

RETIRED CLERGY FAMILIES' NEWS

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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy, 4:7 NRSV



Happy Valentine's
Day





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Chaplains' Column



The Rev. Bruce DeGooyer

From Chaplain Bruce DeGooyer (living on Maui) Aloha all! Well, 2022 is moving along, and we are already into February! It is Chinese New Year, the Year of the Tiger... and the 12-year son of our neighbors who is nicknamed "Tiger" is very excited about that! It's enjoyable to see the youngsters get so excited, helps me keep feeling younger. Another thing (here locally) that keeps me feeling younger is watching the whales as they raise and play with their calves. Just yesterday, as I looked out the Holy Innocents church office window, I saw a whale breaching up out of the water, over and over again. These things remind me of how precious we all are to God, and of the blessings all around us. God loves each of us and holds us close. Wherever you are living now, please know that you are remembered, cared about, and prayed for daily by our chaplain community.

Blessings,
Bruce+

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The Rev. Heather Mueller

Dear Friends,

On January 17, with the help of David and Joanne Coon, we pulled together a gathering of retired clergy and spouses in Wiamea at an Italian restaurant.

The people who gathered were David and Joanne Coon; Jo Piltz; Dwight and Catherine Brown; Marnie and Gerrit Keator; Linda and Robert Lundgren; Kent and Kiki McNair; David Stout; Richard Tardiff was there in spirit.

I visited Charlotte Holmes in Hilo and also connected with Katlin McCallister and Jennifer Masada. I had a great time meeting with the Big Island people. I then flew to Molokai and had lunch with Lynette Schaefer. My plan is to figure out a good time to gather the retired clergy on Maui. We will see about this in the not -too -distant future.

Aloha in Christ, Heather Mueller

The Rev. Carol Arney

I can sure tell that I have been on the mainland too long! I didn't even think about February being the month of the Chinese New Year! Valentine's Day was the only holiday that entered my mind. My month of January was a busy one. In addition to working on this newsletter, I supplied for the entire month of January for St. Stephen's, in Wahiawa. It was sure nice to celebrate the Eucharist with a wonderful community of people.

The Rev. Frank and Norma Chun.

It's February 1, 2022 — **Goong Hee Faht Choy . . . Happy Chinese New Year!** Traditional Chinese will celebrate for 16 consecutive days.



It's the year of the Tiger, which will end on January 22, 2023. If you were born in 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, or 2010, then you are a Tiger; And you share a commonality with Queen Elizabeth, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Lady Gaga..

Those born in the Tiger years, are said to possess some of the Tiger's qualities: Being brave, assertive, competitive, and have great interpersonal relationships, and be very family oriented. Tigers are said to be hungry for thrill and crave attention, not to mention being short tempered but capable of generosity.

Furthermore, for 2022, it is the Year of the Black Water Tiger, which also means strength, nobility, and purposefulness. The element of water means going with the flow and embracing changes as well as living in the moment. The component of water is also known to be emotional, so be sure to take care of yourself!

Blessings for the New Year, and the Church's Epiphany Season *Norma & Frank*

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d. Chang

I love Chinese New Year! Remember those New Year's resolutions which have been ignored or disposed of? Well, now you are given a second chance to go back to work on them! God gives us many chances to take charge of our life. I found that out last week when the bar which holds hanging clothes collapsed in one of my closets. In the past week, I have taken two substantial loads of clothes and hangers to charities, clearing out mostly Dick's winter clothes and coats, only about 4 years after his death, and other clothes of mine I only dream of fitting in again... One person suggested that an easy way to clean out your closet is at the beginning of the year, reverse all your hangers. Wait a season or 6 months, and then anything worn, washed and put back in the closet the correct way, keep. All those reverse hangers, give away or throw away. I'm trying it in my personal closet. My storage closets are now empty anticipating new bars next week so I can return about 10% of the clothes left after I took out and gave away the rest.!

I love Chinese New Year!

Aloha, *d. chang*

Letter from the Editor

In our new plan as a team of Chaplains to the Retired clergy, I, Carol, have been charged with writing the newsletter. I welcome your contributions.

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News from around the world

Contributed by d. Chang.

Vince ONeill: I am forwarding the photo I took of Vince and I meeting for Hawaiian lunch on Sunday, Nov. 28. One of his two caregivers, Nell, took the photo.



As for his news, his brother, Jack died last month. They were very close, and he misses him. They used to talk on the phone regularly. I attended church at Epiphany, and he gave the sermon at each of the services. He recently completed a several session educational series for church members interested in spirituality. About 20 members attended.

