



Retired Clergy Families' Newsletter



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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

A tribute to Church of the Holy Innocents, Lāhainā, Maui

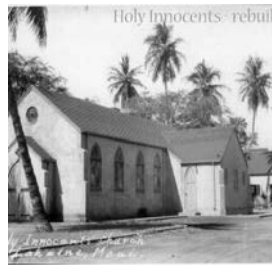
Our Hawaiian Heritage

The Anglican Church in Hawai'i was formally established on Nov. 30, 1862, in Honolulu by King Kamehameha IV. Less than a month later, on December 14, 1862, Maui's first Anglican services were conducted at Hale Aloha in Lāhainā by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Nettleship Staley, the first Bishop of Honolulu, using King Kamehameha IV's Hawaiian language translation of the Book of Common Prayer.



The new mission first leased premises for its Church in 1862 on the site where King Kamehameha III Elementary School stood on Front Street, next to the current site of Holy Innocents; both were destroyed in the August 8, 2023 fires. The original Church (pictured above) was built in 1872 across the street at the corner of what now is Front and Prison Streets.

Today's rectory and church sites, acquired in 1908, are rich in Hawaiian significance. Queen Lili'uokalani, and her foster sister, Bernice Pauahi Bishop, summered there as children in a large grass house. The sacred Island of



Second Church before expansion



Church interior before expansion



Vicarage, 1927 approx.

Moku'ula is nearby. The present Church, a parish hall and a vicarage were built in 1927. The Church was enlarged in 1959 – the side walls pushed out and large windows added resulting in the present open-air Church. A new vicarage was built in 1966 and a new parish hall was built in 1973 and in 1974 and Holy Innocents Preschool was begun. A rectory and administration/ library were completed in 1980. In 1990, the sacristy was rebuilt.

Serving Generously For 160 Years

An historic treasure, older than Pioneer Inn and established just 39 years after the Baldwin Home, Holy Innocents consistently and continuously sustained the beauty and open heart of Hawai'i in its presence and generosity to the Lahaina community.

At the Church, Hawaiians worshiped alongside sugar barons and civic leaders. Many of the town's early settlers are buried in Holy Innocents' Hale Aloha Cemetery on Waine'e St. Many of today's citizens received their first experience with education in the Holy Innocents Preschool, which opened in 1974 and was about to celebrate its 50th year.

Destroyed along with almost all of historic Lahaina, the Church has opened its doors to everyone in the community and visitors from all over the world. It served as a place where people of many different faiths honored the passing of their loved ones, where community members and visitors gathered to worship every Sunday. People from many different faiths flocked to Easter Services, Christmas vigils or to celebrate their dream Hawaiian wedding.

The story of "Holy I", as it has been fondly known, is also a story of many gifts. The town's citizens and others have shared their treasure over the years to purchase or donate priceless artifacts and maintain a Lāhaina legacy.

Many Treasures Inside and Out

Holy Innocents was known for its unique altar and pulpit paintings. They were created in 1940 by New York artist, DeLos Blackmar, in gratitude for the Church's hospitality and call to our attention some key elements of Hawaiian Life. His famous Hawaiian Madonna and Child painting of a Lahaina mother and child, and the red ginger which signifies Hawaiian royalty, was situated above the high altar, has recently been reproduced by the Diocese, and is being displayed in all churches, chapels, schools, and other diocesan locations at the request of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick.



The stained glass windows over the altar dated from the 1800s and were moved from the old Church across the street. They were a memorial to early parishioner Henry Dickenson Sr., a Church and community leader.

The panels on the altar front portrayed the Hawaiian staffs of life - breadfruit, fish and taro, and stand for the body and blood of Christ. The feathered Kahili standards at each side of the altar represented the sanctity and mana of God and were crafted by Kahele Mahoe whose family has worshiped at Holy Innocents for seven generations. The panels on the pulpit depict rare and extinct native birds -- 'apapane, 'ou'ou, 'i'iwi, mamu and 'oo.

They represent God's word winging forth from the Christian pulpit.



Church interior after expansion

The painting framing the Church entrance featured a hala tree and ti plants, both useful and sacred to Hawaiians. Arching over them was a Hawaiian Rainbow symbolizing God’s blessings.

The choir pews and kneelers were of native kamani wood, the pulpit and altar rail were of the rare koa wood.

Kahi Maluhia Columbarium was built in 1991 in Lahainā’s nearby Hale Aloha Cemetery and both are administered by Holy Innocents.

Our most famous treasure was the Holy Innocents Preschool, a subsidiary corporation of Holy Innocents. The school, accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, was glad to be able to say that well over 1,000 youngsters, many of them now thriving adults, have received their first taste of education at this school.





Everything changed on August 8, 2023, when devastating fire swept through Lahaina Town, incinerating everything in its path. Holy Innocents’ structures were not spared. Yet, the welcoming sign with the copy of the Madonna and child stood after the fire to mark the spot where the congregation had worshiped, and the cross on top of the church was found, still standing, amidst the ashes.

