted service.
- ~ Eva Cotter has been hired as the Office Administrator. Her first official day begins on June 16. She has been in training as a temp since April.
- ~ The kitchen has a new upright frost-free freezer and new cabinet facing has been installed. A new gas stove and on-demand water heater will soon be added to the kitchen.
- ~ At the Chinese Christian Cemetery Association (CCCA) Annual Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Board



elected Dennis Pang as President and Myron Chang as Treasurer. One of the main responsibilities of the CCCA is the maintenance of Pauoa Cemetery, where several members of St. Peter's are laid to rest.

- ~ At the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Chinese Christian Association (CCA), St. Peter's was notified to host the General Assembly Meeting on Sat., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. St. Peter's will have about 30 minutes to share one of our ministries and then serve lunch.
- ~ St. Peter's received 50 folding chairs from the Cathedral at no cost. The 50 blue broken chairs were disposed at the Kailua dump. A rolling cart to store the chairs will be purchased to make it easier to move the chairs from storage as needed.



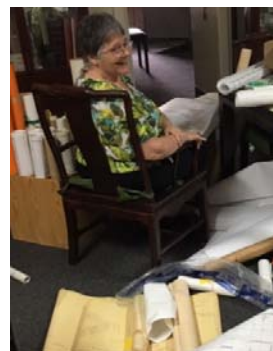
#### Parents and Youth!!!

The **EYE2020** location and dates have been announced!!! Are you unfamiliar with what EYE is? It stands for Episcopal Youth Event--an awesome, double awesome churchwide event that happens once every three years. Only youth who have finished their 9th to 12th grade years are eligible to attend, so for most youth that means this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience this amazing event that combines worship, workshops, service, and play.

Youth from this diocese will get to know one another as they prepare for and travel together to the gathering. When is it you ask? Great question! **July 7-10, 2020** Where is it? (Drum roll, please).....**Washington, D.C.** in partnership with the Washington National Cathedral and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington on the campus of Howard University, one of the historically Black Ivy League universities in this country.

Watch for more details as the dates get closer!

#### Thank you, Stephanie Wight!



A big mahalo to Stephanie Wight who has been sifting through, cleaning up, and organizing the many boxes of material collected in the office and saved over the decades! Some treasures have been discovered and lots of duplicate and outdated items that have been taking up space are being moved out. We appreciate your hours of volunteer service, making the

office more efficient, Stephanie!

## Mite Box Offering During Lent



Just as last year, the Lenten offerings in the mite boxes were split between Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM). After expenses for the creation of the mite boxes, \$ 333.50

was sent to each agency. ERD is the development arm of the church overseas. EMM provides refugee settlement in this country.

## Office Transitions

Thursday, May 30th, was **Estelle Hayashi's** last day with St. Peter's. When Estelle's son and daughter-in-law moved to Las Vegas with their two children, Estelle and her husband decided it was time to retire, so they could visit their granddaughters more often. Estelle was been the cheery voice people would hear when they called St. Peter's office. Her cheerfulness, efficiency, professionalism, and kind spirit will be greatly missed. See a note from Estelle in the column below.

Stepping into the role of Office Administrator is **Eva Cotter**. She has been in training as a temp the past two months and will take on the full-time position of Office Administrator starting Monday, June 17th. Eva was born and raised in California, has an MBA and her acupuncture license, has owned her own business, and is an equestrian. Eva and her husband moved to Oahu for his work. They have one grown son who remained in California as did Eva's horse who was too advanced in age to make the move. Happily, their dog is adjusting well to Hawaii life. Please give Eva a warm welcome and be patient and helpful as she adjusts to a new job and community!

*Dear St. Peter's Ohana,*

*It was my pleasure working at St. Peter's for the past four years. You've all made me feel very welcomed and I will treasure the many friendships that I have made here. This church is a very special place. You can feel the warmth of the congregation -- a true ohana. Thank you for including me.*

*Thanks for the Aloha parting gifts and wonderful send-off in the office. Mahalo for stopping by, emailing or calling me on the phone to wish me well in my 'second' retirement.*

*To the staff, vestry and parishioners of St. Peter's I wish you all the best. Stay healthy, smile, laugh out loud and eat a piece (or two) of chocolate everyday!*

*Namaste,  
Estelle Hayashi*

## Update on the Kitchen Renovations

Many thanks to Stephanie Wight, Stephanie Goo, Velma Lee, and Nancy Rowe for putting everything stored in the blue room back into the kitchen! The two Stephanie's cleaned out the shelves and drawers, lined the shelves, sorted out the numerous utensils, bowls, and platters. They discarded the junk stuff, laid out the discards for people to help themselves on Sunday. The rest went to Goodwill. Nancy and Velma sorted the pantry items, discarding expired items and donating others to St. Elizabeth's to use when they cook for the homeless.

