



RETIRED CLERGY FAMILIES' NEWSLETTER



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Edited by Carol Arney

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



The Bishop takes us to lunch! We are very grateful for the fact that Bishop +Bob supports the Retired Chaplain Team. We gathered for lunch on Wednesday, June 7th at Fete in Downtown Honolulu. Heather and Bruce flew over for the time together to share our experiences as the Chaplains team. **THANKS +BOB!**

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It's a link! Anywhere you see underline in red or green click on it! My computer changes the color, depending on if it has been used. I try to add live links when possible.

From the Editor

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

News from Hawai'i

Oahu Retired Clergy & Widows Lunch Gatherings

The retired clergy, spouses and widows meet on Oahu **on the first Tuesday of every month** (with occasional exceptions). This is a great ministry of Fr. Frank Chun, who has been doing this pre-pandemic and now resumed. It keeps us connected, builds support and relationships and we share helpful things we have experienced in our retired lives. If you are from another island or the mainland and you will be on Oahu the first Tuesday of *any* month, please check with Frank Chun (revfchun@gmail.com) or Carol Arney at arneycm@mac.com and we will be happy to include you.

On May 2nd we met at St. Clements's in Makiki, with plate lunch style from Grace's Inn. Those of us who are old enough reminisced about the days when we got our U.H. lunch from Grace's Lunch Wagon next to Canterbury House for \$.50. It is becoming a new thing to alternate restaurant dining with visiting as guests of a church.



Teena Urban, Willis Moore, Greg Johnson, Hollis and Ethel Maxson, Peter Besenbruch, Carol Connell, Norma & Frank Chun, Richard Shields & Alison Dingley.

On June 5th we went to Aiea as guests of St. Timothy's. Your photographer (Carol-me) was too busy enjoying the delicious homemade food to remember to take a picture. However, our ever-faithful Oahu Chaplain, Frank Chun wrote up a full report!

- † Hosted by **Karen+ Swanson** (interim vicar) and husband **David+ Ota**.
The lunch of chicken & vegetable curry over rice was catered by "S & O Cuisine" (*Swanson & Ota of course!*). Lunch also included a veg-salad, strawberry lemonade, and mochi ice-cream! All, very yummy!
St. Tim's Senior Warden, **Jane Murakami**, added delicious almond cookies to the menu!
Lunch cost was \$17/per. With folks giving extra into the kitty, the excess was thus donated to Guam's Hurricane Relief Fund. **Karen+** expresses, "Grateful, grateful thanks!"
- † **Peter+ Besenbruch** generously provided a large platter of sushi to the meal!
And with his impressive tenor voice, **Peter+** led us in chanting Morning Prayer, to begin our event in St. T's chancel.
- † **No luncheon gathering on Oahu in July. That 1st Tuesday happens to be the 4th.**
Next luncheon gathering on Oahu, will be Tuesday, August 1st.
- † ***Discussion focused on:** That morning's CPG's Zoom presentation, "Hidden Crime of Elder Abuse."
* We also talked about End-of-Life / Funeral Plans.
* Did you know that the City's senior "Holo Card" to ride the bus and handi-van, will now include the rail (*Free rail rides on June 20th - July 4th*):



On the Mainland and around the World!

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+



Carol writes:

We have a lot of retired clergy on our Parochial roster, and about 20 of you live on the mainland and beyond. Originally, I was assigned to the clergy living on the mainland and overseas, and since at the time I lived in Minnesota, it made a lot of sense. Now I'm on Oahu, and when D. Chang moved to Georgia, I offered to be Chaplain to the surviving spouses. But I often worry that the mainland people are not getting the full benefit of the Chaplains program, which is supported by the

Church Pension Group. There is a lot of benefit to having a chapter of the Chaplains to the Retired near you. CPG sponsors occasionally host in-person meetings to cover subjects that benefit every retired person. When I lived in Minnesota, and without changing my canonical residence, I started attending the meetings of the Minnesota retired clergy. I was welcomed, included and went to their meetings and luncheons regularly, as well as receiving their newsletter.

I inquired and was told that you are welcome to participate in whatever Chaplains to the Retired Chapter is closest to you. I have decided to make it my next project to send a post card to every mainland retired clergy on our roster and send you the contact of the group closest to you. You may wonder why. The socialization and relationships are valuable, and the various offerings of CPG are extremely helpful. You probably are "just fine" anyway and have a church community near you where you worship and find a spiritual home. It is not something that is for everyone, but the opportunity should be offered to you. If you would like to comment on this idea, feel free to send me a note or an email. My address is on page 1, and my email is

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The chaplain's Team Travels Again

The CPG hosted us in Seattle, WA for the annual Provincial Meeting of the Chaplains to the Retired Clergy in May. This was a chance for us to get the latest updates on the services and programs that are offered to the retired clergy, such as the, the health and life insurance as well as the many “perks” of being a retired Episcopal Clergy person.



They did have a few breaks to enjoy the beauty of Seattle, as shown in this pic from Bruce DeGooyer.

Heather Mueller was in Seattle and sent us this report:



The Chaplains in Province VIII, serving the retired Episcopal clergy, gathered in Seattle during the second week of May 2023. The gathering was arranged and supported by the Church Pension Group and hosted by The Rev. Laura Queen and Mr. Sean Scheller.

The Mission Statement for Chaplains to the Retired Clergy, Spouses and Beneficiaries, calls the CPG and chaplains to provide many kinds of support.

During the conference we were given information about these areas of support from a number of specialists.

