



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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

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

**November/December 2017**

## From the Rector



**Sunday, November 19th, was Commitment Sunday in the morning and the Rededication Celebration in the afternoon with Bishop Bob**

*(See article and photos in this newsletter.) That morning the lectionary presented us with Jesus' Parable of the Talents (Mt. 25:14-30). One slave was given five talents, another two, and another one. While the master was gone, the first two double the number of talents they had been given. The master's response was the same to*

*both, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." But the third slave was fearful of his master and hid his one talent in the ground. When he returned the one talent, the master was angry and took even that away from him. What follows is the conclusion of that sermon:*

This parable can be seen as a "kick in the okole" for us to take the risk and join in the dance. It is a parable about trust—trusting in the joy of the music, God's music. Last week, with the parable of the ten bridesmaids, we were reminded that God's time is not our time, but that we best be ready for the hour when the bridegroom will return for that day *will* come.

But, in the meantime, this time between Christ's coming and Christ's coming again, the "already-but-not-yet" reality of God's kingdom on earth, this parable tells us that we are to live boldly, not staying on the sidelines as spectators watching the dance, safely keeping our talents and gifts hidden, but boldly entering into the dance, taking the risk to put our faith into action.

This is a timely reminder for us as a congregation. For several years now—and, really, years well before that—much of our time and energy has been consumed by efforts to reach and then get through the repairs and renovations of this past summer. That has been accomplished, and now we worship in a sacred space well poised to be a place in and through which ministry can happen well into the decades ahead. This afternoon, the Bishop will join us in praying for God's blessings upon this church, and we will give thanks to those community professionals who did the actual work. But, this building is just the support for the ministry of all of us, this community of God's people. The work that we do as a congregation, the work of our baptismal vows—providing and participating in worship that grounds us in who we are, going out into the world to proclaim in word and deed the Good News of God in Christ, resisting every form of evil and serving Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace and the dignity of every human being—that is the ministry to which we are called and it does not mean sitting safely on the sidelines, happy now that the church looks good. It means throwing open our doors to a world that is afraid and hurting and getting out there and being Christ in this world. It means taking some risks for the sake of the gospel. As Luke's gospel puts it, "The one to whom much has been entrusted, even

more will be demanded."

Answering that call, not only can, but will be an adventure and a blessing.

One of my previous congregations had also just undergone a significant renovation. Part of that renovation included a beautiful, expanded Parish Hall. When the work was finished and we were still marveling at how wonderful the space was, our neighbor church down the block, a Roman Catholic church, announced that they, too, were going to be undergoing a period of renovation—an extended period of renovation that would last about a year—and asked if we could host their homeless families. They were a host church for the Family Promise network such as we have here on Oahu, but their rotation was for about 40-50 homeless folks. We, with our newly expanded Parish Hall, were one of the few churches that could accommodate that many folks. Well, that wasn't what the congregation had in mind for their newly renovated space, but they knew their Bible, they heard the call, and they took the plunge. It became such an important ministry of the church, that the congregation continued as an additional site church in the rotation even after our neighbors down the street completed their renovation and reentered the rotation.

What ministry opportunities might God ask of us in the months and years to come? I don't know, but I do know that we need to be open to taking risks with the resources that we

have, to be willing to join in the dance to God's music—and, as I was writing that sentence yesterday, the music behind me in the garden of Hope Lodge shifted to a recording of the upbeat "We Are Family" by the R&B group, Sister Sledge. Truly, I have to believe that God has a sense of humor. :) Yes, we are family, God's family, all of us on this planet earth, so there is plenty to do and a place and calling for everyone with all the diverse talents God has been pleased to invest in us.

That is what this Commitment Sunday is all about—committing ourselves to the ministry of this church, being a presence of Christ in this world, and, yes, it means being willing to take some risks, investing in this ministry in every conceivable way, trusting that when we do God is dancing with us.

This parable is about an approach to life—an approach which invests talents on behalf of the Master, an approach which takes risks in dancing to the music of Jesus Christ. When we feel ourselves becoming too fearful to dance, too protective of that which we have, too reluctant to use the gifts which we have been given, then we need to consider this parable again to be reminded that the joy of the Master comes from taking the risks needed to put our faith in action.