When using anything in kitchen, please take note of the appropriate drawers and shelves where you found the items so that you can return them to their right space afterwards. Then the next person who needs the item(s) can find it readily.

Other noteworthy items that have been completed in the kitchen: New ice maker, bright cabinet faces and new counter top, new upright frost free freezer. Yet to come: a new gas stove and hot water heater.

## Congratulations to

**Jenna Matsumoto**, who received the Lucille Tamura Memorial Scholarship at the Priory for the second year in a row.



**Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake** whose original ribbon lei received the third prize in the Annual Parks and Recreation Lei Contest on May Day/Lei Day.

**St. Peter's Ohana Class of 2019 Graduates**

**Sonja Noelani Barba**, granddaughter of Tiare and Ray Ono, who graduated from Chaminade University of Honolulu on May 13, 2019 with a degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in History.

**Reyn Shigeo Palea Ono**, who graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law on May 12, 2019 with his Juris Doctor degree.

**Thomas Kim**, grandson of Velma Kim, nephew of Ron and Janet, and cousin of Ashlyn, who graduated from the University of Washington with a BA in Business.

**Gavin Low**, grandson of Adele Low, who graduated from the University of Portland on May 4, 2019. He is currently an electrical engineer in Portland.

**Amanda Ong**, who graduated from Granada High School in California. She is the granddaughter of Jerry Liu and daughter of Todd and Laurie Ong.

**Darius Mitchell-Mynar**, who graduated from Kamehameha Maui and **Asa Mitchell-Dawson**, who graduated from Dematha High School in Maryland on June 7th. They are nephews of Steve Mitchell.

**Maya Yamane**, who graduated from medical school at Columbia University and is returning to Oahu for an intern year in internal medicine followed by an Ophthalmology residency.

**Estelle Inn**, who had three quilts exhibited at the Hawaii Quilt Guild Show. Her *Steampunk Hula* quilt received a 3rd place award for the Steampunk challenge.



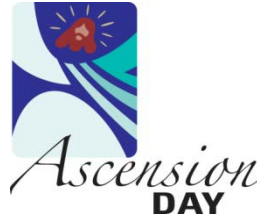
**The Congregation of St. Peter's Church** for its generous support of Operation BacPac. Mahalo to Glenn Pang, who donated 20 backpacks; to Tiare Ono and Catie Wiecking, who organized the collection drive to fill the backpacks; to Tiare Ono and Amy Ono, who filled the backpacks; and to the congregation for the supplies to fill the backpacks. The project, for support of prisoners nearing the end of their incarceration and transitioning back into the community, provides basic necessities for personal care and hygiene as well

as other everyday items such as paper, pens, detergent, sheets, and pillows, all in an easy to carry backpack.

### It was Awesome!

Many thanks to Dr. Joseph Eppink, St. Peter's Director of Music, for planning and organizing a wonderful concert on Sunday, June 2nd, entitled, *Onipa`a: The steadfastness of Queen Lili`uokalani through words & music*. The evening featured beautiful music by Dr. Eppink on organ and directing both the St. Peter's Chancel Choir and Ukuleles and the Na Leo Malama Singers. In addition, the audience was blessed by the percussion gifts of Lay Associate of Worship and Music, Manny Dayao, the Tokiakolo Choir and Youth Choir, the HWE Flute Ensemble, hula by Donna Noe`au Komine. Special guest, Bernadette Parks, provided an oli as well as remembrances of Queen

Mahalo also to Velma Lee, Karin Kimura, Gail Kuroda, the Tokaikolo community, and all who provided the delicious food and organized a wonderful time of fellowship after the concert. Those in attendance were blessed! Thank you!



*The Rev. Jazzy Bostock*

Last weekend, after church, I got on an interisland flight and went to the Big Island. I was going to take advantage of the holiday we had on Memorial Day, and celebrate my mom's birthday.

When I was in Kona, waiting for the shuttle to the rental car place, a young couple started to talk to me. They asked me where I was traveling to, and I told them I was coming home for mom's birthday. Then they asked whether I went to church that morning, and I answered yes.

At this point, I have two dueling thoughts in my head – one which says, "you have to tell them you're a priest." (This thought comes as a little nudge, almost as if my conscience wanted to come clean.) As soon as that part nudges me, though, another voice kicks in, "if you say something you'll have to have a whole conversation about it." Now, please don't misunderstand – there's nothing about my faith which I am ashamed of (or at least that's what I told myself), but I just didn't feel like I had the energy to engage in conversation. Sunday afternoons I'm exhausted, and ready for a nap. After the dueling voices in my head had their say, I reluctantly

added to my reply – "I'm a priest". They asked which church I went to, and I told them. Then they reached in their bag, and handed me a copy of a devotional booklet. It's put out by their church, and they were eager to share it with me. Without even realizing it, and within a matter of a few minutes, I was part of an evangelistic moment.

