



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

...a faith community in the heart of downtown Honolulu

A Beacon of Hope...A Call to Serve!

September 2017

From the Rector



This past week, I heard a teen express what he saw as the challenge of our times. He said, "Too many people think—that person doesn't look like me, that person doesn't talk like me—and then jump to the conclusion, That person doesn't have as much to contribute to this country as I do."

That's a pretty astute observation. It is a sentiment that is certainly not expressed just in this country. It has popped up all over the world—and throughout history all the way

back to Biblical times. And, that can seem discouraging. Haven't we been through all this before? Yes, we have, and it never ends well. It seems to be a fundamental part of the sinful nature we call "human." And, yet, God does not give up on us. Throughout the Bible, God remains tenaciously persistent in calling us to something better—leading those who are oppressed out of bondage and calling for a change of hearts when we wander down the wrong path. In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, he reminds us that we are one body—no divisions, no labels—*all* of whom have gifts to contribute to the well-being of our life together (Romans 12:5-6).

We are seeing that in the response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey. An impressive list of some 22 governmental agencies and the American Red Cross, all had action plans in place before Hurricane Harvey made landfall—everything from setting up collection sites with water, meals, blankets, generators, and other supplies, mobile emergency communication networks, overnight shelters, stockpiling of flood-fighting materials, assistance for Gulf of Mexico oil and gas activities, manpower for debris removal and volunteer and donations management, preparation for rapid water assessment and emergency fuel supplies, 460 deployed medical personnel—doctors, nurses, and others in addition to those already there along with the establishment of a Disaster Distress Helpline to aid with behavioral health needs, readiness to transport hazardous materials, and even putting the National Flood Insurance Program at the ready to process flood damage claims as well as placement of sensors by the U.S. Geological agency to monitor flood and wind patterns to aid in preparations for future hurricanes. All of these agencies of our government—which, by the way, is all of us—were working together to aid humanity; all of us, united as a country to help those hit by the force of this hurricane. That's a good thing because the flooding from Hurricane Harvey has turned out to be far worse than most imagined was possible, but that has caused even more people to want to reach out and help. It shouldn't just be when disaster strikes that we see the best of human nature, but that does seem to be a time when the

divisions we construct begin to fall away and we see one another as God sees us—each of us a human being created in God's image.

St. Paul wrote, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2) God's story throughout the Bible and certainly through the life of Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of the living God, is that God is with us through thick and thin, through glory and shame, always desiring and working to transform our lives more completely in the way revealed through Jesus Christ, helping us to better understand what it means to be one body and individually members one of another and to appreciate one another's unique gifts that enrich all our lives within community.

The power of Christianity is the freeing grace from false constructs of identity and power. In Christianity, there is no Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free. Our sole identity is that of *beloved child of God*, and rather than engaging in a power struggle among different "groups," we are called to be servants of God in this world. This is a fundamental truth about the way of God that we humans have struggled to learn throughout the generations. It's a message the church needs to continue to proclaim today. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. May God make it so.

Pastor Diane

Richard Sui On Chang, IV Bishop of Hawai'i

[Episcopal News Service]

The Rt. Rev. Richard Sui On Chang, the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Hawaii, died Aug. 30 after a short illness. Chang served from 1997 to 2006.



Chang earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and a Master of Divinity degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, the Episcopal seminary in Berkeley, California. He also studied at the University of Hawaii.

George Richard Millard, the suffragan bishop of the Diocese of California, ordained Chang to the diaconate in March 1966. Then-Bishop of Hawaii Harry S. Kennedy ordained him to the priesthood six months later.

Chang served in several roles in Hawaii before becoming the diocese's archdeacon from 1970 to 1974. After the first bishop of Hawaii, the Rt. Rev. Edmond Browning was installed as the Episcopal Church's 24th presiding bishop, Chang served as his assistant. He was the executive officer of the diocese when Browning was bishop in Hawaii.

Chang served for a time as vice president of the House of Bishops.

He is survived by his wife, Delia Chang, and daughters Holly and Hannah. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, September 17 at the Cathedral. Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. The service will begin at 4 p.m. A reception will follow. Notes of condolence may be sent to the Office of the Bishop addressed to:

Mrs. Dee Chang
The Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii
229 Queen Emma Square
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Chang family has requested that in lieu of flowers or monetary gifts, donations be made to The Chang Clergy Children's Scholarship Fund. Your donations can be by check made out to: "The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i" with a notation for the "Chang Fund" on the memo line, and mailed to the Office of the Bishop also at the address above.

