

## Nominations for Diocesan Elections

### General Convention Deputies

Deputies represent the Diocese of Hawai'i in the House of Deputies at the meeting of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Both Deputies and Alternates will meet in caucus several times prior to the Convention. During the Convention, the Deputies and any Alternates in attendance will meet daily. Deputies and First Alternates attend General Convention at the expense of the Diocese. Other Alternates may attend at their own expense.

Vote for four (4) Clergy Deputies and four (4) Lay Deputies. Those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes in each order become the Deputies. The next four nominees receiving the greatest number of votes become the Alternates, in order of the number of votes received. The person in each order who receives the most votes is the Co-Chair of the deputation.

#### *General Convention Deputy – Clergy*

**Nominee:** Charles Browning  
**Church:** St. Mary's, Honolulu, O'ahu  
**Occupation:** Priest-in-Charge



#### **Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Commission on Ministry, chair
2. Worship Task Force
3. Served on various administrative teams in both educational and clergy capacities (Senior Administration at Saint Andrew's School in Boca Raton, Youth Coordinator for the South Palm Deanery of the Diocese of Southeast Florida, etc.)

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** I am a "convert" to the Episcopal Church, having been raised Baptist, and so I bring a different perspective to the work of our church. I have also been to General Convention in the past and seen first-hand the Spirit-led work that goes on there.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** The ability to effectively communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard it. Being that we are part of a church that was invited to be in these islands, we also have a unique perspective from which to proclaim that gospel.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** The lack of young, local families. But this is a problem for the entire culture of the islands. It is in our best interest to advocate for economic reforms that will prevent the mass exodus of local families from our communities.

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*General Convention Deputy – Clergy*

**Nominee:** Steven Costa  
**Church:** St. Andrew, Honolulu, O‘ahu  
**Occupation:** Archdeacon



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Archdeacon
2. General Convention 2018 Alternate
3. General Convention 2022 Deputy

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** As a trained clinician, I am able to listen to not only what is said, but what is not said. This helps me to sort through the many, many resolutions and to discern the needs of the greater church.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** Evangelism through the living out of our Baptismal Covenant to respect the Christ in every human being.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?** The fear of survival that leads us to concentrate our resources and energies towards the material things of running the church instead of building our faith and trust in God to provide.

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*General Convention Deputy – Clergy*

**Nominee:** Bruce DeGooyer  
**Church:** Holy Innocents, Lahaina, Maui  
**Occupation:** Priest/Vicar



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Vicar at Holy Innocents; former Vicar at Trinity by-the-Sea; Diocesan Council (in second term); formerly Commission on Ministry; formerly Commission on Finance and Budget (COFA)
2. Diocese of Hawai‘i Chaplains to Retired Clergy, their Spouses, and the Widowed: coordinate this ministry of five chaplains which provides pastoral care, community, and communication
3. Engaged in CREDO Conversations, a CPG-sponsored small group of Episcopal Clergy in dialogue from across the church

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** Ordained at 52, I have experienced church as both involved layperson and clergy in several dioceses before settling here. This gives perspective and appreciation for the Episcopal Church, and would help me represent the unique issues, interests, and concerns we have in the Diocese of Hawai‘i.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** This will be a significant Convention as we continue to engage issues such as creation care, mission and direction, and who we are called to be as followers of Christ in the world. Another opportunity is election of the next Presiding Bishop, someone to walk with us through uncharted water.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** My concern for the Episcopal Church lies in the tension between where we have been and where we are going. Old ways, even though they make us comfortable, perpetuate a privileged tradition. How will we truly live our baptismal covenant, truly share the Good News of Jesus Christ?

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*General Convention Deputy – Clergy*

**Nominee:** Christopher Golding  
**Church:** Seabury Hall, Makawao, Maui  
**Occupation:** School Chaplain



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. School Chaplain, Seabury Hall
2. Active supply clergy, Diocese of Hawai'i
3. Friends of Sabeel, North America

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** I take an active interest in both Diocesan and wider Episcopal Church joys and challenges. As an Australian expat, I bring a fresh perspective from the wider Anglican Communion. As a school chaplain, I offer a connection to Episcopal Schools and the joys and challenges of today's students.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** A continued interest in renewing our passion for liturgy and worship as intersecting with issues of social and restorative justice, environmental spirituality and creation care, and an ever deepening commitment to interfaith dialogue.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** The challenges of the shifting of energy and priorities in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the immediate concerns of parishioners in regards to their own health and aging, and the frantic busyness of people's lives and their ability to connect deeply with school and parish communities.