The Episcopal Church in Hawai‘i and the congregation of Holy Innocents grieves the loss of the structure and wonderful works of art that were lost in the fires but we do not stand defeated.

In the words of a children’s Sunday School song, often sung at Pentecost Sunday, we believe that:

“The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place,
The church is a people!

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we’re the church together!”



We don’t know what the future will bring, or what may one day may stand in this place. But we are assured that Holy Innocents will live on, in our memories and through its people.

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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 and Norma Chun, who have 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 Norma Chun nfchun@gmail.com or Carol Arney at arneycm@mac.com and we will be happy to include you.

Our most recent lunchtime gathering was at St. Elizabeth's Church in Kalihi, where we were hosted by the Rev. David Gierlach. We began with a healing service in the sanctuary, then went to the Esther & Wai On Shim Hall where we had a delicious lunch and fellowship. A highlight was their history wall which includes photos from years gone by, including one of our own Frank Chun at the tender age of 5 years old!



David+ leads worshipx.

David Gierlach leads healing service



Standing: Deb Nishihara (*Sim Geston's daughter*), Martha Blanchett, Norma Chun; Seated at left: David Blanchett, Simeona Geston; Seated at right: Carol Connell, Karen Swanson, David Ota



Richard Shields, David Kenedy, Allison Dingley. Robert Steele, Frank Chun



On the Mainland and around the World!

We received no shared news from outside Hawai'i this quarter.

† A Quick Recap of CPG NEWS from Fr. Frank Chun

Clergy & surviving spouses (widows), **who are associated with Church Pension Group (CPG).**

Re: CPG is updating all (personal) “MyCPG” Accounts.

Everyone who had / has a “MyCPG” Account is asked to eventually update that Account, by changing your password. .

After logging-in at cpg.org, next “click” the **green** button, that’s labeled: **Sign In / Create Account.**

. Enter your present Password; After which, you’ll be asked to create a new Password. The new password must have 16 characters / digits (*One suggestion is to quote a favorite Scripture*).

*** If you haven’t yet created a personal “MyCPG Account, you are urged to create an Account.**

. On your electronic device, type-in: cpg.org or click this link.

. On the next screen, at the upper right corner, “click” the **green** button, that’s labeled:

Sign In / Create Account.

.Enter your e-address, and create a new password, which must have 16 characters/digits (*One suggestion is to quote a favorite Scripture*).

**Afterthought: A cleric should share his/her “MyCPG” Account with one’s spouse, in the event that the cleric becomes incapacitated.*

**Note: When the Cleric has been “called by Jesus,” his/her Account also, then ceases. The Surviving Spouse will be directed to create their own “MyCPG” Account.*

If you are NOT a computer user: You are urged to partner with a family-member or a trusted friend, who would be willing to carry your “MyCPG” Account on their electronic device.

OR phone CPG’s “Client Services” **(866) 802-6333** for further assistance.

† **CPG (Church Pension Group) is switching to a new Dental Plan, 2024**

(“Delta Dental” from the present “Cigna Dental”)

- Tuesday 10/10/23, 8:00 a.m. An AE (Annual Enrollment) Webinar is scheduled with further info.

A link will be e-mailed from CPG.

FALL Birthdays



Clergy

SEPTEMBER

- *George Clifford* *September 01*
- *Richard Winkler* *September 11*
- *Imo Tiapula* *September 13*
- *Tim Sexton* *September 19*

OCTOBER

- *Lani Bowman* *October 2*
- *Dale Hathaway* *October 4*
- *Tom Buechele* *October 5*
- *Marion Keator* *October 7*
- *James Loughren* *October 13*
- *Brian Baker* *October 14*
- *Honey Becker* *October 19*
- *William Aulenbach Jr.* *October 28*

NOVEMBER

- *Becky Tinnon* *November 01*
- *Bill Albinger* *November 27*

Clergy Spouses

SEPTEMBER

- *Geraldine Aughton* *September 03*
- *Joanne Coon* *September 07*
- *Sandra Tiapula* *September 12*
- *Rebecca Gwyn Johnson* *September 22*

OCTOBER

- *Pamela Vanwechel* *October 02*
- *Thomas Watson* *October 22*
- *Shirley Cannon* *October 22*
- *Carol Connell* *October 25*
- *John Decker* *October 25*

NOVEMBER

- *Mark Ledoux* *November 09*
- *Catherine Brown* *November 12*
- *John Whitlock* *November 19*

Surviving Spouses

SEPTEMBER

- *Simeona Geston* *September 05*
- *Myrtle Kaneshiro* *September 18*
- *Rebecca (Rebe) Kennedy* *September 18*
- *D. Chang* *September 30*

OCTOBER

- *Fane Lino* *October 11*
- *Charlesta Snyder* *October 22*
- *Barbara Longo* *October 29*

NOVEMBER

- *Marcia Dettweiler* *November 5*