And when we do, we will be blessed in ways and to an extent beyond that which we can even imagine.... I look forward to the ministry of 2018 to which we are committing ourselves this day and to being open to where God will lead us with the talents that we have been given. AMEN.

*If you have not submitted your pledge card for 2018 yet, please bring it with you on Sunday or mail it to the church office. We are a presence of God's love in this world only because all of us make that happen. Every one of us is important—our gifts, our talents, our resources. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!*

Pastor Diane

## Blue Zones Part 2: Physical Activity, Life Purpose, and Stress Reduction

Jaime Yamane



Last month we learned about the concept of Blue Zones and introduced 9 lessons on longevity which are prevalent in the Blue Zones, regions with the highest longevity in the world. Let's start delving into these areas by further exploring the first three (of nine) concepts:

- 1) Regular, moderate physical activity
- 2) Life Purpose
- 3) Stress Reduction

Regular, moderate physical activity is integral to the lifestyle of Blue Zones inhabitants, and while they don't necessarily exercise at a gym, they do enjoy

movement throughout their day. Rather than letting machines do their chores, they use their hands and their bodies. Errands are usually run on foot, resulting in logging up to five to six miles a day. Rather than viewing exercise as a chore, they engage in movements they enjoy, which may also happen to include interaction with friends, like tai chi, playing sports or games in a social setting.

The average American burns only 100 calories per day through formal exercise. Rather than jumping on a treadmill, getting to items on our chore lists will help us to feel better. Moderate movement throughout the day, minimizing sitting and getting fresh air will lead us to the habit of healthy activity. Engage in hobbies which require motion and you'll be doing what you enjoy while reaping health benefits at the same time.

Life Purpose, or finding the right outlook, can add up to 7 good years to one's life! It can reduce stress, help you to clarify your goals and inform your decisions and actions. In Blue Zones cultures, the concept of "purpose" or "why I wake up in the morning" is ingrained into their lifestyle and culture. Okinawans call it *ikigai*; the Nicoyan term is *plan de vida*. An NIH funded study demonstrated that those who have clear goals and purpose also understand what brings meaning and happiness to their lives and are therefore engaged in communities and activities that they find fulfilling.

You are probably wondering, "How do I discover my "purpose" or outlook?" First, think about your strengths and talents (physical, emotional and mental) and take your time, jotting these down on paper. You can also pray or meditate as you engage in this process. You'll eventually get to a point where you will feel a strong connection to something you have written. Then write your Personal Purpose Statement to identify what you would like to contribute to the world and how you can share your talents. Second, communicate your life purpose with someone you trust and discuss your plan. Last, put your skills into action through volunteering or activities involving your passion. People who volunteer have lower rates of heart disease, cancer and depression. What an enormous benefit to the large cohort of volunteers in congregation who show their devotion through dedication of time and talent. Whether you are part of the altar guild, a worship assistant, or a member of one of our Outreach ministries such as Habitat Lunch, K2, P2, Bunch Central Middle School, or Family Promise... whatever it is that you do for our church and community, it is appreciated by those you directly help, and your physical and mental being thank you as well!

Stress Reduction is achieved through a healthy network of family members and close friends who share your values. Being a member of our congregation provides a sense of belonging with those who share core values. It's no wonder that the feelings

of mutual respect and camaraderie at St. Peter's have evolved into true friendships and a close working relationship within our family of faith.

Why is stress reduction a goal for those seeking to improve the quality of life? Stress manifests itself as physical and mental strain, which can interfere with relationships, work, sleep and your immune system. Effectively managing stress will increase your quality and length of life, resulting in a happier and healthier you. How does one manage stress? Identifying the source of stress by keeping a journal will help you to gauge the extent of your stress, triggers and what works in reducing stress in your life. Learn to say, "No" when you feel you will become burdened by additional activities or commitments. Hydrate! Dehydration stresses your body and increases cortisol as a response to stress. Eat a healthy diet to enhance your overall mood.

While not every longevity lesson may be easy or natural to incorporate in your lifestyle, your faith and belonging to the St. Peter's family serve you well by providing meaning and purpose to your life as well as connections to a community who shares your core values.

