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The Rev. Bruce DeGooyer

From Chaplain Bruce DeGooyer (living on Maui) Mele Kalikimaka! 🌺 From all of us here at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Lāhainā, Maui, and from the Chaplains to Retired Clergy Families in the Diocese of Hawai'i, wishing you a blessed Feast of the Nativity, with prayers for happiness and good health now, and in the year to come! 🌺 Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Blessings,

Bruce+

The Rev. Heather Mueller

Dear Friends,

As I prepare for preaching a sermon for tomorrow, Christmas 2, I am thinking about this time of transition. The God Janus looks both forward and back. He is the god who represents doors, gates and beginnings. Though sometimes I want to stay where it is comfortable and known it is not going to happen! The year 2022 is unfolding before us, whether I am ready or not.

My prayers and hopes for all of us, the people receiving this email, and all the people on this planet earthare that we will all be truth -telling seekers for love, peace and Justice.

(It could happen).....

I pray that the humans occupying our planet will learn the ways of love and peace....and that you my friends will have a safe and fulfilling year.

Peace in Christ, Heather Mueller

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The Rev. Carol Arney

I'm writing on a rainy New Year's Day, sitting in my little home in Manoa. My landing in Hawai'i was not a soft one! Although I don't regret coming back here, a few mishaps (mainly a "trip and Fall kind" have clouded my days. However, there are blessings as well. I am integrating back into the Diocese's family, with a selection to fill an unfinished term on the Diocesan Council, and a month's supply at St. Stephen's to keep me busy. I am sending you my fondest Hau 'oli Makahiki Hou and thinking about a zoom reunion in the future.

I had high hopes for an exciting Holliday edition. However, fate got in the way. One night walking my dear dog, Nani, I tripped and fell and bruised my left leg from knee to foot--and sprained my ankle while I was at it! I not only spent much of my time waiting in Urgent care, etc. but also didn't have the "creative Juices" flowing to design the newsletter that was in my head. I'm almost better now, but I need to remind everyone—be careful! As a retiree myself, I must remember I am not as light on my feet as I used to be. I am SO Sorry! Carol+

The Rev. Frank and Norma Chun.

merry 2021 christMASK!



From the Pidgin Bible, Da Good An Spesho Book:
"Cesar Augusta time, erybody go back da town wea dea ohana come from. So, wit Mary, Joseph wen go Betlehem, cuz he from King David ohana." (Luke 2:1-4)

Sharing with you, our Christian **FAITH** (belief), and **HOPE** (expectation for a better tomorrow), and God's **LOVE** (Aloha) —

Norma & Frank

d. Chang

Happy New Year! I am usually the one who sees the glass half full rather than half empty. This past two years of covid and its impact on all of us has really challenged that optimistic outlook I try to maintain, but in the worst of times is when God's presence is there. Look hard for the rainbow after or during a storm. It's there. God promised us. I really believe, despite the numbers, that we are at least halfway through covid, that each of us has learned more about ourselves and others than if covid had never had the impact, and that 2022 will be better, God willing and the crick don't rise. Smile. Someone will always wonder what you're up to!

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 DAVID KENNEDY!

Flight 2022 Instructions Prior to Takeoff

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position.

All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull-down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination – GREATNESS!

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!

Stay Blessed!

And welcome in 2022.

Author unknown. This was forwarded to me by Ann McCrary, who received it on Facebook. Ann is a member of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Aina Haina, Honolulu. She and my wife Anna Marie Kennedy became friends while volunteering at the Church's Thrift Shop. Ann was aware of my Air Force flying days. David Kennedy. **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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Happy New Year to All Our Family and Friends from **Tom Buechele**



We've returned safely from Hawaii where we spent the month of December with the good folks at St. Jude, Ocean View and Jean and I got to visit with her great niece IJfke Ridgley and her mom Martha. Now begins prep time for our Spring move to Little Switzerland, N.C., and the congregation at Resurrection Episcopal Church. Our fondest hope for the new year is that peace, gentleness and good will fill the hearts of all peoples, but especially in our own families, neighborhoods, towns and countryside. Personally, I'm looking forward to the exciting adventures of the James Webb telescope that is now hurtling 1 million miles into outer space. So far all is

well....Blessings and much love.

It's still not too late to send a card!



I have received word that Mrs. Roberta DuTiel's 100th birthday will be on January 10, 2022. Mrs. DuTeil is the widow of the Rev. Claude DuTeil (who served at St. Stephen's, Wahiawa [1949-1954] ; Good Shepherd, Wailuku [1954-1958]; St. Christopher's, Kailua [1958-1985], and he was also the founder of the Institute for Human Services IHS, Honolulu). Mrs. DuTeil was deeply involved in the life of the Church here in Hawai'i and continues to remember the Diocese with fondness. She also continues to encourage support of IHS.

To make this special birthday memorable, please send birthday cards to: Roberta DuTeil, 1044 E Jeter, Argyle TX 76226.

In addition, please donate to IHS in her honor. Send your check to IHS: The Institute for Human Services, Inc., Attention: Development, PO Box 17040, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817, OR donate online [HERE](#).

Please share this with those who might know Mrs. DuTeil.

Yours faithfully,
+Bob

Happy New Year! Hau'ouli Makahiki Hou! Buon Anno!

Here's hoping there is a light at the end of this tunnel in 2022.

