



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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

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

January 2019



Dear St Peter's,

Happy New Year! As we enter into 2019, I've been reflecting on the last year – in part because I like to make resolutions, and in part because there's been a lot happening in my life in the last few weeks!

In June of 2018, I began my time with you at this parish – first as a deacon, and, now, after my ordination in December, as a priest! I will be here for the entirety of this year – through to June 2020 – and I am so very grateful. I have come to

know you as generous, kind, loving, light-filled souls. You are quick to welcome the stranger among you – you were all kind and patient with me as I was learning your names, even when you had to introduce yourselves a number of times. I have seen you seek out my partner, Bree, and sit with her for company. I have seen you turn to the pew behind you and show someone where we are in a service bulletin. You love to share food and fellowship together – I am always greeted by a spread at coffee hour, and people who are laughing and smiling with one another. I have seen you extend coffee to those who are not in our church but are hanging out nearby it. I have seen you save plates of food for me or Pastor Diane when we are teaching Adult Forum. These are just a few of the strengths I see in this parish.

On my ordination day, I was blessed to have so many of you in attendance. You brought with you the light and love which is characteristic of St Peters, and I was filled with joy. I feel incredibly lucky to be in such a supportive church home – and to feel God's beautiful Spirit moving and filling this community. I can't wait to see what comes next!

A theologian I love, Bishop Steven Charleston, says, "Let what has happened sleep now, nestled down in blankets of hours and days, let the past find its own rest, for that story is finished, while your story has only begun. A new year opens before you, a new field of possibilities as far as the eye can see. Walk toward it with confidence. The Spirit is with you. The community of hope is with you. Whatever is to come, whatever you find along the way, you will be more than able to handle it. Wisdom walks beside you, experience is your guide: you have come this far for a reason. Trust in what you believe and let love take you where you want to go".

This is my prayer as we begin this new year together. May love take us where we want to go!

Rev Jazzy



ANNUAL MEETING

**Mark your calendars! Sunday,
January 20th and Sunday,
January 27th**

On **Sunday, January 20th**, during the Adult Forum time, 9:00-9:45am, vestry members will present the 2019 budget as passed by the vestry and will answer any questions you have about the 2018 ministries of St. Peter's.

Then, on **Sunday, January 27th**, 9:00 is the official annual meeting to convene in the Parish Hall. Election of vestry members and diocesan convention delegates will occur. A light breakfast will be served.

Church-wide Bible Reading Initiative

Epiphany 2019

During the season of Epiphany, Forward Movement, along with partners from across the Episcopal Church, invites all Episcopalians to participate in the Good Book Club. The Good Book Club will focus on Paul's Letter to the Romans. Participants will read a section of scripture each day. "Paul's letter to the Romans offers a way to explore the messages of grace, salvation, and redemption through Jesus Christ. This season between Christmas and Lent is a perfect time to engage deeply with God's Word and experience it anew."

www.goodbookclub.org

Jerry Liu Honored by the Chinese Christian Association

Jerry Liu, of St. Peter's, Cyril Wong, of First Chinese UCC, and Bill Eng, of St. Elizabeth's, were honored at



the December General Assembly meeting of the Chinese Christian Association for their decades of service. The organization, founded in 1877 and formerly known as the Chinese

Young Men's Christian Association (in translation from the Chinese), became known as the Chinese Christian Association (CCA) in 1956. Today it consists primarily of members from St. Peter's Episcopal Church, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, First Chinese of Honolulu (UCC), and United Church of Christ Judd St., although under current by-laws "Any Christian male or female, eighteen years and older, who is in sympathy with the mission and goals of the Association" is eligible to become a member.

Throughout its history, the mission of the CCA has been 1) to promote and inspire Chinese to become Christians, 2) to promote worthwhile endeavors for the welfare of the community and abroad, 3) to promote activities for the furtherance and extension of the faith in God, 4) to promote Christian fellowship amongst its members. If you are interested in learning more, speak with Jerry, Velma Lee, who was recently elected Vice-President of the CCA, or Father Frank Chun, who has a long history as a member and former officer of the CCA.

Have you noticed? Something is hiding!!

Take a look at the high steeple on the church. What's missing? Now take a close look at the next level of the bell tower with the decorative fringe work—makai side. Do you see something nestled in amongst the decorative fringe work? Yes, there is the cross peeking out! "What is it doing there?" you might ask. Well, we're pretty sure Hurricane Lane took down that cross. Unfortunately, the church's hurricane coverage has a percentage deductible for the entire property which means that the deductible is about \$250,000!

