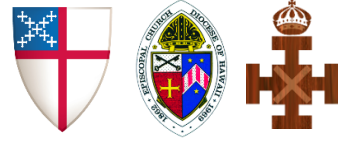


## From the Bishop

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The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i



### Planned Giving and the Mission of the Church

The rubrics of The Book of Common Prayer on page 445 state: “The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.”

I am eager to help congregations engage mission and to do that we need to have sustainable financial resources. Major gifts, planned gifts and bequests are ways you can help the Church and provide for future mission and ministry. I invite you to care for your Church for decades and perhaps centuries to come.

An example of such a bequest came from the Reverend George W.R. MacCray in 1999. MacCray had retired as a priest to Hawai'i and died here in 1999. He left an undesignated bequest to the Diocese and those funds were used to build a new small campus ministry center near the UH Manoa campus. Following several studies and recommendations from successive Standing Committees and special task forces, the Diocesan Council decided to sell the property in 2017. By action of Diocesan Council, the proceeds of the sale (\$1,193,125.81) were used to establish a board (Diocesan Council) restricted fund named the "George W.R. MacCray Fund" for youth (grades 6 to 12) and young adult ministry (ages 18 to 30). After not being touched for three years by Council policy and now taking a 4% annual draw from the Fund, I was able, with the advice of Standing Committee and action of Diocesan Committee, to create a new position in the Diocese. On May 1, 2020, the Reverend Ernesto “JaR” Pasalo became the part-time (50%) Missioner for Youth and Campus Ministry. He will support our congregations in their ongoing youth (7th to 12th grade) and college campus programs, helping to create a network of youth and youth workers. This could happen because of the planned gift of George McCray. His generous planning decades ago provides for ministry today.

How might you help future generations? You might consider remembering one of these Funds in your estate planning:

1. Episcopate Endowment Fund: Established in 1904, the income from this fund is restricted to directly supporting the costs of having a resident Bishop in Hawai'i.

2. Edwin Lani and Puanani Hanchett Memorial Mission Fund: Established in 1972, the income from this fund is restricted for the ongoing mission work (as defined by Diocesan Council) of the Diocese of Hawai‘i.
3. The Chang Clergy Children’s Scholarship Fund: Established in 2001, the original principal of the Fund is restricted. The proceeds of this Fund may be used for the education of children of clergy canonically resident and domiciled in the Diocese.
4. Harry and Katherine Kennedy Memorial Fund: Established in 1998, this Board restricted fund is used for “new” mission work (as defined by Diocesan Council) in the Diocese.
5. George W.R. MacCray Fund: Established in 2017, this a Board restricted fund used for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese.

Or, you might consider supporting another ministry of the Diocese that is important to you.

If you have questions about mission and ministry in the Diocese, please contact me.

If you have questions about the logistics and practicalities of making a planned gift to the Episcopal Church in Hawai‘i, please contact Peter Pereira.

Please consider now including “The Episcopal Church in Hawai‘i” in your planned giving and estate planning.