**Rededication Celebration  
Sunday, November 19th, 4:00pm**

The church began to fill up as the Jazz Ensemble welcomed folks into St. Peter's sanctuary. A new banner on the front gate, "We Give Thanks," greeted all who came. Made by Stephanie Wight especially for the event, it was joined by new banners especially for the processional. With the house full and the doors closed, the Bishop with the acolyte procession of youth from St. Peter's and Tokaikolo, Pastor Diane, Velma Lee (Senior Warden), and Tim Yuen (Junior Warden) waited to enter. Using his crosier, the Bishop knocked on the doors that



were then opened whereupon he blessed the threshold. He did this at both doors and then processed to the front.

The St. Peter's Choir welcomed us in song and then Velma and Tim shared the story of the sanctuary repairs and renovations. In response, the Bishop walked through the church with ti leaves and water blessing space and people. Pastor Diane then told the story of the new altar window, Ruth Merz told the story of the Bell Tower window restoration, and Chan Rowe told the story of the organ restoration. After each story telling, the Bishop offered a prayer of blessing.

Dr. Joseph Eppink was, for the first time, able to fill the space with pipe music from both organ chambers as



he blessed us with a beautiful setting of "Now Thank We All Our God." A Litany of Thanksgiving was led by acolytes, Jenna Matsumoto and Ella Kimura, and the St. Peter's Choir and Ukulele Ministry provided another number. We then officially thanked the architects, contractors, sound engineer,

members of the stained glass team, the Parish Hall contractors, and the Executive Director of the Historic Hawai'i Foundation—all of whom provided the professional expertise necessary for the project to become a reality. Following the thank yous, we were blessed by a spirited gift of music from the Tokaikolo Youth Choir and then the Jazz Ensemble sent us on our way to a delicious feast of noodles, shave ice, and many other dishes.

Many, many people from the congregation made this event such a wonderful celebration, but a deep debt of



thanks goes to the vestry and, in particular, the Executive Committee of this congregation with whom Pastor Diane serves, Velma Lee (Senior Warden), Tim Yuen (Junior Warden), Nancy Rowe (Treasurer), and Stephanie

Wight (Clerk). They are an incredibly dedicated and talented group of leaders who devote hours and hours to the ministry of this church. Congratulations and Well Done!

The rededication was attended not just by St. Peter's members but by our neighbors, tenants, and partners in ministry.

Katchia Gethers, the VP at Central Middle School with whom we work, wrote, "The church is absolutely beautiful and the congregation members are so warm and inviting. Once again, thank you for inviting me and I enjoyed the event." Pesi, our contact person from Tokaikolo Church, wrote, "It was a wonderful celebration!! We are glad we were a part of it." Kiersten Faulkner, the Executive Director of the Historic Hawai'i Foundation, wrote, "It was a lovely service and we were pleased to have a way to support your efforts." It was an afternoon filled with blessings!



*Our grateful thanks to the following professionals who guided us through the repairs and renovations of St. Peter's church and Parish Hall.*

**Architects: Mason Architects, Inc.**

Principal Architect: Glenn Mason  
Architect: Kris Powers (now Vice President of Lively Architects)

**Contractor: Constructors Hawaii Inc.**

President: Colin Yoshiyama  
VP and General Superintendent of Oahu Operations: Floyd Higa  
Asst Superintendent of Oahu Operations: Roy Vea  
Foreman: Donald Ranario

**Sound System: Audissey**

Principal: Rick Parlee

**Stained Glass Team:**

Stained glass consultant and designer: Jim Erickson  
Stained glass fabricator: Annalee Jones  
The fabrication team included Rod and Cindy Schultz and Alan and Celina Megia  
Construction and installation: Jim Harvey  
Installation assistant: Chris Harvey

**Parish Hall acoustic ceiling addition:**

General Manager: Randall Chong, Randall Industries, Inc.  
Electrical: John Afong, J. A. Electrical Service, Inc.

*And our grateful thanks for a Freeman grant toward the project from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation.*

**Historic Hawai'i Foundation**

Executive Director: Kiersten Faulkner

**2017 Education Day and 49th Annual Meeting of Convention**



The Annual Meeting of Convention took place on October 20 & 21, 2017, at 'Iolani School. Education Day focused on the Strategic Plan for the Diocese with

speakers from within the Diocese. It featured live online polls with instant results! The Bishop's Cross was presented at the Aloha Reception, to Norma and Frank Chun, and the late Dot Shigemura. The orders of business at annual meeting went smoothly and featured special presentations from Camp Mokule'ia, Episcopal Service Corps, Episcopal Youth Event, and a Tribute to the Rt. Rev. Richard Chang.

