



A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve

2016

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Have you noticed St. Peter's new mission statement on our Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters? After several years of trying out various iterations, most of which were just too long to remember, the vestry unanimously resonated with the current statement and approved it at the April vestry meeting. Mission statements are important because they give focus to who we are and what we do, but, to be effective, they need to be pithy enough to be remembered. We think we have it in "A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve."

First and foremost, we proclaim far and wide the hope in which we live in Jesus Christ—a hope that comes from the Biblical promises that God's mercy is far greater than our mistakes and God's love far greater than our shortcomings, that in Christ new beginnings always arise from endings and that God has claimed us into eternity—"Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b)

Living in those promises and fortified in that hope, we are called to serve in this world as Jesus served—caring for the lost and forsaken, the marginalized and shunned, the poor and distressed, the ill and suffering. We seek to be Christ to one another in the way we speak and act and in the way we forgive. We gather in community to be strengthened in that walk with Christ and with one another, so that we can be that beacon of hope in our world that turns despair into joy.

Join with us, your vestry, in committing this mission statement to memory—**A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve**—and in making this the essence of whom we are as the community of St. Peter's.

Pastor Diane

Bishop's Annual Visitation



Bishop Fitzpatrick will be with us on Sunday, June 12th when he will preach at both services and meet with the congregation during both coffee hours. At the 7:30 service Austin Kaweloali'iokalani Thompson will be baptized. His parents, David and Ashlyn Thompson, will be officially welcomed as members of St. Peter's. The Bishop will also be worshiping at our Jazz Vespers service on Thursday, June 9th and joining us for soup.

The Bishop visits each congregation in the diocese every year alternating between Sunday worship visits and social visits. The Sunday visit provides opportunities for the members of the congregation to meet with him in a variety of ways to share mutual concerns and joys of the ministry of the congregation and the diocese.

Ordinations June 25

Having received the consent of the Standing Committee, Bishop



Fitzpatrick hereby informs the Diocese of Hawai'i that the ordination of Ms. Annalise Marie Castro, Candidate,

to the Transitional Diaconate will be on Saturday, June 25, 2016, 10:00am in St. Peter's Church, Honolulu.

Annalise was an active member of St. Peter's, a participant and leader in the Holy Ground Service, and was Lay Associate prior to attending seminary. She will serve as Chaplain at St. Andrew's School following her ordination.

Also ordained that day will be the Rev. Dcn. Phyllis Mahi Beimes and the Rev. Dcn. Malcolm Keleawe Hee to the priesthood.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Welcome home, Annalise!

A Conversation with JaR Pasalo

The Rev. JaR Pasalo will visit St. Peter's on Sunday,



June 5th at 11:30 a.m. and share insights from his curacy in the Philippines, at Good Samaritan

and Epiphany as well as his upcoming move to St. Nicholas in Kapolei.

JaR was an active member of St. Peter's Church, a participant and leader of the Holy Ground Service, and was Lay Associate prior to attending seminary.

Welcome home, JaR!



Our Capital Campaign is underway!

The Festive Capital Campaign kickoff on Pentecost Sunday celebrated the generosity of the friends and families of St.

Peter's Church. Capital Campaign Co-Chairs Steve Mitchell and Elizabeth Winternitz announced that early pledges and donations had already reached \$490,000 as they unveiled the celebratory banner.

As the total pledged approaches the campaign goal, the facilities committee has begun meeting with the architect and is moving ahead in mapping out next steps. A Task Force is being gathered that will research and recommend best allocation of the funds



to address the homelessness crisis in our community. If you would like to serve on that Task Force, please let one of the campaign co-chairs or Pastor Diane know.

Special thanks to the Kick-Off Committee for a wonderful party and special thanks to those who have so generously supported the campaign and the future of St. Peter's Church.

Tim Yuen's inspirational remarks at the Kick-Off follow:

On Why I Am Giving to this Capital Campaign

This morning while I was thinking about what to say, I saw a short story which I considered appropriate (I think the hand of God himself was guiding me through this process!). Since everybody likes a good story, I decided to share it with you. The story is told in the first person.

ONE DAY WHEN I DECIDED TO QUIT

I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality... I wanted to quit my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God

"God," I asked,

"Can you give me one good reason not to quit?"

His answer surprised me...

"Look around," He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?"

"Yes," I replied.

"When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth.

Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. In the second year the fern grew more vibrant and plentiful.

And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo." He said.

"In year three there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. In year four, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed. I would not quit." He said.

"Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant. But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall.

"It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle."

He asked me. "Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots? I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you."

"Don't compare yourself to others." He said. "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet they both make the forest beautiful. Your time will come." God said to me.

"You will rise high".

"How high should I rise?" I asked.

"How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return.

"As high as it can?" I questioned.

"Yes." He said, "Give Me glory by rising as high as you can."