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**General Convention Deputy – Clergy**

**Nominee:** Brian Grieves  
**Church:** Diocese of Hawai‘i  
**Occupation:** Priest



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. President, Camp Mokulē‘ia Board. Served as a member of the Board since 2012
2. Friends of Sabeel, North America Board, promoting a just peace between Palestine and Israel
3. Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility, Vice Chair, promoting ethical stewardship of the national Church’s investments

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** Having attended 13 General Conventions since 1979, I understand its often complex workings. Deputies are free to be guided by the Holy Spirit who often intervenes! Resolutions provide a roadmap for the Church’s mission. And our deputation can bring the wisdom of mana‘o to the wider Church.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** I believe the best days of the diocese lie ahead. Being open to Jesus’ presence among us, and respecting the spiritualities from our diverse past, we can build a community that promotes justice in these sacred islands through stewardship of the resources with which we have been entrusted.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?** My biggest concern is that we not give in to pessimism as we see declining numbers in this transitory time. As many have said, we are not called to be successful, but to be faithful. This is what Jesus expects. Our mission is to spread his love which has been with us for 2,000 years.

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**General Convention Deputy – Clergy**

**Nominee:** David “Kawika” Jackson  
**Church:** All Saints, Kapa‘a, Kaua‘i  
**Occupation:** Priest-in-Charge & Preschool Director



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. 2012 & 2015 General Conventions: Hawai‘i Clergy 1 & 1st Alternate, respectively
2. Joint Nom. Ctte. for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (JNCEPB): Prov. VIII Clergy Rep., 2012-2015
3. The Interfaith Alliance Hawai‘i: Board Member

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** My multicultural background helps me foster bridges across communities. In addition, my organizational skills serve to mobilize groups. Other Exp:

School Chaplaincy, esp. Seabury Hall.  
Wailahui‘ia Center for Min.: Chief Instr.  
Dio. Council: Mbr.  
Dio. Youth Team: Mbr.  
Stand. Ctte.: Former Mbr.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** Inroads with the Kanaka Maoli community and other Pacific Islander communities.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?** Addressing the social & spiritual needs of children, youth, and young adults.

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***General Convention Deputy – Clergy***

**Nominee:** Jennifer Latham  
**Church:** Holy Nativity, Honolulu, O‘ahu  
**Occupation:** Priest



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Co-Chair Diocesan Creation Care Task Force
2. Assisting Priest, HNC, focusing on community building within and around Holy Nativity Church and School
3. Environmental Justice Advocacy including pastoral support for these efforts (O‘ahu Water Protectors, Hawai‘i Climate Coalition, Pu‘uhonua o Wailupe)

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** In my experience, God is present in our relationships with one another. My call to ministry is to seek and find synergies between people and groups that can further justice. I find that when we make connections with one another, especially, through difference and diversity, we encounter the Holy.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** The Diocese of Hawai‘i is in an ideal position to be a leader in protecting and conserving God’s Creation. Our churches could lead the efforts for aloha ‘āina in both practice and advocacy toward environmental justice and energy sovereignty, by having a goal to reach net zero by 2030.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?** I am concerned that if we focus too much on how many people are sitting in our church services, we miss the impact our church can have by being a living church in the world. God is not only present in our buildings on Sunday morning, but in all places where we seek justice and spread God’s love.

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General Convention Deputy – Clergy

**Nominee:** Paul Lillie  
**Church:** St. Mark’s, Honolulu, O’ahu  
**Occupation:** Priest



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. I have served as a General Convention Deputy for Hawai’i for the past four General Conventions, having served on the Social Justice and International Policy Legislative Committee and the Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music Legislative Committee.
2. For the Diocese I have served as Vice President of Diocesan Council, President of Standing Committee, and Chair of the Compensation Review Committee. I have also served on the past Stewardship Committee and the former Commission on Finance and Administration.
3. I am currently a trustee of St. Andrew’s Schools, where I also serve on the Advancement Committee.

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai’i for which you have been nominated)?** The Episcopal Church has a unique charism due to our liturgy, traditions, and inclusivity to minister to people who are in need of hearing the good news of Jesus Christ in a world that is increasingly secular. Our authentic Christianity is exactly what many people in our modern context desire.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai’i in the next five years?** As we move forward from the pandemic, it is important that our churches gain a new confidence of sharing the Gospel in a very different world. We have the opportunity to reach out to a society that knows very little about Christianity and the good news of Jesus Christ.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai’i right now?** My greatest concern is that our churches do not always have the resources to effectively minister to the people in their contexts. Without vibrant congregations on the grassroots level, we lose an important building block for our life together as the Church of Jesus Christ.

