



July 2018

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves  
do not wither. –Psalm 1*

Dear St. Peter's,

Hello! What a joy it has been for me to be with you all. I am a week away from celebrating a whole month with you, and in that time I have begun to come to know you, and have been so very blessed by your warmth. Mahalo piha, to each and every one of you, for working to make me feel so welcome (and continuing to introduce yourselves!).



In the last month I have mostly been shadowing Pastor Diane, learning about the ministries you offer, and getting into the rhythm of life now that I am back in Hawaii. I have also been working, little by little, on the garden beds in the back of the church.

Before I went away to seminary, I spent a year working on the organic farm my mom has on the Big Island. After that year, I knew that gardening, and having my fingers in soil, was important to my spiritual health. When I was interviewing with St. Peter's, this was one of my concerns – how would I farm in the urban environment of Honolulu? I brought up my concern to Pastor Diane, and she gave me permission to work on the beds behind the church.

In the last few weeks, I have pulled out the overgrown herbs and weeds, built up the beds with soil, begun some seeds on my balcony (soon to be transplanted), and even (with Bree's expertise and help) rebuilt one of the beds. There is now a worm bin nestled under the trees also, which is helping me to be responsible about my food waste.

As I am working in the garden, I think about the seeds that have been planted in my life, and the many ways in which being with you all feels like a time of harvest. I hope I am able to take the bounty I am blessed with and turn it outwards, towards others.

May we all learn to walk more gently in creation.

Reverend Jazzy

We are GRATEFUL! Thank you St. Peter's congregation, for supporting us in attending an epic faith experience this summer. On June 26th,



rising 9th graders Sela Kimura and Jenna Matsumoto and I along with the pastor of Lutheran Church of Honolulu and two LCH youth, flew to Houston, Texas, for the ELCA Youth Gathering with 30,000 other youth from around the country. The theme of the Gathering was *This Changes Everything*. Each day a theme word was added to that-- God's **Call** Changes Everything, God's **Love** Changes Everything, God's **Grace** Changes Everything, God's **Hope** Changes Everything, and the theme of the closing worship, **Jesus** Changes Everything. Through Bible study, service, interactive learning, and worship, the youth explored what this means in their lives. Check out the postings on the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Facebook site to get a sense of what the experience was like.

While there we experienced an interesting "clothespin" custom at these gatherings. Youth brought decorated clothespins with the name of their church, city, and

and state and sometimes Bible verses or kind wishes



that they would randomly--and secretly!--clip to backpacks or sleeves as we made our way through the crowds in and out of events. It

was a fun way to feel connected with people from all over. One clothespin that ended up on me was from a church in Sedalia, MO. I sent an email to the church acknowledging receipt of the clothespin and thanking them. The pastor wrote back and said that she is an Episcopal priest serving both a Lutheran church and an Episcopal church! A young person from their group had randomly "pinned" an ELCA pastor (me!) serving an Episcopal church with Episcopal youth at the Gathering. Since the chances of that had to have been pretty small, I can only believe that the Holy Spirit was having a bit of fun that day! Thank you, St. Peter's Episcopal Church community!

Youth, get ready for EYE20 (Episcopal Youth Event 2020)! EYE17 was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Although a host diocese has not been selected yet for 2020, the event is tentatively scheduled for either the week of July 6th or the week of July 13th. Like the ELCA Youth Gathering, EYE occurs every three years. Youth completing 9th grade through 12th grade are eligible to attend EYE.

*Pastor Diane, Sela Kimura,  
and Jenna Matsumoto*



## Senior Warden's Corner

*Velma Lee, Senior Warden*



Coming soon: A Neighborhood Services Hub that will involve Harris Methodist Church, YMCA, Central Middle School, Royal Elementary, Pacific Club and St. Peter's. Similar to what happens at St. Mary's, once a month showers, legal aid, and a medical van will be available for those in need at Harris Methodist Church, St. Peter's would be a partner to assist with a meal and hospitality in welcoming the guests. More details to follow.

Deacon Jazzy will represent St. Peter's at the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministries (EAM) National Consultation that will be held in Hawaii this year from Sept. 27-Oct. 1. Three years ago the Consultation was held in South Korea. This year Presiding Bishop Curry will preach at the opening Eucharist at the Cathedral on Sept. 27.

The Houston Blast Off for Books collected \$496 from the congregation. Together with the funds raised by LCH (Lutheran Church of Honolulu) the grand total was \$1,300.00. Thank you to everyone who helped libraries in Houston that were heavily damaged by Hurricane Harvey last year!

The Stained Glass Window Keepsake project created 89 pieces of stained glass window mementos from the 100+ year old stained glass window in the chancel. After all the expenses were paid, there is a profit of \$1,000. There are four remaining pendants available. Please contact Stephanie Wight if you are interested in purchasing one.

The Vestry approved the appointment of the following people as St. Peter's directors at the Chinese Christian Cemetery Association meetings for 2018: Jerry Liu, Velma Lee, Barbara Vlachos, and Willis Yap. At the Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, they will vote on the conveyance of Pauoa Cemetery to Pahiki Eco-Caskets for the purpose of establishing the remaining (unpurchased) plots as a "green cemetery." Alternate directors are Mel Kau, Tim Yuen, and Myron Chang.