Delegates from St. Peter's shared their thoughts.

Willis Yap: I enjoyed the technology allowing us to use our "smart devices" to furnish answers to the various questions posed by the moderator and was deeply moved by The Rev. David Kennedy's testimony on

how he came to his "Aha" moment when flying his fighter jet.

Kyle Saito: Use of interactive technology brought the delegates into the decision process.

Nancy Rowe: Convention is wonderful family reunion for Episcopalians in Hawaii, renewing old friendships and forming new ones. The video tribute to Bishop Chang was a highlight of the weekend.

Stephanie Wight: I appreciated hearing about the process used to formulate the strategic plan. After attending one of the input meetings I was amazed that they could fathom some cohesive input. I think the bishop shows great courage to be open to new ways of doing things, even if it may open himself

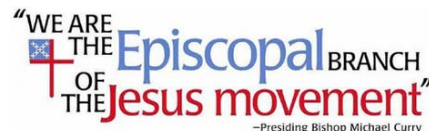


to criticism. I agree with Willis, using the electronic input to questions put to us illustrated a good way of capturing the opinions of the group. If this is not too difficult to set up this system, I can see it being used in all sorts of situations. It allows a live stream of consciousness as well as a degree of anonymity. My favorite thing about education day is to meet and speak with folks from other congregations within the diocese. Like meeting distant cousins...we share a lineage, but don't know each other very well. Time well spent.

Karin Kimura: I enjoyed the interaction and dialogue with people from other churches and enjoyed JaR's talk. The youths' thoughts on EYE were thoughtful and inspirational.

**Christmas Cards for a good cause!**

IHS offers a unique way to reach out to friends and family while also assisting those in need. Its holiday card catalogue is filled with donated art by local artists to offer a variety of beautiful cards for your loved ones. For a \$10 donation, IHS will send a holiday greeting card on your behalf to anyone on your card and gift list. Or you may order in bulk and have them sent to your home or company if you prefer to write them personally. **The card will acknowledge that you have given the gift of food and shelter in the recipient's honor to someone who is homeless and in need.** Cards are \$10/each and can be viewed and purchased at [www.ihsholidaycards.org](http://www.ihsholidaycards.org).



## Learn A New Craft! Help in Production of Stained Glass Sun Catchers!

*Jaime Yamane*

Creativity has been blossoming in the Aloha Room over the past month as the fabrication artist of our new Altar Stained Glass window, Annalee Jones, has been advising us once again! This time, however, she has been involved in teaching us the art and craft of breathing new life into the remnants of the OLD stained glass window that had been carefully removed by Jim Erickson and Jim Harvey. For those of you



who have seen the brochure containing photographs of the pieces, you will agree that Annalee has come up with creative and beautiful new works of art using the recycled glass from the original window! (The angel piece uses some of the old glass and a bit of glass from the new window!)

In order to keep the costs down for the production of these pieces, Annalee offered to teach us a new skill so that we will provide part of the labor, thus reducing the time she spends on each of the products. The process is called "Foiling and Burnishing." What does this involve? After Annalee cuts and tumbles each piece (projects require a number of individual pieces), we carefully apply copper foil, which has an adhesive on one side, evenly around all the edges of each piece. Then, we take a small plastic tool and with a decent amount of pressure, burnish or smooth the edge and the tiny bit wrapped over the front and back of each edge, to assure that the foil is completely adhered to the glass. Each piece is then placed on the table and further smoothed into place. This assures that when the pieces are soldered, none of the copper foil will come off. This process is rather simple, but not necessarily "easy." It requires some concentration and attention to detail. The good news is that it is a skill which can be learned with relatively little practice! The sample pieces were foiled and burnished by Stephanie Wight, Ruth Merz, Paula Choy and me.

We welcome the help of others to assist in the production process. The more help, the quicker the production time. Training and supervision will be provided! If you have an interest in participating in this creative process, your hands and heart are definitely appreciated.