His voice is still raspy, and sometimes gets better and sometimes worse, but he'd love to hear from his Hawai'i clergy family. He sure enjoyed the Hawaiian food I brought in for lunch!

He sends his Aloha and Merry Christmas greetings.

And here's a follow-up regarding Vince (from Frank chun):

Norma had earlier asked folks (who receive the Chronicle and the Retired Clergy Families' Newsletter, via USPS mailings), whether they still wanted to continue receiving these mailings.

Vince O'Neil from Henderson Nevada, replied by phone to us. He thanked the Chaplains' Team for our caring work. Regarding the mailings, these are not only important, but memorable too, for him — Yes! "Keep sending them!" he said.

He still worships at Epiphany Church in Henderson.
He's not a techie, and thus doesn't own a computer, which means he doesn't do e-mails.

Vince mentioned being in continual recovery from the auto accident that had taken Maria's life, years ago. His voice was rather raspy. He uses a walker to get around. He's developed a hernia, but his doctor advised against surgery because of his advanced age. And "there are still 10 other problems! Thank God my brain is OK, and I'm still alive!"

Blessings -- *Frank*

On Dec 15, 2021, at 2:21 PM, Charles and Diane Burger

<rareburgers@gmail.com> wrote:

(Print Alfredo's note to me.)

"I don't know if you remember me as a youth at Good Shepherd. I was also an acolyte and would come with Fr. Andres once a month to Holy Innocents. I have fond memories of you.

The craziest memory is when you took Fr. Justo and Mrs. Nancy Andres out on a sailboat along with a few of us acolytes--the waves were so rough that we had to turn back--and we all got sick, especially Nancy. But her wish was to have her ashes deposited at sea; presumably because that trip on the sailboat made such an impression on her!"

Background: Justo Andres came out to Holy Innocents' once a month to celebrate mass in Ilicano for West Maui members of the Philippine Independent Church. He and I also exchanged "gospel magic" tricks for our Sunday School kids. He was a pretty good gospel magician, if I do say so.

That Sunday Alfredo references, some of our acolytes joined his for that sailboat ride. The weather was windy, and the water was rough, so the ride was somewhat short. Ironically, the sailboat "Windseeker" belonged to Diane's family, and was the boat with which Diane won the Lahaina Yacht Club's Wahine Sailing Championship in 1978.

Gaylord Hitchcock writes:

Our new address is

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Frank Chun reports:



I had an enjoyable phone conversation with Mimi & **Peter Wu** this past weekend.

Peter retired as a non-stipendiary Deacon from St. Paul's, Honolulu, on December 31, 2021. This was a couple years overdue since Peter is 74-years of age!

They are busy being the Chinese Gung-gung & Po-po to their grandsons Ethan & Andrew, who live nearby, with daily school drop offs at Holy Nativity and pickups; Plus the occasional babysitting.

Traveling off-Island (to visit their other daughter on the mainland) of course, has been out of the question. On Sundays, they've been attending on-line services at St. Peter's.

From: Willis Moore <generalconventionreporter@gmail.com>

Subject: An important new work by Greg Johnson

Rev Prof Gregory Johnson is retired from both teaching duties at Hawai'i Loa/Hawai'i Pacific University and from active parish ministry on O'ahu. Greg+ used his "Covid stay at home time" to compile an incredibly interesting, useful, and important book about the development of slavery and ultimate race relations in the 13 colonies which became the USA in 1776, up until the Civil War. This documented compendium is worth a read and will serve as well to illustrate and explain issues being discussed and wrestled with today in the lead up to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church next summer and issues facing the Congress.

Copies of this spiral-bound book are available for \$10 each (which covers binding and postage to you - printing was donated.)

To obtain your copy,

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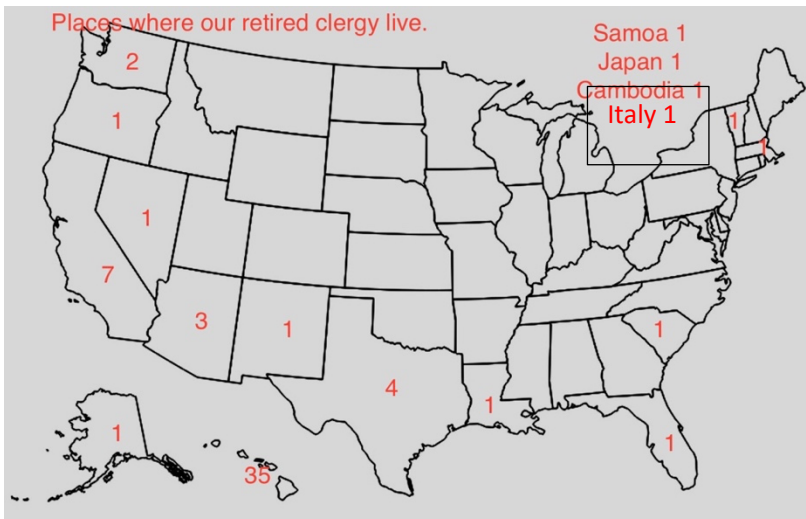
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
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Where is everyone?