The koa pews should be polished more than our customary twice year schedule in order to maintain the life and finish of this special wood. Martin & MacArthur, “premiere koa furniture maker in Hawaii,” recommends using Milsek oil applied with a light soft cloth once every 1-2 months. Please think about forming a team/family of 4-6 people as a service to the church during one of the following months: August, October, or December.

If your team/family would like to polish the pews on a Saturday morning, please plan on coming between 8:00-10:00 a.m. When there is a Watabe wedding at noon, an hour is needed to air out the church. If your team/family prefers a week day, please check with the office to see if there is a Watabe wedding being held on that day. If you have any questions, please talk with Velma Lee, Altar Guild Chairperson.

***The Jesus Movement: Loving, Liberating and Life-giving***  
**79th General Convention July 5 -13**

Some of the major work of the General Convention includes:

- Marriage equality
- Revising the Book of Common Prayer
- The Episcopal Church and the #MeToo movement
- A salary for the president of the House of Deputies
- Following up on the church’s three priorities: evangelism, racial reconciliation and justice and care of creation
- Formulating the 2019-2021 triennial budget
- Middle East peace

You can follow the work of General Convention through the media hub, operated by the Episcopal Church’s Office of Communication, offering live streams of sessions from the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, a calendar, daily worship and daily media briefings. Episcopal News Service’s headlines will feed into the site. <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/general-convention-2018-media-hub>

Mimi Wu (St. Peter's) is a member of the deputation.



### Movie Night Mahalo!

Many thanks to Fr. Frank and Norma Chun for

organizing the first 2018 Summer Movie Night. The Aloha Room was packed with movie goers who enjoyed a bountiful potluck buffet before the film and popcorn during the film.



### St. Peter's Episcopal Church Columbarium: Memorial Garden of Peace

To serve the needs of its parishioners and members of other Episcopal churches, St. Peter's Episcopal Church offers a Columbarium to provide a final resting place of beauty and serenity for the ashes of those who desire inurnment. The open-air Columbarium, known as

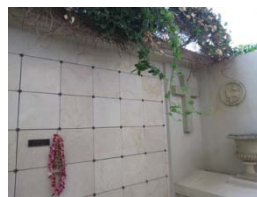
the *Memorial Garden of Peace*, is located on the mauka (mountain) side of the church and is accessible through metal

grillwork gates. Benches are placed in the courtyard to provide loved ones with a sitting area for quiet reflection. Trellises shelter the rows of niches, while flowering plants and trees add to the tranquil, outdoor garden setting.

The granite walls contain 265 single compartment and 70 double compartment niches. Each niche will be fronted by a simple, yet elegant, bronze memorial plaque with the person's name, date of birth and date of death.

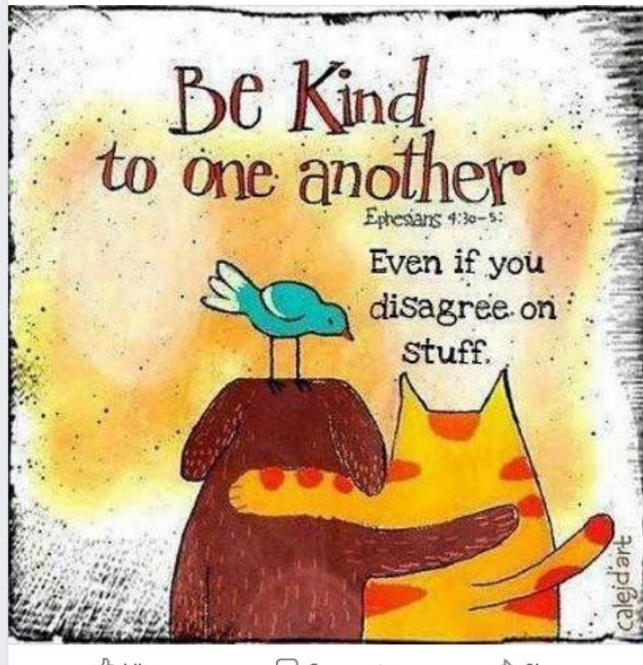
Throughout the history of Christianity, an integral part of a church property was a consecrated burial ground, where Christians were laid to rest in dignified simplicity near their house of worship.

Please contact the church office for more information.





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**Flood and Volcano Disaster Relief Update**

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church on Kaua'i has been identified as an official site to receive financial donations for flood relief. Although Christ Memorial, located in Kilauea, suffered no

damage, its thrift shop and food bank serve the north shore of Kaua'i. Both of these ministries are important to the impacted community. Individuals and families related to the congregation were impacted.

Donations for flood relief should be sent directly to Christ Memorial Episcopal Church at:  
Christ Memorial Episcopal Church  
Attn: Flood Response Fund  
P O Box 293  
Kilauea, HI 96754

On the Big Island, the people and priest (the Rev. Katlin McCallister) of Holy Apostles Church, Hilo, are caring for parishioners with homes in the impacted area and for others and are deeply involved in the community.

Donations to assist those affected by the volcano should be sent directly to the Church of the Holy Apostles at:

The Church of the Holy Apostles  
Attn: Kilauea Relief Fund  
1407 Kapi'olani Street  
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

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