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*General Convention Deputy – Clergy*

**Nominee:** Katlin McCallister  
**Church:** Holy Apostles, Hilo, Hawai’i  
**Occupation:** Priest



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Diocesan Commission on Ministry
2. Steering Committee for Interfaith Communities in Action
3. Board of Directors for residential property

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** I believe the governance of the church is a necessary duty of clergy and laity to contribute toward as best as one can. I have skills in leadership, communication, and governance.

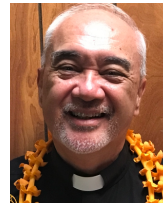
**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** Witnessing to the Episcopal identity of the Jesus Movement; most specifically, public witness, evangelism and ministry for persons of the LGBTQIA community.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?**  
Licensed lay ministries and the diaconate.

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***General Convention Deputy – Clergy***

**Nominee:** John A. Hau‘oli Tomoso  
**Church:** Trinity By-the-Sea, Kīhei, Maui  
**Occupation:** Vicar



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Diocesan Council Term Completed
2. Currently President of the Standing Committee
3. Member of the Maui County Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** Like the Diocese, I am committed to developing and sustaining spiritual growth, vitality, curiosity, and well-being within our churches; to strengthen our identity as one ‘ohana and the relationships within our ‘ohana, and to the reconciliation of our ‘ohana to God, each other and to Hawai‘i Nei.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** To become the Beloved Community, embedded within the pluralistic, multi-cultural and diverse society that is Hawai‘i Nei.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?**  
That we become the Beloved Community and that each of us recognizes the Diocese and parishes as true embodiments of the Beloved Community.

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***General Convention Deputy – Lay***

**Nominee:** Kimberly Arakawa  
**Church:** St. Mark’s, Honolulu, O‘ahu  
**Occupation:** Project Manager/Convener of Initiatives:  
Virginia Theological Seminary



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. I am a full-time remote employee of Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) under the direction of Dr. Lisa Kimball, Vice President of Lifelong Learning and Professor of Lifelong Christian Formation. I have three main roles: Project Manager for two Lilly Endowment-funded grants (Baptized for Life and the Mutual Ministry Initiative) and Convener of Initiatives, which spans all grant projects within the department alongside FORMA and TryTank. As Project Manager/Convener - my goals are to support relationships to increase formation and discipleship through a baptismal lens.
2. In May 2020, I completed my Masters in Organizational Leadership (servant-Leader concentration) through Gonzaga University. I am currently halfway through my coursework in their Ph.D. program (Organizational Studies). Also, in 2020, I was elected to the 80th General Convention deputation team. As chair, I prepared and facilitated monthly deputy meetings over the last two years to increase legislative preparedness and a sense of community within the group.
3. As part of Diocesan Council, I designed and have had the honor, alongside two fellow council members, to conduct a diocesan-wide listening project over the last year. We are now analyzing the data from over 80 hours of listening/245 pages of transcripts. This ministry intends to share the anonymized and aggregated findings with the diocese to provide opportunities for deeper reflection and dialogue around what it means to be Church in these uncertain and highly-changeable times.

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** As chair of the GC80 deputation, I focused on expanding preparation and community belonging within the team. The feedback received from new and seasoned deputies was a feeling of increased collegiality and readiness to serve. I feel called to build upon these efforts if given the opportunity.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** In collaboration with clergy - supporting/empowering laity to hear God’s call to Christian lives of meaning and purpose through renewed and contextually-based commitments to baptismal vows and Christian discipleship - strengthening Episcopal identity, church participation, and community impact.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?** Church Vitality and Growth. We have an opportunity to decide together how we will continue to nurture those already in our church communities while embracing new ways of doing church to ensure the continued health of our diverse parishes and communities of faith.

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***General Convention Deputy – Lay***

**Nominee:** Mary Carpenter  
**Church:** St. Clement, Honolulu, O‘ahu  
**Occupation:** Samoan Translator





**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Member of the Racial Reconciliation Task Force: Developing the curriculum for use as a first step towards racial reckoning and reconciliation in the Diocese.
2. Court, Medical & Community Interpreter: For Attorneys (esp. Public Defenders), Medical and Community Service Providers, I ensure cultural context clarification is provided with translation for clearer communication and understanding.
3. St. Clement's Lay Leadership: Served on the Vestry for over 15 of the last 20 years with 2 separate terms as Jr. Warden. During my 2015-2019 term I was the project manager for our church Capital Improvements project.