Living in Venice, Italy since the end of February 2020 has been a delicious experience. I returned to Hawaii for a couple weeks in August and then headed to Seattle to celebrate Sarah's 50th birthday What a party!! I was back in Venice for the Film Festival in September and have no plans to travel until i return to Seattle for Sarah and Paul's wedding on September 3, 2022.



The Rudinoffs were dispersed for the holidays- Chris in Stockholm, Sarah, Elizabeth, Chloe and Sabryn in Seattle. Josh and Holly in Revelstoke BC snowboarding, Jeff, Sara Jo and Orion in Kauai and Tennessee, my sister, Eve, on Kauai and Jan in heaven. I celebrated in Venice with my friends, Liesl, Frank and Anna and I hope that all your gatherings were joyous and heartwarming. Love to all and here's a toast to 2022. Love, Paula

**December and January!
Birthdays**



Clergy

- Peter Fan Dec 3
- Richard Shields Dec 11
- Alex Geston Dec 11
- Walter Stevens Dec 25
- David Blanchett Dec 31
- David Coon Jan 3
- Donor Macniece Jan 7
- Russell Johnson Jan 15
- Bruce DeGooyer Jan 20
- Tom Yoshida Jan 23
- Pamela Redding Jan 24
- Marilyn Watts Jan 26
- David Baar Jan 31



Clergy Spouses



- Willis Moore Dec 14
- Ethel Maxon Dec 27
- Judy Winkler Dec 31


Surviving Spouses

- Ulu Duncan Dec 12

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.*

In Memoriam



ANNA MARIE KENNEDY

87 years of age and long time resident of Honolulu, died on October 12, 2021 in Spokane, Washington. She was born on January 29, 1934 in Madison, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Ernest and Gladys Hemberger. Her brothers Wayne (wife Joan survives) and Verne and sister-in-law Darlene predeceased her. Also predeceasing Mrs. Kennedy on her husband's side of the family were brothers-in-law Paul (wife Rebecca survives) and Joel (wife Ann survives). Brothers-in-law Bruce and Mark Kennedy are also living. Mrs. Kennedy's immediate family includes her husband the Rev. David K. Kennedy and four sons: Christopher, Paul and wife Joanne, Karl, and Eric. They have been blessed with 10 wonderful grandchildren. Mrs. Kennedy and her husband were married in 1956 in Madison. The officiant was Bishop Harry S. Kennedy the groom's father. They recently celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Mrs. Kennedy retired in 1998 as Assistant Librarian at St. Andrew's Priory School. Prior to that, she was the secretary of the elementary at Iolani School. In retirement, she kept very busy volunteering wherever she saw a need and felt she could help. Among her many activities, she was a volunteer at the Holy Nativity Church Thrift Shop. She enjoyed taking care of her plants and had a plot in the Hawaii Kai Community Garden where she grew vegetables giving away the surplus. Her favorite hobby was quilting and she made countless beautiful quilts to give to family and friends and to help raise funds for needy families in the community.

There will not be an immediate Celebration of Life. At her request that will wait until her husband dies and then there will be a joint Celebration of Life at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Also, at her request, she wanted to invite memorial contributions to be made to the Anna Marie and David Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Andrew's Priory School. The purpose of the fund will be to assist students whose families are in need of financial aid to enable their children to attend the school.



The Reverend George Lee

The Reverend George Lee (age 94) died on Friday, December 3, 2021. George was ordained a Priest in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts in 1958. He arrived in Hawai'i in 1966 to oversee the Urban Ministry Program (a ministry initiated throughout the Episcopal Church by the Executive Council). Through the years, he was the Vicar of St. Luke's Church, Honolulu; Vicar of St. Philip's (now named St. John the Baptist) Church, Mā'ili; and Campus Minister at the Canterbury House (UH Manoa). In retirement, he was an active "member" (always in the pew and not at the altar) of St. Mark's, Kapahulu.

Please keep Grace and the Lee family in your prayers.

A tribute to George from Alison Dingley

I moved to Honolulu in late 1985 to serve as Immigrant Services Director at the Kalihi Palama Immigrant Services Center which was then located at St. Elizabeth's Church. It is now The Immigrant Center. I had always been committed to social service and peace and justice work, so I quickly connected with people of the Diocese with similar interests. The Rev. George Lee was one of those people.

George and I served together on the Peace and Justice Commission of the Diocesan Council for a number of years. In addition to immigration, we addressed issues of justice for Hawaiians in the Church helping to create the Commission on Native Hawaiian Ministry. We built relationships with the military as the nation embarked on the first Gulf war. We collaborated with the Honolulu Council of Churches, the United Church of Christ and other ecumenical and interfaith partners in peace and justice work.

I learned a lot from George Lee during that time. We would have great conversations about the challenges of activism and how to be effective as change agents. We did not always agree, and we moved in different directions in the '90's, but I have always loved and admired George. He is one of my heroes and role models still as I pray and act in the face of the evils of these times

From Heather:

I believe that there are several people in our diocese who would remember Jack Isbell and would want to know the following.

John (Jack) Ellis Isbell III

Born: Nashville, Tennessee, Nov. 10, 1943

Died: November 22, 2021, Honolulu

The service and burial are scheduled to take place at St Andrew's Cathedral....

January 15, 2022 (if COVID allows) 2:00 PM

It may be just the family

Donations in Jack's memory may be made to;

The School of Social Work

University of Hawaii, Manoa

Jack and his husband Nick Eyer were leaders

in The Ecumenical Catholic Church

International

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