Shoes and Slippers, Oh My! Michele Baldovi



Thank you to all of you who have participated in the slippers drive for Dole Middle School. Slippers are needed all year and will be gratefully received at any time.

Hurricane Harvey 2017: What can we do to help?



You can help those affected by donating to Episcopal Relief and Development in support of the Episcopal Church's response to the immediate and long-term impact of Hurricane Harvey. Donate at <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response> or by putting a check in the Sunday offering plate made out to "Episcopal Relief and Development" and designating it for Hurricane Harvey Relief.



Have you considered becoming a Eucharistic Visitor?

If you are a confirmed member in the Episcopal Church and you appreciate how meaningful it is for our homebound folks to receive Holy Communion, this is a ministry for you. You will receive training and be licensed by the diocese to perform this service. Initially, Pastor Diane will accompany you on visitations. Lay Eucharistic Visitors usually visit the homebound on Sunday following worship, but other days are possible depending upon schedules. Visits can range from once a month to once a week. Speak with Pastor Diane if you want to learn more about this important ministry!

*Note: If you'd like to be a **Eucharistic Minister**, a different licensed ministry that enables you to serve communion during our worship services, please let Pastor Diane know that, too!*



Choir & Ukulele Retreat...

The choir and ukulele ensemble spent an afternoon preparing for the season ahead! It was a wonderful time not only learning new music, talking about the year ahead, but also considering why involvement in the music ministry is so important to us as individuals, to St Peter's and our global community. It was amazing to see the commitment to the music ministry and the profound thoughts that were spoken about in addition to lots of laughter, humor, and the enjoyment of one another.

Free Unlimited eWaste Recycling Event - Saturday, Sept 16th

Central Union Church 9 am - 2 pm

Desktops/Laptops, Servers, Routers, Monitors
Printers, Copiers, Plotters, Scanners, Fax Machines
UPS Backups, Hard Drives, Storage Media,
Power Supplies, Peripherals

No TVs, Toners, Appliances, Tools, Alkaline Batteries

HHF Grant and Window Work

Great news! Thanks to time-consuming work by Ruth Merz, who made application on St. Peter's behalf, the church has been awarded a \$55,000 Freeman grant through the Historic Hawai'i Foundation to repair the wooden stained glass window frames in the Bell Tower as well as money toward our capital campaign for the new cross on the lower front steeple and a percentage of the exterior painting.

The award came none too soon because we had a recent jolt when it was discovered that three of the Bell Tower windows were sagging due to termite munching and wood rot from pooled water in the bottom sills. Jim Erickson and Jim Harvey jumped into action, removing the lower stained glass window panels for safe keeping while Jim Harvey milled new sills. Soon the windows were back in again! With all the work completed, a final report will be written up for the Historic Hawai'i Foundation for the funds to be released.

Please give Ruth a huge Mahalo for all her work which has brought in much needed funds for this renovation work!



Sunday, Sept. 10th is the official kick-off of a new year of Christian Formation for children, youth, and adults. In addition, Time and Talent brochures will be distributed during the worship services, and during the

fellowship time between services the various ministries at St. Peter's will be on display in the Parish Hall.

There will be information about the four ministry areas: Worship and Education, Nurture and Outreach, Facilities, and Finance. Sign-up sheets will be available for you to indicate the areas where you wish to serve and become involved in the life of this parish in worship life, adult formation, child formation, pastoral care, outreach, our buildings and grounds, etc.

Each year we use this opportunity to claim our presence at St. Peter's and to renew our commitment to serving

the love of God in this place and in our community. If you are already involved in a particular ministry, and wish to continue, please sign up again. If you want to try something new, this is your invitation. Rally Day is a very important weekend in our common life together. We hope you will join us!

Happy 101st Birthday to Roberta Dang



Roberta's 101st birthday was August 21st. Eleanor Chang, who will be 101 in November, surprised the family and stopped by with birthday wishes. Roberta lives at Hale Ho Aloha now, and the staff made the

wonderful birthday poster for her.

K2P2 How God is Knitting Us Together

82 Hats, 6 scarves, 3 lap robes, and 10 blankets and 1 pair of slippers, made lovingly by the Knitters at St. Peter's, adorned the pews during the service and were blessed before they were sent off to warm merchant mariners through the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea Program and to residents of the Pineridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota.