Thankfully, we had a drone take a look at the top of the steeple, and there is no "puka" hole up there, just a rusted base from which the cross fell. The cross, original to the 1914 building, is made of wood and is showing signs of deterioration, so we need to have a new cross fabricated like the other cross we replaced during the renovation of the sanctuary. Finding a company willing to replace the cross has been a

challenge due to the height and the electrical wires. One company from which we received a bid came in around \$70,000 and that didn't even include the fabrication of the cross!

Since there is no hole that needs immediate addressing, the vestry decided to finish the current capital campaign and then we will actively work to "raise the cross"! In the meantime, the church has begun a "Raise High the Cross" fund, and our oldest member, Eleanor Chang, has made the first gift to that fund, just as she did for the capital campaign. Amazingly, Eleanor, at 102 years old, has been one of the few who noticed that the cross was missing!



Young adults (21-30 years old) have an opportunity to transform their own lives while engaging mission and ministry in the Anglican Communion by joining the Young Adult Service Corps. Now, applications are available for 2019-2020 placements in the

Young Adult Service Corps, commonly known as YASC. **Just a few days remain to apply.**

Currently YASCers are serving throughout the Anglican Communion, working alongside partners in administration, agriculture, communication, development, and education.

"The Young Adult Service Corps offers young adults the opportunity to live out their faith in new ways and different contexts," commented Elizabeth Boe, Episcopal Church Mission Personnel Officer. "They commit to spending a year learning from and working, living, and praying with other Episcopal and Anglican communities around the world."

Follow this link for details and an application <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/young-adult-service-corps>



Choir on Christmas Eve

Valerie Baldovi, descendent of one of the founding families of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, shares her thoughts, written in 1997 but still heartfelt today, about this church:

Address given on November 2, 1997
Valerie Tsen Oi Yap Baldovi



God has truly blessed me in letting me be part of this wonderful family that we call Saint Peter's. For five generations, this church has been my family's HOME>. My Grandparents, my parents, my brother, my uncles, aunties, cousins, my husband, my

children and, and now, grandchildren have been baptized, confirmed, married and, even said their last goodbyes here. We have stood and kneeled, sang and prayed, argued and played, laughed and cried within these walls. Family and friends, past and present, their spirits, loving, caring, and warmth surround me. I find peace and comfort whenever I enter this dear building. Its beauty and charm rests in its simplicity: wide open, high ceilinged, gleaming Koa pews and reredos, sparkling stained glass windows, a baptismal font with Chinese characters, the two plaques at the back of the church with the names of Bishops Restarick and Willis who helped make this church a reality, the beautifully carved cross made by Ted Ho, the pulpit, the eagle lectern, the bell tower with its dangling rope from which many a child has been thrillingly lifted off the ground,...all so meaningful to me and, I'm sure, to others as well.

I love the sounds of this special place. The ringing of the church bell calling us to worship, the sounds of the organ and the choir, the music, the prayers. The richness and beauty of the language and music stirs my soul.

Finally, I would like to share with you our family's Sunday morning routine. After the seven o'clock service my father takes our family, 16 of us when the grandkids are home, to breakfast. This meal is just a continuation of the celebration that we shared at the communion rail an hour before. It is a time when we share ourselves, our love and affection for each other, and in our case, four generations coming together as one. This is the power and the glory of our family. This is the power and the glory of Saint Peter's.

And so dear Lord, dear family, and dear friends, thank you again for making me a part of the family of St. Peter's. I love you.

Ministry highlight: St. Peter's Habitat Lunch Bunch

On the Second Saturday of each month, volunteers from St. Peter's prepare, deliver, and serve a healthy meal to the volunteers, staff, and families of Honolulu Habitat for Humanity. It is one way in which St. Peter's supports Habitat for Humanity, an international Christian organization that "brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

Each month, we offer a menu that is tasty and nutritious. Because fresh food is nutritionally superior — and because supporting our local farmers is essential to a healthy local economy — we rely on local ingredients to the extent practicable. With the exception of pork, it is not possible to buy affordable locally produced meat. (Factory-farmed meat comes from animals raised in inhumane conditions in ways that compromise the environment, and are relatively unhealthy to eat.) Relying on tofu, eggs, and/or legumes for protein in the meal is a way to serve healthy, affordable, and high-quality food. Non-vegetarians have expressed their thanks for the eye-opening experience of delicious meat-free meals. Menu selection each month is based on the following: number of servings, size of kitchen crew, and what fresh produce in Chinatown looks amazing that week.

