

RETIRED CLERGY FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

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Kaimuki at Sunrise

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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

Our Chaplain Team



The Diocese of *Hawai'i* Chaplains to Retired Clergy Families gathered on October 20, 2022, before the Annual Meeting of Convention. Seated L-R are Rev. Bruce DeGooyer, Rev. Carol Arney, Rev. Heather Mueller, Rev. Frank Chun, and Mrs. Norma Chun.

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From the Editor

I welcome your contributions. Reach me: By email: arneycm@earthlink.net



News from Hawai'i and around the world

Wellness Conference for Retires Clergy
Your Finances. Your Health. Your Life.

Province VIII

Honolulu, HI

November 14-15, 2022



This past November, we had the largest gathering of Retired Clergy since 2020! This conference was hosted by the Church Pension Group, with all expenses paid for those living in Hawai'i. Over the course of two days we covered the action plan worksheet, CPG Benefits, Medical Plans in Retirement, Fraud Prevention, Your Path to Wellness, Steps to Fitness, and Legacy Planning. Since it was a 68-page booklet, I won't attempt to repeat the information here, however, our Chaplains to the Retired Clergy were all present, and we got the book! If anyone has questions regarding any of the topics, just contact one of us and we will be happy to share our knowledge with you.

Remember, as your appointed Chaplains to the Retired, it is part of our "job description" to be your helper (go-between) if you are ever having trouble navigating all the facets of CPG. We, in turn are supported by The Rev. Laura Queen. She is Assistant Vice President and Director of Pastoral Care in the Education and Wellness department at CPG. She is standing at the far left of the picture next to Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick.

Oahu Retired Clergy & Widows Lunch Gatherings

On December 8, 2022, +Bishop Bob hosted the Retired Clergy and Families to a luncheon at Assaggio Bistro in Kahala! Delicious Italian food and Warm Christmas spirit was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Bishop Bob, as well as mahalo to Frank Chun, our Oahu social director.





A February 2023 Oahu lunch gathering is currently in the planning stages. Watch for an email from Rev. Carol Arney as Frank and Norma are off island this month. Carol is thinking of Feb. 14 (Valentine's Day) at the Waioli Kitchen (formerly tea Room.) Watch for the email in the next day or two.



Submitted by Frank Chun+

Sarah & David Moore are in town till the end of January, and we had lunch together at Nice Day Chinese Restaurant in Liliha.

David was the next Chaplain at 'Iolani School in the Fall of 2002, when I left (for Epiphany Church). After that post, he served at various churches in our diocese, Sarah was the editor of the Chronicle.

They are now connected with the Diocese of Olympia and live on Orchas Island (a remote island in the middle of Puget Sound in the Pacific Northwest), accessible by ferry transport. They are enjoying their waterfront home and yard and live near family!

David sings in the community Choral Society, and Sarah is on the vestry at Emmanuel Parish, Eastsound, and works with a group maintaining the church gardens.

Retired clergy at work

Greg+ Johnson and Alison+ Dingley were at St Stephen's Christmas Eve and helped Kahu Kaleo with benediction. Willis Moore was organist for the evening.

Submitted by Willis Moore





Heather Mueller's report as Chaplain for the retired

clergy on Maui, Molokai and The Big Island.

Maui was quiet with the exception of the anniversary celebration of John and Linda Decker on December 29th.

Heather is planning to have a reunion luncheon for all the "retireds" on Maui and one on the Big Island in the near future.



John and Linda Decker

Celebrating 65 Years of Marriage

Champagne & Buffet

5 to 8 pm

December 29, 2022

On the Mainland!

January 12, 2023:

Dear Family and Friends:

Dear Family and Friends: Jean and I are happy to announce that we will be residing in Hendersonville, North Carolina, beginning **February 1, 2023**.

We will be taking up residence in an Independent Living duplex on the campus of **Lake Pointe Landing**, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). Our new address will be **Tom and Jean Buechele 150-D Lake Club Circle Hendersonville, NC 28729**

Cell phone numbers remain:

Tom: 808-895-5405

Jean: 541-324-1545

If you are ever traveling through our new part of the world, be assured you are most welcome to visit. Western North Carolina is home to the Blue Ridge Mountains, absolutely gorgeous. Let's

keep in touch.... Much Love and Many Blessings Tom and Jean Sampel Buechele



From the Editor:

It is my goal to make this newsletter about the milestones and events of all our readers. There are a few of you who regularly send me notes and pictures to put in the newsletter. I welcome MORE of you to send me your news. Travels, special events...it's all good!