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** I bring passion, courage, the willingness to speak difficult truths, and the lived experience of a South Pacific Island immigrant. My kuleana is to call out racial inequality, economical inequity, inequitable language access to resources for our ethnic communities but also for English speakers.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** Let's take up Bishop Bob's challenge to engage the Gospel story as our own, in language accessible to all. We must counter Conservatives' perversion, which sows division, hate and discrimination against the Other, plainly told in language accessible to all demographics going straight to the na'au.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** I am hopeful in seeing our Diocese adapt our worship spaces in the Pandemic years. The necessity for change has allowed us to see the need to let go of some of our past practices which we might not willingly alter otherwise. How do we continue to grow in an increasingly hybrid world?

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**General Convention Deputy – Lay**

**Nominee:** John Decker  
**Church:** Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui  
**Occupation:** Guitar maker (semi-retired)



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Diocesan Standing Committee
2. Board, A Cup of Cold Water community care van
3. Board (Past President), Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** General Convention is a legislative body and, as such, depends heavily on seniority and experience to be effective. If elected, this will be my 7th General Convention, and I have been on a legislative committee for four of them. I hope this will enable me to more effectively serve the Diocese.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** To further develop the virtual and hybrid techniques for worship and study which we came to use during the COVID pandemic. This has the potential to vastly increase the Diocese's evangelistic effectiveness.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** That the Diocese will concentrate on the problems of the post-COVID world instead of rejoicing in its challenges and opportunities.

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***General Convention Deputy – Lay***

**Nominee:** Sylvia H DeGooyer  
**Church:** Holy Innocents, Lahaina, Maui  
**Occupation:** Retired



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Diocese of Hawai'i: Lay Reader at Holy Innocents in Lahaina; in October 2022, will complete a 4 year term on Standing Committee which included serving 1 year as Secretary and 1 year as President
2. Healing Ministry: completed Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction; completed a two year Formation of Healing Ministry course, then served as co-leader of a satellite training program
3. Community involvement: Active member of the Society of the Companion of the Holy Cross (SCHC); volunteered at Maui Historical Society; elementary school reading "coach" (tutor) for several months until the pandemic prevented in-person meetings

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** My exposure to several dioceses has given me a sense of the diversity and richness of the National Church. I have lived in 4 different Dioceses and experienced 6 different Bishops. Each Diocese and Bishop expressed the love of God in a unique way whether liberal or conservative.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** The greatest mission opportunity for the National Church is to continue to seek, encourage, and welcome dialog and discourse opportunities that enhance the likelihood of all involved to discover the sacred ground which fills the space between our differences.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** The single greatest concern for the health of the National Church is challenge and discomfort with transparency associated with our differences. There does not seem to be an acknowledged recognition that God loves each of us and perhaps the space between our differences is a place of grace and hope.

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**General Convention Deputy – Lay**

**Nominee:** Faye Hee  
**Church:** Good Samaritan, Honolulu, O‘ahu  
**Occupation:** Director of Administration, Disciplinary Board of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

- 1. Member, Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry
- 2. 80th General Convention Deputy
- 3. Clergy Spouse

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** As a Deputy to the 80th General Convention, I realized the vastness of our Episcopal community. Our lives and experiences are so different, yet we can come together and worship as one. I hope to serve again and share more of Hawai‘i, and its aloha, with our Episcopal siblings.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** Encouragement. Small congregations need to know and feel that they are vital to the success of the entire Diocese of Hawai‘i. Lay members need to know how valuable they are, that they matter, and that they are sorely needed in leadership positions.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?** Stability. We need to know that our churches will still be open, that they will always welcome us, and that a priest will be there to provide us with spiritual guidance. Having all this, we can faithfully move forward and do great things.

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**General Convention Deputy – Lay**

**Nominee:** Charles “Chaz” Hill  
**Church:** St. Clement, Honolulu, O‘ahu  
**Occupation:** Retired/part time: Korean-English Interpreter for HelpingHands Hawai‘i; writer/performance artist



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

- 1. Delegate to State Diocesan Convention
- 2. Food Distribution (past)
- 3. Lector

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** In my songs I am out experiencing peacemaking. My call is to use my voice to stand in solidarity with all who live the gospel message of justice, equality & inclusion. Skilled

in interfaith dialogue I support the nurture of our unique local Episcopal message in national/global spheres.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** Serving the mentally ill, poor, houseless, and victims of abuse both physical & psychological; offering safe havens, empowerment, avenues for healing, and hope for change through the practiced proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus in daily commitment of our human & material resources to God's glory.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** We need to learn & support new ways to be in sync with the national church and work together joyfully in the Worldwide Anglican Communion while we fulfill locally our calling to make disciples of Jesus by training and supporting those called to minister as clergy, deacons, staff, and lay leaders.