The Knitters meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month in the Son/Sun Room (under the parish hall) from 9:30 - 11:30 and invite any knitters (and crocheters, too!) to come for the fun. Yarn, supplies, and lessons available.

O God of love, your Son, our Lord Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a sign of the meaning of servanthood. Accept and bless these knitted caps, lap blankets, and other items as evidence of loving service in your name. May their reception and the warmth they provide tell others that they are loved. We thank you for the dedication of those who participate in this knitting ministry and the generosity of those who have donated yarn. We pray you to accept this labor of love and give blessing and healing to those who receive these to the honor of the name of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.



More about the Knitting Ministry can be found at <http://www.stpetershonolulu.org/k2-p2-knitting-ministry.html>

Highlights from the August 15th Vestry Meeting

Velma Lee, Senior Warden

Hawaiian Electric is backlogged with various projects which has delayed the connection of the new air conditioning system to the new electrical box.

Thank you to Jaime Yamane and Ron Kim for evaluating and then selecting the best exterior light fixtures for the church. Many thanks to John Afong for installing them!

The organ renovations will be completed by Stephen Whitman of Rodgers Organ (Oregon). He will need a week to do the work but does not yet have a firm schedule.

The Re-dedication and Celebration of St. Peter's will be on Sunday, November 19th, which is the Founders' Day of our church. Save the date on your calendars as more information will be forthcoming.

Jaime Yamane of the Nurture and Outreach Ministry area is investigating the Senior Food Box Program initiated by the Hawaii Foodbank and whether St. Peter's could become a distribution site. The program seeks to provide seniors with supplemental foods such as non-fat dry milk and/ or UHT milk, cereal, juice, peanut butter, rice canned meat, fruits and vegetables. Eligible seniors receive a box of food monthly.

Mahalo to the Audit Committee!

Many thanks to the Audit Team of Sim Kau, Chair; Janet Kim, Kyle Saito, and Robert Wight who performed the procedural audit of St. Peter's finances for 2016. The audit has been filed with the Office of the Bishop as is required by national and diocesan canon. A copy of the audit is available in the church office. Please contact Joette Comstock, Bookkeeper (533-1943), if you would like to read it.

Christian Formation on Sunday Mornings Begins September 10th!

Sundays, 9:15 am - 10 am

The Children's Gathering on the Square meets in rooms at the back of St Peter's Parish Hall from approximately 9:15 am to 10 am on Sunday mornings. The **Godly Play** program takes place in "The Loft" and is appropriate for children who are curious about the Bible stories that they hear in church, for kids enrolled in pre-school through the 4th grade of school. During the same time period, youth in grades 5 and up are invited to participate in

The R.O.C.K. (Relationships, Outreach, Christ, Kids) program located below in "Son/Sun Room." Older youth are welcome to assist as teachers' aides with either group.

Adult education will begin September 10th in the Parish Hall classroom from 9:15-9:50am.

September's Schedule for Godly Play:

Sept. 3 Children, youth, and parents are welcome to visit the classrooms and register their children.

Sept. 10 Timeline of the apostles and saints. The lesson focuses on how Christ's message lives on through the actions of apostles and saints. By looking at the lives of apostles and saints over the centuries, we see how people like you and I can help others feel Christ's presence in our actions.

Sept. 17 Jesus and the Twelve. We learn more about the twelve disciples of Jesus, the first apostles to spread Christ's message to the world. We hear their names and learn a little about their lives and the symbols used to represent them. If you had a symbol to represent the essence of your life, what might it be?

Sept. 24 The All Saints Lesson. In our Episcopal/Anglican tradition, we trust that each of us is a member of the Communion of Saints just by virtue of being one of God's children. The symbol in the story is a mirror, an invitation to remember that God loves each of us just the way we are. And yet, we are called to try to be our best selves in everyday life. Saints in our tradition, St. Augustine, St. Theresa, St. Damien and so many more, are only part of the story. We will wonder with your children who are the saints they know personally...who do they see as saints?

Congratulations to Rodney and Marvie Pang



For over 47 years Rodney and Marvie Pang have provided the highest quality prosthetic and orthotic care to the O'ahu community with the guiding principle "to serve people with care and

attention and provide first-rate products". Sadly for the community, but joyfully for Rodney and Marvie, they begin their retirement, having served their last clients on July 31.

