



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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

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

September 2019

The Way of Love

When Bishop Michael Curry became the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, he began describing the church as the Episcopal branch of “the Jesus Movement,” a branch that is “Loving, Liberating, and Life Giving.” That sounds good, but people around the church began to ask, “What does this mean? How do we live this?” Bishop Curry and those at the churchwide office gave that prayerful thought and the result was “The Way of Love,” seven practices we can follow to grow into a Jesus-Centered Life—**Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.**

What follows is an introduction to these seven practices that your clergy received at the Bishop’s Retreat, August 27-29. Questions for reflection are included. I encourage you to give them thought, a beginning step into living “**The Way of Love!**”

Turn - This reminds us to live into our baptismal covenants, to re-orient our daily lives so that Jesus is at the center of who we are and what we do. Ask yourself:

How can I begin to build in the practice of turning in my daily life? Do I need to re-orient or remove things in order to let turning flourish?

Pray - Prayer is conversation with God and can take many different forms. Ask yourself:

What stands in the way of a more active and consistent prayer life? How can I build in a fresh practice of prayer into my daily life? What hinders the flourishing of my prayer life?

Worship - Christian faith is communal. Your participation in worship is important not only for you and the deepening of your walk with Christ but for also for those with whom you worship. Together we support, encourage, and challenge one another in our growth as disciples of Jesus. Ask yourself:

How has your life been changed by worship? Can you mark a moment that was transformative for you? for someone else?

What do you need in order to experience worship in a fresh way?

Learn - The Bible is central to our faith. In it is the living Word that transforms lives. Ask yourself:

Identify a favorite passage/story of Scripture. Why did you choose it? How has this passage affected your life? What do you yearn for from your practice of learn?

What do you need to remove in order to let learning flourish?

Bless - Each of us has the power to bless others when we let Jesus live through us. Sometimes we are made aware of that impact and sometimes we aren’t, but it doesn’t make the blessing any less powerful. Ask yourself:

Who was the first person who told you about Jesus? How did they tell you? God gives each of us gifts with which to bless others. What are your spiritual gifts?

How can you expand the practice of blessing others?

Go - If we’re going to follow Jesus, we need to share and live the message and life of Jesus. That means crossing boundaries because that’s what Jesus did. Ask yourself:

Who is your most unlikely friend? How did you become friends? What scares you most about crossing boundaries? Sometimes “going” means seeking reconciliation. Where is reconciliation needed in our community? What would reconciliation look like? What hinders this?

Rest - This was Bishop Curry’s specific addition! We are encouraged to consider the idea of a “resting soul rate.” Ask yourself:

What does “a resting soul rate” feel like? What do I need to create good resting health? How can I build the practice of rest into my daily life? What may need to go in order to let resting flourish?

As part of the Bishop’s Retreat, which was on the Big Island, we also took a trip to Pu`uhuluhulu to meet and



hear from the Native Hawaiian community that has formed in opposition to the building of the TMT. Those within the St. Peter's community, as is true in the state, do not all approach this issue from the same starting points or perspectives, but a clergy colleague expressed well what we experienced—no matter your view on TMT, the experience of aloha from youth to elders and the sharing through chant and hula was "a moving embodiment of people seeking to express deeply held convictions about the sacredness of creation and our need to rethink our understanding of progress." There will always be differences and challenges in our life within community—TMT being only one, but The Way of Love as a rule for life can guide us as we seek to understand one another and find common ground. Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest



Pastor Diane

Diocese Authorizes a Trial Liturgy

Beginning with the August 4th Sunday worship, St. Peter's has been using a trial liturgy authorized by The Episcopal Church of Hawai'i for use from August 1st to November 30th of this year. It is largely taken from the Episcopal Church's supplemental liturgy, *Enriching Our Worship*, and *The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada*.

Trying a new liturgy is an excellent way to heighten our awareness and thought regarding that which we say during worship. The changes in this trial liturgy are not major, but there are differences that will be noticeable.

The diocese is requesting evaluation from our congregations. Reflect thoughtfully on the liturgy during August and then share your reflections and suggestions with Pastor Diane, Rev. Jazzy, or send them directly to the diocese at an email set-up specifically for this purpose, rtrevhawaii@gmail.com.