**Please contact Estelle at the church office, 533-1943, [stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.org](mailto:stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.org), or any one of us if you would like to be a part of this important effort.**

## Can, Can, Can Time!!!

Mahalo to everyone who supported the canned goods drive to provide food support to families of the Kuhio Park Terrace Family Center. Contributions were collected over a period of four weeks ending on November 19 and were delivered to KPT the next day.



It is the time of year when we are all asked to consider **our annual pledge for the operating budget of the church for year 2018**. A beautified church building is wonderful and definitely something to celebrate, but the staffing, programs, and outreach of this church are its ministry. It is the annual operating budget that provides the funds for us to "be" the church in and through this renewed church home. Without an active and vibrant ministry, reaching out to those who are lost and alone, supporting one another on this journey of faith, proclaiming and teaching the faith to the next generation, there is no reason for a church building. Jesus lives amongst us not because we have a beautiful sacred space, but because we open our hearts to being transformed into being Christ's presence in this world.

Now, we eagerly look ahead to embodying our mission statement in 2018—*A beacon of hope, a call to serve*. Together, and trusting in God's will to work through us, we can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Please return your pledge cards at either the 7:30am and 10:00am service or send your pledge card to the church office. There are pledge cards in the pew racks if you need one.

*God guide and bless us as we consider our financial commitment to the ministry of this church in 2018, and thank you for your prayerful support of this ministry.*



## News about Parishioners

Congratulations to three members of St. Peter's who were nominated by their peers as tops in their fields: Endocrinology, Diabetes, & Metabolism-John S. Melish; Internal Medicine-Anthea Wang; Pediatric Infectious Disease- Marian E. Melish. (*Honolulu Magazine, Sept 2017*)

## Alternative Gift Giving Options

Looking for gift ideas for the holidays? The websites below are ones to consider when making your holiday gift list. At the ERD and Heifer websites you can make a donation in the person's name for animals and an array of products that will be used to improve productivity and livelihood in developing countries. The SERRV website has gifts made by cooperatives in developing countries for which a fair wage is given. This year Cokesbury is also offering fair trade gifts, [www.Cokesbury.com](http://www.Cokesbury.com).



[www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/gifts-for-life](http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/gifts-for-life)



[www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org)



[www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/index.html](http://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/index.html)

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Camp Mokule'ia Volunteer Day**  
**Saturday, December 9, 2017 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Help care for God's creation. Lots of work in the camp garden, beach front, sustainability projects, Naupaka plants and more. Stay for all or part of the day. Call ahead for lunch count and assignments. For more information, contact Evan Brock at (808) 637-6241 or [web.brock92@gmail.com](mailto:web.brock92@gmail.com).

## Hospitality Before Jazz Vespers

St. Peter's is very grateful for the hospitality extended to visitors to Jazz Vespers by Chan Rowe and Jackie Greeley for the past three years. As they retire, the opportunity to continue this ministry is open.

What is involved? Set up a table with snacks and juice on the front lanai every Thursday by 5:30 p.m. Greet

and welcome guests as they arrive for vespers. Take down the table and snacks at 6:00 p.m. and return the snack cart to the kitchen in the parish hall. A shopping trip for snacks and juice every month or so rounds out the tasks. Mahalo to Elizabeth Winternitz and Steve Mitchell who have signed up for the third Thursday of the month and to Mike Miyashiro has volunteered his time as well. Sound like fun? Call Chan for more information at 479-3522 or contact the church office, 533-1943.

## Tutor Reading or Math - or Both - at Central Middle School

Barbara Vlachos, Mimi Wu, and Jaime Yamane have completed the training to tutor at CMS. If you want to change the world one student at a time, ask them to share their experiences with you. A new semester will begin in January and you can be part of the team.

## Christmas Meal Delivery to Seniors

RSVP is seeking volunteers to package and deliver hot holiday meals to approximately 800 frail and elderly seniors in our community. Make this Christmas one you will remember by doing something fulfilling and worthwhile. Each volunteer will package and deliver meals for 10 or fewer senior citizens. Delivery begins at 9:30 am. Christmas Day. You can dress up in holiday attire and/or sing your favorite Christmas song as you bring holiday cheer.

To sign up or for more details, contact.