The presentations were:

- Our Retirement Paychecks, Home and Mortgage
- The investing and Management of the CPG
- Information about the Medical Trust...education and Wellness

I see my role as a Chaplain, as a person with some information but more importantly, I have the numbers and names of the resources who can help answer questions and solve problems which retired clergy may have. My experience is that knowledgeable people are easily available who can answer questions and solve problems which our retirees may have. I can serve as the person who has knowledge of and phone numbers for these resources.

Do you want help with a Tax Issue.....a medical question....a Death Benefit? I know who to call!

Aloha, The Rev. Heather Mueller

Summer Birthdays



Clergy

JUNE

- *Kate Cullinane* June 2
- *Liz Zivanov* June 4
- *Agnes (Pat) Leo* June 5
- *Jodene Hawkins* June 12
- *Steve Costa* June 17

JULY

- *Robert Steele* July 2
- *John Tomoso* July 17

AUGUST

- *Carol Arney* August 7
- *Frank Chun* August 13
- *Dallas Decker* August 18
- *Nance Hite-Speck* August 18

Clergy Spouses

JUNE

- *Barbara Sexton* June 11
- *Robert Johnson* June 11

JULY

- *Kathryn Bonsey* July 1
- *Joe Ellen Nurdin* July 6
- *Mary Ann Lentz* July 25
- *Margo Johnson* July 27
- *Patrick Pang* July 29

AUGUST

- *John Norris* August 5
- *Elizabeth Hart* August 18
- *Mary Sjostrom* August 18
- *Richard Speck* August 27

Surviving Spouses

JUNE

- *Marilyn Snyder* June 23

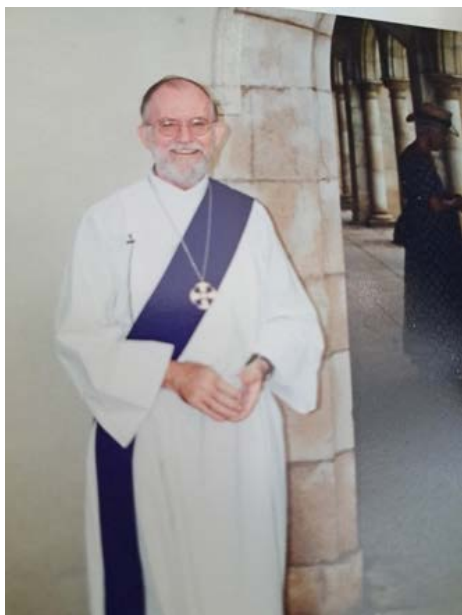
JULY

- *Susan Bauder Reynolds* July 2
- *Tina Williams-Van Culin* July 14

AAUGUST

- *Louisa Quintero* August 2

In Memoriam



The Reverend Deacon Leonard Howard (age 90) died of on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Len was ordained to the vocational diaconate by Bishop Donald Hart on November 7, 1993. He served at St. Timothy's Church, Aiea, and the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu. Len was a physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology having moved to Hawai'i in 1975. He continued to serve for many years on Kaiser Permanente's ethics committee after retiring from his medical practice. Until recent years, Len continued as an active member of the diocesan

retired clergy community.

A Requiem Eucharist was celebrated on Sunday, June 11th, at 5:00 PM, in the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu. Special music was provided by the Cathedral's choir in recognition of the many years Len and Marilyn were part of this ministry.

Please keep Marilyn and the Howard family in your prayers.

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, Leonard, 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 thy saints, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
(Pronouns: he, him, his)



The Reverend Alejandro Geston

(age 84) died on Wednesday evening, June 7, 2023. Alex retired as the Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wahiawa, in 2001, having served there since 1993. Alex began his ministry in the Philippines (then a constituent part of The Episcopal Church). He served in this Diocese as the Vicar of St. Columba's Church, Pa'auilo, and

Resurrection Church, Hilo (1972-1979); the Vicar of St. John's Church, 'Ele'ele, and St. Paul's Church, Kekaha (1979-1989); and the Assistant to the Rector of St. Timothy's Church, 'Aiea, and the Diocesan Campus Ministry Chaplain (1992-1993). He also served in the Diocese of Los Angeles as the Vicar of St. Benedict's Church, Alhambra, California (1989-1993).

Alex was well known to many for years after his retirement, as an active supply priest throughout the Diocese. He and his beloved wife, Simeona, were active in the Diocesan retired clergy (spouse/widow) group.

Please keep Simeona and the Geston family in your prayers.

His memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the Cathedral.

Officiant - Frank Chun, Assistants - Malcolm Hee & Heather Graham

This is the schedule so far; times may be adjusted slightly.

Visitation - 9:00am

Service followed by committal - 10:00am

Reception in Davies Hall - 11:15am

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Requiem for The Rev. Vince O'Neill

A special Requiem was held for Rev. Vince O'Neill at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Aiea, in honor of his many years of ministry there before he retired. The Rev. Alison Dingley preached an inspiring homily at the service, which was recorded on Facebook.

If you are interested in watching the tribute to Fr. O'Neill, it can be found at this link.

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=796949961576961

The entire service was recorded, the homily can be found at approximately the 18:00 minute mark on the recording.

Later, The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner celebrated the Burial Office on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 10:00 AM, at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 10450 Giles pie Street, Las Vegas.



Wallace Inouye sent me this photo & caption, depicting him, his wife, and Maria & Vince.

(Photo sent by Fr. Frank Chun)