Diocese of Hawai'i Education Day is Friday, October 25th at St. Andrew's Cathedral - The Day Before Diocesan Convention

8:45 am - 9:45 am: Check-in at Registration Table

10:00 am - 3:30 pm: RenewalWorks with Jay Sidebotham

Lunch will be provided

Each year before The Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention, the Diocese holds an Education Day to which all in the diocese are invited. This year Rev. Jay Sidebotham, the Director of RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement, will be the featured speaker. Known for his light-hearted cartoons that have been featured in numerous church publications, Rev.

Sidebotham is an engaging speaker who shares how this program can help build cultures of discipleship in Episcopal congregations, with a singular focus on spiritual growth among congregants.

Education Day is the day before the annual Diocesan Convention, Friday, October 25th. Convention is on Saturday, October 26th. Although St. Peter's elected delegates will represent St. Peter's at Convention, anyone may register as a visitor.

Register before October 3rd and receive a discounted rate of \$40.00. After October 3rd, the registration fee (lunch included) is \$50.00. Register online at <https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/51st-diocesan-convention.html>

Adult Formation Book Group - Sundays, 9:30am

Have you ever wondered what makes us human? In this book study, we will wonder together about what an invertebrate mollusk might have in common with us, and how these creatures might teach us to love creation. We will read, *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness*, by Sy Montgomery.

Come on Sunday or contact Rev Jazzy for more details, revjazzybostock@gmail.com.

Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00am, Parish Hall

Each week we read and hold lively discussion about the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. Drop in any Wednesday!

NEW Thursday Faith Conversations -

Thursdays, 7:15pm, Parish Hall Education Room beginning September 12th.

Join us for conversations about faith. We begin that conversation through the *Book of Esther*, an intriguing and controversial story found in both the Jewish and Christian Bibles.

Time & Talent

At Sunday worship services on September 8th, the Time & Talent brochure was handed out. The brochure lists an array of service opportunities within the life of St. Peter's Church, everything from greeting folks on Sunday morning to serving meals at a Habitat worksite!

As we begin another program year, please give thought to the skills and gifts you can share with this community, fill out a Time & Talent brochure, and place it in an offering bowl or return it to the church office. The church and God's ministry through this church exist because of us. Thank you for prayerfully considering ways that God is calling you to be part of this ministry!

Greeter/Usher Refresher Training - Sunday, September 15, after both services

All current greeters and ushers as well as those who are interested in this ministry are asked to stay in the sanctuary after the worship service on Sunday, September 15th, for a brief meeting. You are the first people our visitors and members meet, which make your ministry very important. Thank you for your dedication in making those who come to St. Peter's feel welcome!

New Member Gathering and Lunch - Sunday, September 22, 11:30am

Are you new to St. Peter's? Is this the community you would like to make your church home? Are you interested in learning more about St. Peter's, its history, its community, its ministries? We want to get to know you! Please join us on Sunday, September 22nd at 11:30am. Lunch will be provided. Please let Pr. Diane or Rev. Jazzy know if you will be attending or call the church office, 533-1943.

Faith Action's Affordable Housing Summit: How to Create 17,000 Affordable Units by 2026

Saturday, September 21, 9am-2pm
Art Auditorium, UH-Manoa, 2535 McCarthy Mall

Local experts will address the primary challenges and opportunities for developing affordable housing between 30-80% of the Area Median Income.

- Peter Ho, Chairman, President and CEO, Bank of Hawai'i
- Kevin Carney, Vice President, EAH Housing
- Craig Hirai, Executive Director, Hawai'i Housing Finance & Development Corporation
- Senator Stanley Chang, A.L.O.H.A. Homes
- Peter Savio, Developer, Rent-to-Build-Equity
- Philip Garboden, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i

Free parking available at Church of the Crossroads, 1212 University Avenue. RSVP to 989-9398 or to office@faithactionhawaii.org by Friday, Sept. 13

Chinese Christian Association (CCA) Quarterly General Meeting

Saturday, September 21, 11:45am-1:45pm
The CCA is a historic organization of individuals from St. Peter's, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal, First Chinese Church of Honolulu, and United Church of Christ Judd St. Anyone from these four churches can join the organization for a onetime fee of \$25.00. St. Peter's Habitat Lunch Bunch will present its ministry to the group and provide the meal.



In August, the Hie Hie Lunch event came early in the month. Ruth, Haroldwyn, Sim, Bill and I made 30 sandwiches and bags lunches. We were a little short handed, but we managed.

