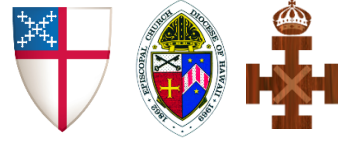


## From the Bishop

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## General Convention 81

June 12, 2024

My Dear Siblings in Christ Jesus,

Na ke aloha o ke Akua ma loko o Iesu Kristo, e aloha iā ‘oukou ā pau!

Bea and I will be leaving for 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 16. We will be flying into Chicago and then driving to Decatur, Illinois, to see my sister, and then on to Louisville, Kentucky, on Thursday, June 20, for the meeting. After General Convention, we will drive to Indianapolis and Bea will stay on there for a month or so to see family. I will return home on July 6.

The General Convention is the governing body of [The Episcopal Church](#). Every three years it meets as a bicameral legislature that includes the [House of Deputies](#) and the [House of Bishops](#), composed of deputies (four lay and four clergy) from each diocese and all bishops in good standing (active and retired).

This meeting will include the election of the 28th Presiding Bishop to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. There are five [Nominees](#). The election by the House of Bishops will take place on Wednesday, June 26. The election must then be confirmed by the House of Deputies.

In addition, there will be a host of resolutions, elections and other work that will shape the next three years of the life of the Episcopal Church. The [General Convention website](#) has additional information about the legislation coming before the meeting. The [Episcopal News Service](#) and [The Living Church](#) will provide good coverage of the proceedings.

Please keep our Deputies (Lay: Ryan Kusumoto, Kimberly Arakawa, Roth Puahala, Mary Carpenter; and Clergy: Steven Costa, John Tomoso, David Jackson and Katlin McCallister); and Nicholas Livingston, Official Youth Representative; and the Alternates in attendance (Lay: Evette Tampos; and Jennifer Latham and Brian Grieves) in your prayers.

Almighty and everlasting Father, who has given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever: Bless with the Spirit's grace, wisdom and presence, the bishops and deputies assembled in your Name for the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Yours in Christ's love,

+Bob

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