Upon this special occasion, the State Senate honored Honolulu Orthopedic Supply with a proclamation, as did U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard.

Congratulations, and enjoy your next adventure!

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



St. Peter's Episcopal Church 2018 Parish Directory

Just as the New York Yankee's great, Mickey Mantle would launch one of his rocket-like homeruns into the distant seats of Yankee Stadium, the legendary Yankee broadcaster

Mel Allen would blurt out his famous signature...going, going gone...**How about that!**

Likewise, it's been an exciting August for our St. Peter's congregation. We're back in our familiar digs; returning to our beloved Sanctuary. **"How about that!"**...as we begin a new and exciting era in our St. Peter's Church history.

Coinciding with the completion of the renovation make-over, it appears to be an appropriate time to introduce the start of a new and updated version of our Church Directory. We are currently in the planning stages of compiling updated and new information/data in preparation for construction of the booklet.

In addition to staff and individual/family photos and contact data, we anticipate expanding the new directory with additional sections regarding our church ministries, activities and of course, coverage of our newly renovated space.

In the coming months, we'll be asking for your cooperation with updates and confirmation of member data as well as participation in photo shoots. As we move along, we will keep you informed via announcements at our Worship Services, the Service bulletins and our St. Peter's Church internet website.

So let's have some fun and look forward to the completion down the road and when the directory is unveiled and distributed...we can all express...**How about that!**

Aloha and "Peace", Ken Kau, Directory Chair

Have you considered leaving a gift for the church in your will?

The Episcopal Church often refers to theology as a three-legged stool--equal reliance on scripture, tradition, and reason. Likewise, the financial well-being of a church is dependent upon three forms of giving--annual giving that supports the operating budget, special "above and beyond" capital campaign giving that support projects such we just undertook, and legacy gifts that form an endowment ensuring a healthy future for the church. If you haven't considered a legacy gift to the church in your will, now is a great time to do that. In this way, you can continue to bless the ministry of this church long after you are gone. Speak with your estate planning attorney regarding options that are available to you, and thank you!

Welcome Back, Fr. Frank and Norma Chun

Fr. Frank and Norma Chun recently returned from an exciting adventure to the British Isles. Along with their daughter Carrie-Anne and her husband Derek, they accompanied a group from 'Iolani School, bringing two plays to the "Fringe," one of them of note -- **"1,000 Cranes."**

The Chun's granddaughter, Sydnee, a senior at 'Iolani, was selected to play the lead role of Sadako Sasaki in that play which is based on a true story of a young girl and her origami-cranes, after the Hiroshima A-bombing, which ended World War II.

The Chuns are seen below heading for the train at London's King's Cross railway station, where they came across Harry Potter's platform!

Sydnee as Sadako is seen in the photo on the right.



Almighty God, as we prepare to renew our buildings and keep open the doors for worship, help us open our hearts and minds to your Holy Spirit. Enable us to envision an ever growing church family who will be attentive to your word, and respond to your guidance and direction. As we work to renew these buildings, so renew our life together in this place, and release our energy as we minister in your name. Give us a spirit of wisdom, generosity, and perseverance, that our parish buildings will bring glory, honor and praise to you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**



Life is an opportunity. Life is a journey. A journey to saying “yes” to God who calls us the Beloved. Life is a journey to love; a journey to welcome; a journey to invite; a journey to peace; a journey to generosity.

From the moment we draw our first breath to the moment we breathe our last, we are both receivers and givers. How we move from takers of everything given to us to sharing everything we have is one measure of how we live into saying, “Yes.”

On our journey to generosity, we learn from our parents and other family members. We learn from friends and church members. We learn through our own actions and from hearing the stories of other generous people.

The gospel stories of Jesus inform, challenge, and inspire us. Whether it's the story of the Good Samaritan, the rich young ruler, or Zacchaeus, Jesus invites us into what the journey to generosity looks like.

It is not simply about how much we give to support the mission and ministry of our parish. The journey is about how we live our lives as the Beloved. Are we generous in our dealings with others? Are we generous when we welcome the stranger and the strange to church on Sunday mornings? Are we generous in our forgiveness and in our acceptance of forgiveness?

“Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but most of all, to say ‘Yes’ to the One who calls us the Beloved.” — Henri J.M. Nouwen



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