On the other hand, we had a bustling 31 patrons at Harris UMC to keep us busy. We made a few extra sandwiches on site to accommodate for those who like to have extra sandwiches.

Thank you again for your support of this ministry.

Pokhui McKinney

Editor's Note: On the third Thursday of each month a volunteer group meets at St. Peter's to make lunches for an outreach program to the homeless headed by IHS at Harris United Methodist Church. The ministry takes its name from the shower van that is part of the outreach program. To participate, contact Pokhui McKinney at pmcki55@gmail.com.

Still Blue, but a New Hue

St. Peter's has a new t-shirt! Thanks to Jaime Yamane and Paula Choy for working with a designer, and to Barry Wood for bringing this idea to the vestry, and to Steve Mitchell and Rev. Jazzy for helping to figure out the ordering. If you are interested in updating your St. Peter's wardrobe, please sign up in the back of the church or call the office, and place your order. Money will be collected when the shirts are distributed. Men's, women's, and children's sizes and styles available.



Take advantage of this awesome new design. It is an easy way to evangelize, and show off our faith community!

Noteworthy News for September- The Choir Returns

It is time to gather the choir again. Consider joining St. Peter's music family as we learn music to enhance worship and have a lot of fun doing so! Thursday rehearsals Sept 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7:15 p.m. and Sunday rehearsals at 9:00 am
Ukuleles after the 10:00 am service

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For more information on the music ministries at St. Peter's, click on <http://www.stpetershonolulu.org/music-ministry.html>

I Aloha Someone Living with Epilepsy

Ella Kimura

Finding my older sister, Sela, having her first grand mal seizure sent me into a mode of panic. Being only 11 years old and only reading about seizures once, I only knew to call my parents and 911. My parents weren't home and my younger sister, Lena, had no idea what was going on.

The second time I found Sela having a seizure, I didn't panic as much, partly because we weren't home alone, but also because I knew a little more about how to handle the situation than the first time Sela had a seizure.

Sela was diagnosed with epilepsy after her second seizure and would often say that nobody understands how she feels. She was afraid people would tease her and treat her differently for having a seizure disorder. However, when she went to Washington D.C. to participate in TSU! with our mom, I think she started to feel less alone and felt better about herself and was a little more open to sharing her story.

Living with Sela is like living with a normal person. Luckily she has noticeable seizures and can call out to someone when she gets her aura. We just need to be a bit more aware of her seizures and seizure first aid and she needs to remember to take her anti-seizure medication. Other than that, nothing has really changed for me. Sela is the same person as she was before she was diagnosed with epilepsy. I still love her and she still loves me.

Based on my experiences and my research on epilepsy and seizures, I think people only know more about epilepsy when they know someone with epilepsy. Therefore, epilepsy awareness, seizure recognition and response are important for everyone.

For more information about epilepsy, you can visit the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii website at epilepsyhawaii.org <<http://epilepsyhawaii.org>>.

Senior Warden's Corner

Velma Lee, Senior Warden

Highlights of the August Vestry Meeting:

- Special thank yous to the Audit Committee: Sim Kau (head), Janet Kim, Kyle Saito, and Willis Yap! Also, thank you to Eva Cotter and Nancy Rowe for coming in that Saturday to help find the necessary reports. This is a special, unique ministry!
- PV System Update: The project is moving along. If trenching is needed between the Parish Hall and the sanctuary building we might consider including wiring for Wi-Fi.



- A request to install suitable flower holders for the niches in the Columbarium was unanimously approved. Nancy Rowe, Steve Mitchell, and Stephanie Wight will research the flower holder options.
- Since the Capital Campaign loan has been paid off, contributions received are being placed in the Capital Improvement Fund.
- St. Peter's will host the Chinese Christian Association's 3rd Qtr. General Assembly meeting on Saturday, September. 21 in the Parish Hall. Elizabeth Winternitz and Steve Mitchell will make a short presentation on Habitat for Humanity and St. Peter's role in this community effort. Lunch will be prepared by the Habitat Lunch Bunch and served to the attendees.
- Mahalo nui loa to Stephanie Wight for matching the numerous St. Peter's keys with the corresponding locks. Many keys were loose in the container and not labeled! It was a very time-consuming undertaking!!

Junior Warden's Corner

Terry Dang, Junior Warden

A quick list of projects completed over the summer.