Today, we celebrate Ascension Day. In Bible Study, Elizabeth asked a question which has stuck with me – Why does ascension matter? For us, in this day and age – why is it important? The time we live in is different than the time Jesus lived in – our modern world has different advantages and hardships. So, what does it matter to us, now, that Jesus ascended?

I think part of the answer to that question is tied up in the evangelistic experience I had last week. Ascension matters, at least in part, because it is part of our faith story. Ascension is as important, theologically, as the immaculate conception, the death by cross, and resurrection. And, if it's part of our faith story, it is also good news. So – why do we have such an aversion to sharing it?

Witnessing to our faith is mentioned specifically in the first reading we have, from Acts. Jesus tells his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, and all Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After reading this passage, I wonder – What does it look like to be Jesus' witness?

The couple who I met last week were witnessing to their faith. They began a conversation with me, and simply wanted to share something which was important to them. While our individual faith practices are different, and the particular things we believe are different, I was still moved by their sharing – it seemed a particular way of opening their hearts to me. The conversation lasted less than 10 minutes, and there was nothing pushy or aggressive about it. Maybe this is one way to be a witness to Jesus.

In my life, though I am ordained as a priest, and absolutely love my job – I find that I rarely talk to others about faith. A few weeks ago, I had some friends over for dinner at my house. They all know I'm a priest, though none of them are religious. Before we ate dinner, I had a moment in my head where I debated whether or not to say grace with them. I usually say grace by myself, but suddenly felt self-conscious. I didn't want to be inhospitable, or to be pushy with my beliefs. I was afraid, I think, of sharing a spiritual practice which means so much to me.

Learning how to be Jesus' witness is a delicate balance. There is a lot of scripture which talks about the importance of privacy in faith – Like Matthew, chapter 6, "when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Or, "When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." And, I think these passages are important – I don't think ego is part of the Christian faith journey – and showing our piety before others can easily turn into a ploy for attention.

However, I DO think we have a responsibility to share the good news. It's one of the challenges I hear in our readings today.

Good news is something our modern world is desperately in need of. This week, we heard news of yet another mass shooting – this one in Virginia Beach. There are twelve dead and six critically injured – with many more grieving and deeply affected by such violence. I believe we need gun reform – and I believe we need more than thoughts and prayers – but I also think, for these families, and for this community, offering our prayers – and holding the hope we have in Jesus of eternal life – and the faith we have that there will, one day, be justice – is good news. For the family of the gunman, we can hold the belief that God's mercy is wide, and that forgiveness has been offered to us, unconditionally, though Jesus. This is all good news, which we all need.

We live in a religiously pluralistic society – and that's a beautiful thing. I'm not talking about convincing, or converting people – I'm not talking about "saving souls for Jesus", or disrespecting other belief practices.

I'm talking about being honest – with others and even ourselves – about the importance, and meaning, of our faith.

How many of your friends know that you go to church on Sunday morning?

How many know that prayer is an active part of your life? These are things which are important to us. The relationships that each of us has with God is private, yes – but those relationships are also tied up in a public witness – a way to witness and give voice to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us and within our lives.

Jesus says that he will leave us with the power of this Holy Spirit – and that it is through the Spirit that we will be emboldened to share the good news through all the ends of the earth.

Being a witness to Jesus means sharing our faith. And our faith is good news – it is the cause of joy and celebration. It is through our faith that we are able to do great things – to move mountains.

Why wouldn't we want to go out and proclaim it?

Amen!



**What is one of the most tax-efficient ways for retirees over 70 1/2 to give to charity?—a Qualified Charitable Distribution.**

Do you have IRAs from which you must take RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions)? Until recently, you had no choice but to withdraw these RMDs and pay the corresponding tax. That extra income might incur additional expenses by increasing your overall tax rate, increasing the amount of Social Security income taxed, and/or increasing the cost of Medicare premiums. If you do not need or want the added income from these RMDs, you can designate the money to St. Peter's as a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" (QCD) tax free! These are some of the QCD parameters:

- \* Must be 70 ½ or older at the time of the transfer.
  - \* May distribute up to \$100,000 per year, per IRA owner.
  - \* Counts towards satisfying RMD.
  - \* Distribution is not taxable to IRA owner or to charity.
  - \* Must be sent directly from IRA custodian to charity.
  - \* Only applies to IRAs—NOT 401(k), 403(b), etc.
- Another way you can bless St. Peter's is to name this church as a partial or full beneficiary of your IRA. Your legacy will continue to bless and support the ministry of St. Peter's into the future without a tax burden.

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