By Carol Arney

Have you ever wondered where all the retired clergy from Hawai'i live? When the Bishop asked me to be part of the Retired Clergy Chaplains team, he assigned me to the ones living on the mainland. His reasoning was that I lived on the mainland myself (then). So I decided to do some research and find out where everyone was. Here's what I discovered:



Well, more than half live in Hawai'i, and of those who live on the mainland, they are sort of spread out around the coasts of the USA. The funny thing is, everyone lives over a thousand miles from where I lived in Minnesota, so I wouldn't have been able to visit anyone in any case. But, if there is any good that came from the pandemic, it is the resourcefulness of people, who figured out how to meet virtually. Many of you have mastered the art of ZOOMING  and now visit friends, family and your churches through the magic of the internet. I thought...

maybe some of us could meet occasionally that way. If you are interested, click here:

arneycm@earthlink.net and tell me what you think. We could meet in small groups, such as the west coast, the south, island by island in Hawai'i, etc.

If you aren't a "techie" and don't like working with computers, just wrangle a grandchild, and ask them to help!

February and March! Birthdays



Clergy

- Peter Besenbruch Feb 01
- Dwight Brown Feb 12
- Alison Dingley Feb 17
- Janice Watson Feb 20
- Andrew Walmisley Feb 22
- Gaylord Hitchcock Mar 3
- Brian Nurdling Mar 10
- John Maxson Mar 14
- Charles Cannon Mar 17
- Richard Tardiff Mar 19
- Gae Chalker Mar 20
- Mahi Beimes Mar 21
- Austin Murray Mar 21

Clergy Spouses

- Martha Blanchett Feb 12
- Norma Chun Feb 12
- Christy Kessler Feb 13
- Winona Yoshida Feb 27
- Carter Kimsay Mar 01
- Gerrit Keator Mar 20


Surviving Spouses

- Grace Lee Feb 14
- Roxanne Shoemaker Mar 5
- Dorothy Moore Mar 27

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand:
Look with favor, we pray, on these
your servants as they begin another
year. Grant that they may grow in
wisdom and grace, and strengthen
their trust in your goodness all the
days of their lives, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



 An extensive study in the U.S.A found that the most productive age in human life is between 60-70 years of age. The 2nd. most productive stage of the human being is from 70 to 80 years of age. The 3rd. most productive stage is from 50 to 60 years of age. The average age of NOBEL PRIZE winners is 62 years old. The average age of the presidents of prominent companies in the world is 63 years. The average age of the pastors of the 100 largest churches in the U.S.A. is 71. The average age of the Popes is 76 years. This tells us in a way that it has been determined that the best years of your life are between 60 and 80 years. A study published in NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE found that at age 60, you reach the TOP of your potential, and this continues into your 80s. Therefore, if you are between 60 -70 or 70-80 you are in the BEST and 2nd. level of your life.
SOURCE: N. Engl. J. Med. 70,389 (2018)

In Memoriam



The Reverend Deacon Viliami Langi died on Thursday, January 6, 2022, after a long illness. Viliami faithfully served the Tongan community at St. Elizabeth's Church, Honolulu, for many years.

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, to whom there is never any prayer made without hope of mercy, be

merciful to the soul of your faithful servant, Viliami, being departed from this world in the confession of your Holy Name that he and all the departed may be welcomed into the company of your saints, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May our brother, Viliami, rest in peace. *Amen.*



Deacon Viliami Langi's burial, Diamond Head Memorial Park, Wed. 1/19/22



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All Retiree Webinars

In February all retirees will be invited to a Provincial Retiree Meeting. During these webinars, we will review the status of the Fund, investment portfolio, healthcare benefits, and tax preparation resources.

- Tuesday, February 15, Provinces I, II, III, IV @ 10:00AM (Eastern)
- Wednesday, February 16, Provinces V, VI, VII @ 2:00PM (Eastern)
- Thursday, February 17, Province VIII @ 3:00PM (Eastern)

You **must register** to attend this Zoom webinar. Here is the link to register:

[Cvent registration link](#)

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