- A permanent fastener installed on the Sun Room door.
- Landscaping modifications made to the front of the church: bougainvillea hedge trimmed and rocks placed at the rear of the bed.
- Keith Lee and Terry Dang replacing corroded front lanai gate supports.
- Security camera installed providing a view of the church on the makai side.
- 3M Safety walk strips installed on the Aloha Room steps by Oriel.
- Termite damaged storage room door next to the Aloha Room replaced.
- Kitchen window operating mechanisms repaired. Locking mechanisms blocked in the "open" position; it is not necessary to lock these windows.
- Tracks on two Parish Hall sliding doors cleaned of debris and silicone was applied to ease opening. The makai door mechanism replaced with a hook latch.
- A plumber unclogged the kitchen sink drains. Please remember to ensure the drain strainers are in place to only allow liquid to enter the drain and remove debris from the sink.

Rest Eternal

A private service for **Barbara Chung**, one of St. Peter's nonagenarians, was held on Thursday, September 5th. Barbara died on August 6th after a short illness. She is remembered for her service as a St. Peter's choir member and participant in ECW (Episcopal Church Women).

A memorial service for **Alfred Yuen**, also one of St. Peter's nonagenarians, was held on September 7th at St. Peter's. Al died June 30th and served as Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, and a vestry member for multiple terms as well as a young adult and teen fellowship adviser and delegate to Diocesan Conventions.

Christian Formation

Stephanie Wight

September marks the resumption of the Christian formation season (lessons, classes, book studies, discussions, etc.) for both children and adults at St. Peters.

Teachers are recruited, lessons chosen, books selected and classrooms tidied. NOW for the epiphany..... There IS no season for Christian formation. We

begin our formation at birth and it continues until (and most likely even after) our transition from this earth.

Some of us grew up with the model of Sunday School for Children, Bible Study for grown-ups and Youth Group tucked in the middle. Sunday School looked a lot like our weekly school experience (with Jesus in attendance) and the adult study often searched for the "right" answers from scripture.

Christian Formation is a more commonly used term many Episcopal churches use today. It implies that through our lifetimes, we are continually forming and reformed as we are informed through scripture, prayer and discipleship.

Many of us feel we do not have the background or scholarship to be disciples. We cringe at really expressing our deepest thoughts in a group or even speaking to our own children about spiritual things.

For the next few newsletters I will use this forum to share resources and ideas that may help us as a church, and/or as individuals in embracing this thing called "Christian Formation" and how it can empower and encourage us in deepening our relationship with God. Peace be with you.... Stephanie



Godly Play - one way, for young people, their families and the church at large, to engage with the foundational stories of the Kingdom of God.

The framework for Godly Play can be seen in the gathering space (the Loft aka the stage area behind the kitchen). The environment is intentionally prepared. The room tells a story. The location of materials in the room tells a story. The rhythm of each Sunday session becomes liturgy. We gather, praise, engage, respond, offer thanks and are fed, before being sent back out to the secular world. Informed, strengthened and refreshed by the goodness and mercy of God.

Everyone is invited to participate in the circle of Godly Play. There is but one requirement..... that you come as a child, open to wonder. Steph (we gather in the Loft, 9 AM -9:50 AM Sundays)

Godly Play for September

Sept 8- Welcome, orientation and the *Story of the Holy Family*

Sept 15- The Beginning of the *Creation Story*

Sept 22- The retelling of the *Creation Story*

Sept 29- The *Story of the Flood and the Ark*

How it all started....

In the fall of 1886, a group of Kohala Chinese Christians moved to Honolulu for better employment and educational opportunities for their children. On Sunday, September 19, 1886, the day after their arrival, a worship service was held for them. The gathering was later described as the first convening of the group that founded St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

"This service was held in one of the stores on Liliha Street at 9 o'clock A.M., using the Chinese Prayer Book from Hong Kong of the Church of England as large as the family Bible. Nineteen persons were present, the seats being boards put across flour barrels and cracker boxes. It was a little shanty and needless to say it was very hot."

The group continued to meet wherever it could, and seven months later on Palm Sunday, 1887, the St. Peter's congregation was officially organized. The first church building was on the corner of Emma and Beretania Streets on land gifted by Queen Emma. The structure was completed in January of 1891 at a cost of \$2,955 (\$83,300 in today's dollars).

Source: Seasons of Light, The History of Chinese Christian Churches in Hawaii, by Diane Mei Lin Mark, 1989, published by the Chinese Christian Association.

Happy Birthday, St. Peter's!



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Hie Hie August



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