I left the forest and brought back this story. I hope these words can help you see that God will never give up on you. Never, Never, Never, Give Up.

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This story reminds me of how the Good Lord did not quit on the people who helped start this church in Hawaii.

They had traveled a long way from China by slow boats and not by jetting on United Airlines.

They led a hard life and probably faced discrimination as we define it today, but were nevertheless welcomed here as best as those times allowed for, but regardless, built successful and contributing lives within this community, and even today some of their descendants still attend this church and call it home. They were a close community that had put their faith and trust in God.

Now times have changed and the Parish is more diverse in its demographics and it wasn't easy getting to this point, and perhaps had problems of using the same old paradigms as solutions to grow this church. Only recently with our evolving leadership of the past ten years and now currently led by Pastor Diane and several self-examinations later has this Parish hit a few chords of hope with some bold new steps, which only now seem to be taking root and growing.

We do not know what form or shape this may lead us to. Rediscovering the faith, however, of our forefathers, to trust in the Good Lord who never will quit on the faithful as well as the lost is very important. I now see clearly in this modern day community, more so than ever before, St. Peter's needs to be here to redefine what it means to be a follower of Christ, and to give back to the Diocese and the greater community, as God's instrument, to bring hope and salvation to everyone who most needs it. We want people to identify St. Peter's as a place where they truly take their mission to heart as: **A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve.**

Today we are seeing that new chapter in the life of St. Peters unfold before us. Let's continue that legacy of hope and helping those in need.

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Summer Breakfasts for Central Middle Schoolers June 8, 15, 22, July 13

St. Peter's will again partner with the Nu'uano YMCA and Central Middle School to provide food for CMS summer camp on four Wednesdays during the six-week camp. The camp is for 48 incoming 6th graders to Central Middle. Willis Yap will coordinate the team making fried rice and supporting menu items. Volunteers are needed to serve the breakfast and clean up. Three dozen bananas are also needed for each Wednesday. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary or call the office (533-1943) to volunteer.

The breakfasts are a great opportunity to get to know these new incoming CMS students, students with whom we will continue to work through the school year.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Sonja Barba - Sonja graduated from Sacred Hearts Academy on Saturday, May 28th. She will attend Chaminade University of Honolulu in the fall where she will study criminal justice.



Jonathan Kieffer - Jonathan

graduated from Mililani High School on Sunday, May 15th. He will attend the University of Montana and major in Parks, Tourism and Recreation Management.



ECW Meeting Saturday, June 18th, 930 a.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Devotions with Fr. Gregory Johnson
- 10 a.m. Visit the Mo'ili'ili Resource Center at St. Mary's
- 10:30am Business Meeting
- 11:30am Lunch

Please bring toiletries or other items appropriate for the center to be presented to Fr. Gregory for the center. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Please call Louise Aloy at (808) 667-0144 and let her know if you will be attending. For lunch purposes, she will need to get a count by June 15th

Chaplains to Retirees

In 2010, Bishop Fitzpatrick appointed the Rev. Canon Franklin and Norma Chun to be the "Chaplains to Retired Clergy and their Spouses and Partners, and the Clergy Widows" in our Diocese. As a pastoral care ministry, Chaplains keep the bishop, as well as the retired community, apprised of the well-being of each other through e-mail, phone calls, gatherings, visits, an occasional newsletter, and birthday notes. The Diocese of Hawaii numbers 67 retired clergy and 85 spouses/partners and widows, about half of whom live in the Islands, and the others throughout the U.S. and abroad. In addition, the list also includes retired clergy, who have come from other dioceses, and have now made the Islands their home! In April Norma and Frank attended a gathering, sponsored by Church Pension Group, for over 200- Chaplains, meeting in Vancouver, the State of Washington.

Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry made a surprise visit to all the Chaplains!



The Chuns with the Presiding Bishop

We are Grateful!

To **Stephanie Wight** for the special banners, streamers, and balloons for the processions on May 15, Pentecost Sunday, and May 22, Trinity Sunday. They were wonderful additions that made those Sundays special. Our acolytes had great fun including them in the processions. Stephanie has also made two beautiful, quilted "welcome banners" for the front of the church on Sunday mornings! If you haven't seen them, be sure to take a look. What an inviting welcome they convey! Numerous folks have attended Jazz Vespers because of the "welcome banners" she made for that service. Thank you for a new set for Sunday mornings, Stephanie!!



To **Haroldwyn Chang** who wove a ribbon lei for Annalise Castro for her graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary.

To the **Kick-Off Committee:**

Planning - John Afong, Jerry Campbell, Velma Lee, Pastor Diane, Steve Mitchell, Nancy Rowe, Elizabeth Winternitz, Jan Yap

Office- Joette Comstock and Estelle Hayashi

Decorations - Rae Gorman and Nani Ho

Menehunes - Oriel Agcaoili, Keith Lee, Joanne Shibuya, Michele Baldovi, Stephanie Wight, Tim Yuen, Karin Kimura (she made the yummy cookies)

Photographer- Karin Kimura

Musicians- Reggie Padilla and Howard Nett

Building Blocks Poster - Karla Lee

And everyone who helped clean up the parish hall and the kitchen so quickly!