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***General Convention Deputy – Lay***

**Nominee:** Ryan Kusumoto  
**Church:** Epiphany, Honolulu, O'ahu  
**Occupation:** President/CEO



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Church Pension Fund Trustee
2. General Convention Deputy
3. President of House of Deputies (PHOD) Council of Advice (COA)

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** I've been Deputy to 6 General Conventions and served on Legislative Committees and Interim Bodies. I have served on Vestry and Diocesan Council. I am a current Trustee to the Church Pension Fund, chair of the Deputies of Color (Asian Caucus), and serve on the PHOD's Council of Advice.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** We are called to do the work of equity, equality, and dismantling racism - to bring the Beloved Community to life. I have seen the ability for our church to be this model. Our Diocese has the opportunity to leverage the indigenous values, truth telling, and culture to bring more people to Jesus.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** My concern is building relevant communities of faith. We're rich in values but have room in our pews. We must tell our story to bring more people to Jesus. Focusing on community needs, environment, racism, while using the foundation of our beliefs will bring hope and faith to places in need.

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**General Convention Deputy – Lay**

**Nominee:** Kenneth Peter Lee  
**Church:** Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui  
**Occupation:** Retired



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

- 1. Currently Senior Warden
- 2. Currently on Clergy Compensation Commission
- 3. Have served on Diocesan Council

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** Now that I am able, I find it most gratifying that I can serve the Church and especially in it’s administration.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai‘i in the next five years?** We are in changing times and our strength will be in being flexible to do go wherever we can.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai‘i right now?** Staying healthy, physically and spiritually, and especially inclusive.

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**General Convention Deputy – Lay**

**Nominee:** Roth Puahala  
**Church:** St. Andrew, Honolulu, O‘ahu  
**Occupation:** Legislative Aide/Researcher



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

- 1. Jr. Warden, The Chapter for the Cathedral Church of St. Andrews; Verger and member of worship committee and Altar guild at the Cathedral Church of St. Andrews
- 2. Member of the Native Hawaiian Ministry Committee and the Indigenous Advisory Council
- 3. 2nd Vice President, Association of Hawn Civic Clubs; Immediate Past President, KOOK, Oahu Council of Hawn Civic Clubs; President, Waikiki HCC; member of King Kamehameha and Prince Kuhio HCC

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai‘i for which you have been nominated)?** My willingness to work hard, serve, to represent my fellow brothers and sisters of Christ as a lay delegate and the 81st Convention of the Episcopal Church in Louisville, KY.

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** To grow our congregation churches throughout our diocese both physically and spiritually.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** To grow our congregation churches throughout our diocese both physically and spiritually. To think of ways to allow people to come to our churches and hear the word of God.

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***General Convention Deputy – Lay***

**Nominee:** Bill Schilling  
**Church:** Christ Memorial, Kīlauea, Kaua'i  
**Occupation:** Retired business and civic community leader



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Bishop's Committee
2. Adult Sunday School teacher for 12 years
3. Taught History of Christianity, World Religions, and Religious Strife

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** Development of state leadership program in Wyoming focused on Discovering Innerwork

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** On Kaua'i creating a discreet faith based lecture series on living in the present

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** Aging church memberships and afterthought relevance

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***General Convention Deputy – Lay***

**Nominee:** Evette Tampos  
**Church:** Holy Apostles, Hilo, Hawai'i  
**Occupation:** Public Elementary School Counselor



**Church, community and/or personal ministries, activities and/or positions:**

1. Vestry Member
2. Worship Leader (Videographer, Lector, Intercessor)
3. Assist Jr. Warden in groundskeeping

**What are the dreams, experiences and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Diocese of Hawai'i for which you have been nominated)?** He Hawai'i wau (I am Hawaiian) & 'Eleu (Hwn. for Active, alert, energetic) for

the education of Hawai'i youth and passionate about the pursuit of social justice issues/rights of women, children & indigeneous & LGBTQ+ communities. I dream to be a light and/or change I want to see in the world!

**What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Diocese of Hawai'i in the next five years?** The greatest opportunity for mission is to be active participants in the social justice discussions & decision-making of issues & rights involving our indigenous Hawaiian people. The DoH has an opportunity to be a voice in the wilderness to educate our members in how to advocate with kapu aloha.

**What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Diocese of Hawai'i right now?** We must meet the challenge of keeping our faith practice relevant with our members & the communities we serve. We must move every human heart so that the barriers which divide us will crumble, suspicions disappear & hatreds cease; and then our divisions will heal so that we live in justice & peace.

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