**Remy S. Rueda, RSVP Volunteer Services Coordinator**  
**City and County of Honolulu**  
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Hawaii Community Foundation's (HCF) Scholarship Program administers over \$6 million a year in post-secondary scholarships to Hawaii residents. Scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 academic year open on November 15, 2017, and close on January 31, 2018 at 4:00 PM HST. This one online application will qualify students for more than 200 scholarships administered by HCF, including three funds established by the Atherton Family Foundation, which supports Protestant ministers pursuing an advanced degree, students pursuing a graduate degree in theology, or a child of a Protestant minister pursuing an undergraduate degree. Visit [www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students](http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students) for more information about these and the other 200 scholarships!

## Pearl Harbor Memorial Dedication



Because of issues around the loss of the lease on the land, St. George's Episcopal Church, Pearl Harbor, closed over two years ago. That Church was originally built as a memorial to those who died on December 7, 1941. A new Memorial to those who died on December 7, 1941 has been installed in the Cathedral of St. Andrew (see the attached photo). The artist has included the cross that was embedded in the altar at St. George's Church. The metal of the cross originally came from USS Arizona. This Memorial will also be dedicated in thanksgiving to all those who worshipped at St. George's Church through the years. The new Diocesan Pearl Harbor Memorial will be dedicated on Sunday, December 10, 2017, 5:30 PM, during Evensong at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu. Members of the Diocese are encouraged to attend.

## Christmas Service Schedule

### Sunday, December 24th:

9:30am ADVENT 4 Worship (NOTE: Only one service this morning; no Christian formation classes)

5:30pm Family Christmas Eucharist at St. Andrew's - Joint service with St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, and St. Paul's featuring the children enacting the Christmas story

8:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's) - Special music featuring Dr. Joseph Eppink on organ, the St. Peter's Church Choir and the Ukulele Ministry, and special music by members of the congregation

### Monday, December 25th:

9:30am Christmas Day Festive Eucharist with Carols and Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's) - Special guest trumpeter, Mike Lewis, along with Dr. Joseph Eppink on organ, the St. Peter's Church Choir

### Thursday, December 28th:

6:00pm Christmas Jazz Vespers - Festive jazz music with prayer, scripture, and reflection during the Twelve Days of Christmas! Dr. Haaheo Guanson will be leading this evening's Jazz Vespers along with our jazz musicians.

**Sunday, December 31st:** (NOTE: Only one service; no Christian formation classes this morning)

9:30am - Worship (First Sunday after Christmas)

### Sunday, January 7: Epiphany Sunday

7:30am and 10:00am - This festive Sunday we celebrate the coming of the magi (the Three Wise Men).

## 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 as we just undertook, and legacy gifts that form an endowment ensuring a healthy future for the church. Now is a great time to remember the church in your will. It is a 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!

**Interested in prison ministry?** The Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center is doing groundbreaking work with cultural ceremonies that instill pride and hope in prisoners about to be released. If you are interested in learning more, speak with Dr. Ha'aheo Guanson or attend the volunteer training being offered December 12 & 14, 2017, (Tuesday and Thursday), from 5:45pm – 9:00pm, at OCCC. Volunteer training enables you to have a two year clearance access to the Waiawa and Halawa Makahiki ceremonies. For more information about the volunteer training, contact Agnes Berschauer, Oahu Community Correction Center, [832-1665](tel:832-1665) or email: [agnes.a.berschauer@hawaii.gov](mailto:agnes.a.berschauer@hawaii.gov)



The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. While the Advent wreath with its four candles did bring light to churches, it was not to illuminate the interior as much as to symbolize the coming of Christ. The Advent wreath began in the time of the Protestant reformer Martin Luther.

During each Sunday of the Advent season, some churches focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

Although the order and exact wording vary among churches, the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

**Electronic Giving**

Support the work of St. Peter's through electronic giving. Have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your credit card or debit card and transferred directly to the church account safely and electronically. You'll never have to remember your checkbook again. AND it's easy. Visit our website and click the Donate button. Set up and manage recurring donations, make one-time contributions, and view your online giving history. A new option to offset the payment card processing fee has just been added. Select this box and the processing fee will be shown and added to your transaction.



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Term expires in 2018: Bryan Matsumoto, Pokhui McKinney, Stephanie Wight

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