Just send me an email (with pictures attached) to arneycm@earthlink.net

Mahalo, Carol+



WINTER Birthdays

Clergy

December

- *Alex Geston* December 11
- *Richard Shields* December 11
- *Walter Stevens* December 25
- *David Baar* December 31 🎆

January

- *David Coon* January 3
- *Russell Johnson* January 15
- *Bruce DeGooyer* January 20
- *Tom Yoshida* January 23
- *Pamela Redding* January 24
- *David Baar* January 31
- *Marilyn Watts* January 31

February

- *Peter Besenbruch* February 1
- *Dwight Brown* February 12
- *Allison Dingley* February 17
- *Janice Watson* February 20
- *Andrew Waimsley* February 22
- *Philip Paradine* February 24

Clergy Spouses

December

- *Paggy Cromwell* December 13
- *Willis Moore* December 14
- *Ethel Maxson* December 27
- *Judy Winkler* December 31 🎆

January

- *Rae Costa* January 15
- *Nancy Minuth* January 25
- *Young Jin Kim* January 26

February

- *Norma Chun* February 12
- *Martha Blanchett* February 12
- *Christy Kessler* February 13
- *Grace Lee* February 14 💕
- *Winona Yoshida* February 27

Surviving Spouses

January

- *Tutu DuTeill* January 10
- *Nancy Minuth* January 25

February

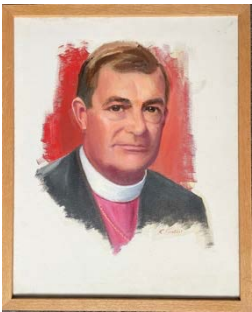
- *Dorothy Moore* February 27

In Memoriam

Photo by Arney
Kaimuki at Sunrise

As we get older, we realize that we are losing more of our contemporaries than before. Classmates, relatives, friends and colleagues, and grief for the passing of loved ones is a larger part of our lives. This fall and winter, we have lost a larger than usual number of retired clergy and spouses. In this time, I have found comfort in this prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (page 503).

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: we give you our heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Rt. Rev. George N. Hunt III.

Nov. 26, 2022

The Rt. Rev. George N. Hunt III, the eleventh bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island, died on October 23, 2022, in Santa Rosa, California, after a long illness. He was 90. Bishop Hunt (after retiring from Rhode Island) served as the “interim bishop” of Hawai‘i between Bishop Hart and Bishop Chang (1995 to 1996). (See ENS article [HERE](#))

Excerpts from Rev. Alison Dingley’s article in Th iTalk Story Project.
<https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/talk-story.html>

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By Bishop George Hunt’s telling, he had recently retired from the Diocese of Rhode Island and was enjoying the freedom of no longer being the one with whom the buck stopped. He did not want another job. However, Bishop Browning was able to convince him to serve as our Interim Bishop with the understanding that the Standing Committee would continue as the Ecclesiastical Authority, the office at which the buck stopped.

George served as our pastor, guide, and non-anxious presence during those difficult years. He was a big Huggy bear kind of a guy who loved and cared about everyone. George’s affability and good old boy way of being disguised how smart and wise he was. He was gifted at team building. I still remember the retreats he led with the search committee and council.

By the Grace of God, we probably would have gotten through the EHH aftermath without George Hunt’s ministry with us, but it would have been much more difficult and painful. It was plenty hard and painful as it was, but George’s presence continually reminded us that God still loved us and would see us through. I shall always be grateful for his life and witness and endeavor to carry his spirit in my life and ministry.

Mrs. Florence Sasaki.

October 21, 2022

Mrs. Florence Sasaki, died on Monday, October 31, 2022, after a very long illness and just shy of her 94th birthday (November 5). Flo was the widow of the Reverend Norio Sasaki (1925-2015)

Submitted by Myrtle Kaneshiro:

Florence Sasaki was someone I had known for over 40 years. She always had a smile no matter what day it was or time of an event. I would drop in on her and husband, Norio, just to chat without letting them know and it was always welcomed and pleasant.

Florence was an elementary school teacher, and she also could play the piano which she taught her son, John. She had 3 sons and 1 daughter, James, Judy, Paul and John. Her first three children were adopted. when she was expecting John, she didn't know she was with child until the Dr. told her.

She and Norio were generous and often invited people for dinner. We were often called as well as others. As she aged, she remained alert and recognized me when I visited her in an assisted facility. I'm sure that she is happy because she is with Norio and the Lord.