To the **Chefs** who provide soup, salad, bread, and dessert for Soup after Jazz.

To **Barton and Beth Cox** who bake the communion bread each week and deliver it warm on Sunday morning.

To **Everyone** who has supported the Capital Campaign.



June

and Anniversaries

Birthdays

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| 3 Bernard Ching | 4 Bert Fong |
| 6 Nani Ho | 6 Laura Young |
| 8 Kwai Tin Choy | 9 Barbara Vlachos |
| 10 Ed Casebier | 10 Melvin Kau |
| 11 Franklin Lum | 18 Sheldon Tyau |
| 25 Robert Thue | 25 Alfred Yuen |
| 26 Tiare Ono | 27 Sonja Barba |
| 29 Velma Lee | 29 Doreen Yuen |
| 30 Hans-Gerd Bochentin | 30 Myrna Chun-Hoon |

Anniversaries - 50th Anniversary for

- 11 Franklin and Jane Pang
- 13 Chan and Nancy Rowe
- 19 The Rev. Frank and Norma Chun
- 25 Robert and Karen Savala

And

- 28 Maile Ho-Turner and Michael Turner

If you do not see your June Birthday or Anniversary on this list, please contact the church office to update your information.

**Hui Pu Summer Camp at Camp Mokule'ia
Faith Like a Mustard Seed**

Our youth are the present and the future of our community and faith. In this present, while the pressure of "the future" has yet to dawn on them, we here at Camp Mokule'ia provide a safe, nurturing, and empowering experience for our youth. If there is any ministry that is great at winning young hearts to God, it would be a camping!

A summer camp like Hui Pū is intentional! A week and weekend dedicated to deepening faith through FUN FELLOWSHIP and much much more. Fun fellowship? YES....High ropes, Zip Lining, Kayaking, Hiking, Camp Fires with smores and much much more.

Hui Pū is a summer camp packed with priceless experiences, so give technology and social media a break and join us! This time away may be just what our youth need for reflection on their "future"; reflection that can easily become a significant life-changing experience.

Register at www.campmokuleia.com or call 637-6241.

Grades 4-6: June 24-26

Grades 7-8: June 27-July 1

Grades 9-12: July 4-8

All St. Peter's youth who attend will receive scholarship assistance. See Pastor Diane for details.

From the Mail Bag

In mid-January, St. Peter's was blessed with the presence of a family from Canada, Ed Logan and Vera Etches and their sons, James and Luke. They became active participants at our 10am service. They returned home in mid-March and recently sent this update:

We are well into our routine back at home in Ottawa now and have a few photos around to remind us of our happy time in Honolulu. Luke has started walking (at 9.5 months). James has come through the childhood illnesses of the start of pre-school. Please pass on our thanks for the love of St. Peter's. Peace, Vera

Letters of gratitude from our ministry partners for our support of them were received from

Camp Mokuleia (\$1,000.00 budgeted benevolence, plus an additional \$500.00 for storm damage repair)

Family Promise (\$2,000.00 budgeted benevolence)

The Episcopal Church on behalf of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East (\$80 Good Friday offering)

Partners in Development (\$318.24) Lenten mite box offerings.

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2016 Vestry

Executive Committee:

Senior Warden: Velma Lee

Junior Warden: Tim Yuen

Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson

Clerk: Stephanie Wight

Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Term expires in 2016: Kyle Saito, Elizabeth Winternitz, Clinton Yee

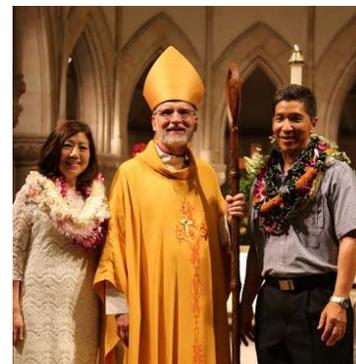
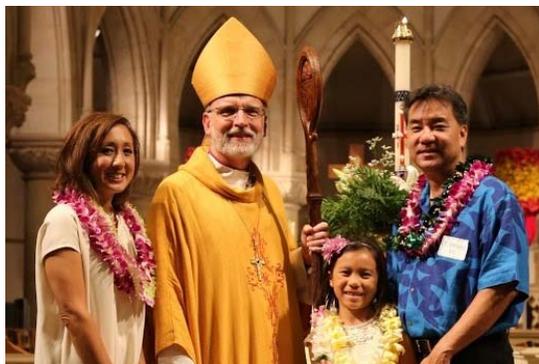
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