Our menus have evolved over the years to reflect our growing awareness of the nutrition benefits of fresh, local, natural food. For example, Shoyu chicken used to be in our menu rotation. We no longer serve it because its high sodium, sugar, and saturated fat content means it is unhealthy for everyone, particularly those of us struggling with diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and obesity.

Please consider joining us! For more information, contact Elizabeth Winternitz at ewinrus@gmail.com or Steve Mitchell at mauinesteve@gmail.com

If swinging a hammer is more your thing than cooking, sign up for a workday with Honolulu Habitat on their website or call (808) 538-7070. (If you volunteer on the second Saturday, the Lunch Bunch will feed you!)



Ministry highlight: HiEHIE*Rev. Jazzy*

In December, Bill, Pokhui, Sim, Steve and Elizabeth all helped to make sandwiches and pass them out for the HiEHIE project. We prepared 70 sandwiches and saw about 40 guests – some took a second lunch, though, so all the food was used! I went over about midway through, and talked to Elizabeth for a while. I asked her what her highlight was from the morning, and she said that it was in interacting with some of the clients. There was one in particular, who she felt a connection to – they didn't talk for ages, but he was playful – smiling, and winking. They shared some cheer together, and Elizabeth reflected with me – "I often have some trepidation about interacting with people—I get a little freaked out by their difference. But then I do a project like this, and I get the chance to just say hi, and it means so much to me".

I spoke also to Pokhui, asking her about the highlight from her time at Harris. She said that her highlight time actually started before she even got to Harris. Her most enjoyable moment was in the kitchen at St Peter's, when all of the sandwiches were being made. There was a certain busy-ness, but it was also beginning to run smoothly – she estimates about five or six people in the kitchen to assemble the sandwiches is perfect.

The next hie hie date is January 17th; please prayerfully consider joining this uplifting ministry!

**Earth-friendly living tip: Switch to reusable water bottles!***Rev. Jazzy*

The plastic water bottles that Americans use every year create an enormous amount of carbon pollution: The same level of fossil-fuel emissions as 535,000 cars. That's equivalent to the energy it takes to power more than 250,000 homes! The world is also plagued by plastic pollution, which threatens more than 250 different species of wildlife every year. Even the water that fills these bottles is often taken out from under marginalized communities that need it more than the corporations that purchase it.

Imagine the difference it could make for God's earth if we stopped using extra plastic items like water bottles, straws, and shopping bags. Changing our habits to avoid plastic water bottles doesn't have to be hard. Put a reusable metal water bottle in your purse, car, or backpack and you'll have one with you everywhere you

go, ready to fill up at the next water fountain. At home, drink tap water: Use a water filter if needed. You can put a filter on the faucet, or get a pitcher with a built-in filter to keep in your fridge. (Bonus for the pitcher: You can add a couple lemons or limes for natural flavor!) These steps will save money, and help save God's earth.

Episcopal Climate News quote of the week:

A prayer from the Most Rev. Winston Halapua, Archbishop of Polynesia [abridged]

"Loving and embracing God, we praise you for your gift of the water, which covers most of the surface of your planet Earth. We thank you for the flowing of the oceans into one another, and around the continents and islands. We thank you that the ocean is home for most species, small and great. The voice of waves speaks of your consistency, your love, and your care for creation. May we hear the cries of sea creatures endangered by the selfish greed of humanity. May there be deep listening to the voice of waters rising to engulf land. May ears be open to the groaning caused by our refusal to honor creation. May ears be open to the suffering caused by a love of power which destroys. We beat a loud drum, alerting people around the world to the danger of climate change, which threatens nature and human life. Help us to challenge short-sighted greed. Help us to address unjust structures and practices, and to change our relationship with creation to one of care. We have a vision. We have your guidance. We have the presence of the Risen One, whose power to love is greater than all the power of destruction. Grant that together, we may bring peace to our planet Earth. In the name of our God, creator, redeemer, and life-giving spirit. Amen."

Source: <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2017/watch>

Our Opala*Elizabeth Winternitz*

Have you ever thought about waste; about what it is comprised of and where it goes after you toss it out? Why should waste matter to us as Christians who respect and care for God's creation? Can we become better stewards of God's creation by changing the ways in which we discard things?

In the first of this short series about waste, we'll take a look at what we residents of Honolulu throw out, and what happens to it once it's collected by the city.

What do we discard? The table that follows, from the 2017 O'ahu Waste Composition Study conducted for the City of Honolulu identifies the top residential waste collected in the curbside gray bins.