Mrs. Ululani Hopkins Duncan

November 16, 2022

Ululani Hopkins Duncan, the widow of the Rev. Rudolph Duncan, died on Wednesday, November 16, after a long illness. She would have been 95 next month. Ulu was a graduate of St. Andrew's Priory, class of 1948. Rudy served as the Vicar and first Rector of St. Mary's Church, Honolulu, from 1968 to 1979, and as the Diocesan Treasurer from 1979 until his retirement in 1991.

Submitted by D. Chang

Ulu was Hawaiian inside and out. She was a beautiful hula dancer with a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eyes. She was a most gracious lady, with those wonderful Hawaiian values of Ohana and Aloha to all who knew her. Rudy had already retired when we moved back to Hawai'i, so we seldom saw much of them. They had a lovely small home on the water on the windward side of the island very close to Chinaman's Hat. I remember visiting with them with Dick when we lived in Kahaluu. She had the loveliest smile, putting all around her at ease. In many ways, she reminded me of Puanani Hanchett, gracious, loving, soft spoken, graceful. It was always a pleasure to visit with her. It is a loss to see another giant of Hawaiian-ness go to be with our Lord and Rudy. She taught us by a wonderful example of the best of the Hawaiian lifestyle and aloha. She will be missed by her family who took loving care of her for many years, and by many of us blessed by her presence in our lives.

May her soul and all the departed rest in peace.
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The Rev. Frances Kay Johnson

November 26, 2022

The Reverend Frances Kay Johnson, died on Saturday, November 26th, after a short illness. Kay served as a Canon of the Cathedral of St. Andrew from November 1997 to March 2001. After leaving the Islands, she completed her doctorate and was a practicing Analytic Psychotherapist. She continued to be canonically resident here in Hawai'i. She is survived by her husband, Robert and her daughters Kelly and Jacquelyn.

The Rev. Joe Pummill

December 26, 2022

A former Priest of the Diocese of Hawai'i, the Reverend Joseph H. Pummill, died in California on December 26, 2022, at age 96. While in this Diocese, he served as the Rector of St. Mark's Church, Honolulu, from 1960 to 1969; Assistant to the Rector of St. Clement's Church, Honolulu, and Campus Minister from 1974 to 1977; and Vicar of the Episcopal Church on West Kaua'i from 1977 to 1979. His time in the Diocese included

experimental ministries to the community. After leaving Hawai'i in 1979, he held various positions in the Diocese of California. Though he continued to reside in California after retiring, he returned to the Islands for visits and the occasional short-term ministry opportunity.

Submitted by David Coon

Ah, Joe. Good man. He served at St. Mark's for many years all the time exhibiting that steady hand that the congregation needed. It was a volatile time and priests such as Joe were steady at the helm

The Rev. John Connell

The Reverend John B. Connell (age 92) died on Saturday, January 21st, after a long illness. John was ordained to the transitional diaconate (1985) and priesthood (1986) by Bishop Edmond Browning. He was the Vicar of St. Barnabas Church, Kapolei (previously Ewa Beach), from 1985 to 1998. He served in various interim ministries through the following years: St. Augustine's Church, Kapa'au; the Episcopal Church on West Kaua'i; St. Peter's Church, Honolulu; St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor; and St. Luke's Church, Honolulu. When his health allowed, John was a frequent supply priest for most congregations in the Diocese. Through the decades, John was active in the governance of the Diocese and the Cursillo community.



From Carol Connell:

“You may know that John went home with God last week. He lived a good, respectful meaningful life and was loved by many. We miss him terribly but know he is in a better place now and is at peace. Services are planned for April 1 with private scattering of ashes at a later date, please keep him in your prayers.”

The Rev. Charles Burger

February 3, 2023

A former Priest of the Diocese of Hawai'i, the Reverend Charles S. Burger, died in Idaho on February 3rd, at age 84. He was ordained by Bishop Harry Kennedy in 1966. He served as the Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Lihue, from 1966 to 1968, and Rector of Holy Innocents' Church, Lahaina, from 1973 to 1983. He served various congregations in the Dioceses of Nevada and Idaho after leaving Hawai'i in 1983.

Diane's address is Box 1178, Eagle, ID 83616

Submitted by Heather Mueller

This photo was taken in summer of 1979 at the blessing of the land when Holy Innocents started the building of the office building.

Heather was a deacon at Holy Innocents and Charley was the rector.

Submitted by Bruce Degooyer

I want to let you know I received word this morning that Charley Burger died at about 1:15am today in Idaho. I have sent a letter of sympathy to his widow. There has been some discussion about his service perhaps being at Holy Innocents. If that is the case, I'll let you know about the arrangements.