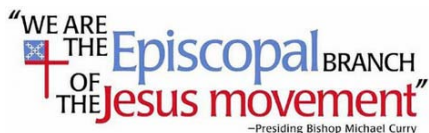
Table 8: Ten Most Prevalent Material Categories in City-collected Residential Waste

Material	Estimated Percent	Cumulative Percent	Estimated Tons
Food Waste-Non-Vegetative	12.5%	12.5%	33,428
Green Waste	11.1%	23.7%	29,703
Food Waste-Vegetative	9.5%	33.2%	25,304
Other Organics	7.8%	41.0%	20,761
Mixed Recyclable Paper	7.5%	48.5%	20,091
Compostable Paper	7.4%	55.9%	19,720
Other Plastic Film/Wrap	5.5%	61.4%	14,709
Textiles	4.3%	65.7%	11,429
Mixed Residues	3.0%	68.7%	8,056
Uncoated Corrugated Cardboard	2.9%	71.7%	7,771
Subtotal	71.7%		190,972
All other materials	28.3%		75,556
Total	100.0%		266,528

Were you also surprised that organics — food waste and green waste — comprise one-third of our city-collected residential wastes in the gray bins? (Green wastes placed in green bins is recycled into mulch and compost, and made available for landscaping and gardening.)

Where does our opala go? Ever since it began operation in 1990, all of the waste collected from our homes has been taken to H-POWER. H-Power, Oahu’s waste-to-energy plant in Campbell Industrial Park, is operated by a for-profit corporation, Covanta Honolulu, which requires the city to provide 800,000 tons of waste a year. Unfortunately, this requirement to deliver a high volume of waste disincentivizes the city from developing a municipal food composting program like that in San Francisco, which would recycle these nutrients into valuable compost rather than burn them.

Are there ways we, as individuals and as part of the St. Peter’s community, can reduce the volume of opala we generate? We’ll explore this further in next month’s newsletter. Please also mark your calendars for February 10, when Nicole Chatterson of Zero Waste Oahu, will be our special guest during Adult Formation between services.



St. Peter's Church: A Beacon of Hope

Thoughts from members of the vestry

I am Stephanie Wight and I am serving my second term on St. Peter's vestry. One of our tasks as vestry is to periodically visit and revisit the mission statement of our congregation to see if it is still appropriate. Almost all of my six years on the vestry, "A beacon of hope, a call to service", has been our vision for St. Peter's. This fall, Pastor Diane asked each of the vestry members to share with the community some thoughts about how we see ourselves in relationship to our mission statement; I was assigned "a beacon of hope".

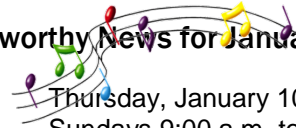
To prepare for this task, I needed to deeply look at the meaning of each of the words, "beacon" seemed pretty straightforward, but "hope" gave me some trouble. We use "hope" so casually... "I hope it doesn't rain." "I hope I did well on that test." "I hope our team wins." Hope almost seems interchangeable with the word wish. So when we say "a beacon of hope", does that mean we are the church of wishes? It is a place where we can share our desires, wishes and dreams, but is that what we mean? When I looked closer at the word "hope" I came to understand its root meaning was 'to trust'. We don't live our lives *Hoping* there is a God who loves us, we *Trust* in a God that loves us. We trust that we are forgiven and we trust that God delights in us and has plans for us. It is in this sense we hope. We worship in this place so that our hope may be reinforced and refreshed. It is in this sense that we ask that we individually serve as beacons of hope to the larger world. We follow the beacon of hope as well as become the beacon of hope.

When it became necessary to replace the chancel window, I was privileged to be part of the group tasked with developing a design for the replacement. Early on in the process, it became evident the design of the original window represented the ethos of St. Peter's. The dignified cross providing the eternal bridge between earth and heaven. Yet, we wanted a design that would embody "hope", our faith is not stolid and without life and growth. This gave rise to the addition of the little green Ti leaf, optimistic, well rooted, growing toward heaven, full of hope and promise and made from the glass harvested from the original window. We also wanted to find a way to embody the assurance that God is ever reaching out to us, and encouraging all who worship here to do the same. This became the addition of the rays extending toward us and to all the world. We are offered hope, we offer hope, it is as it should be.

P.S. This is why I support St. Peter's, because we be family.

Noteworthy News for January - Rehearsals

Dr. Joseph Eppink

Choir  Thursday, January 10 and 24 7:15 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to prepare for worship and music for the following weeks

Ukulele Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service
Beginners welcome.

We welcome you to join us in our ministry of music. You don't need to read music or make all of the rehearsals.

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2018 Vestry

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