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Could this be included in the upcoming *Epistle*? The Bishop is urging all congregations to publicize the need for everyone to get counted in the Census.

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TO: Domiciled Clergy, Wardens and Administrators

Please share the following and the attached as broadly as possible in your congregations and communities. As Episcopalians, we participate in the census as a civic duty and responsibility, and it is just as important as voting and taking an active part in our communities. Please encourage everyone to reply to the Census.

Yours faithfully,
Bob

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HE LANAKILA MA KE KE'A: Victory through the Cross

“Once you weren’t a people, but now you are God’s people. Once you hadn’t received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” *1 Peter 2:10*

“‘A‘ole ‘oukou he aupuni ma mua, akā, i kēia manawa, he aupuni ‘oukou no ke Akua; ia manawa, ‘a‘ole ‘oukou i aloha ‘ia, i kēia manawa ua aloha ‘ia mai nō.” *1Petero 2:10*

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August 19, 2020

The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick
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Dear Bishop Fitzpatrick:

We are reaching out to you, as a leader of Hawaii's faith-based communities, to ask for your full assistance and that of your own community in ensuring that our Hawai'i is fully counted in the 2020 Census, which is currently scheduled to conclude in just a few weeks on September 30th.

The Census, which our country has undertaken every ten years since 1790, is critical to our country and to each and all of us on several counts. First, it provides us with a regular update on how many and who we are to guide the best national policies. It also determines how many U.S. Representatives each state is designated and ensures that our overall population is as evenly distributed across our congressional district as possible.

Most critically especially for a small state like Hawai'i, the Census guides the distribution of federal assistance across our country to our states and congressional districts. Hundreds of federal programs in critical areas like education, housing, health care, economic assistance, minority assistance and more depend on the Census statistics for where their federal assistance is directed. For our Hawai'i which receives billions of dollars in federal assistance annually, estimates are that each 1% of our population that is not counted results in over \$16 million of lost federal funding. To make matters worse, often the communities that are undercounted are those in the most need of that federal assistance. All of this has been compounded with the dire needs of COVID-19, where trillions of dollars of federal emergency assistance have been distributed and will be distributed based on 2010 Census numbers (and from next year on 2020 Census numbers.)

There are two basic stages to the 2020 Census count. In the first, Census responses from all households throughout our state are requested and welcomed voluntarily by phone or online. It is a very easy process that takes five to ten minutes per household. In the second stage, which began August 1st, voluntary responses continue but Census enumerators (counters) will attempt to visit every household that has not responded to take the count personally. Except in limited circumstances, the enumerators will not visit households that have already responded, so it is way better and easier for everyone if households respond voluntarily by phone or online.

At present the last counting will be completed this September 30th and the 2020 Census will close. We believe this is way too early especially given COVID-19 and have urged an extension. But for now we must assume September 30th is the deadline. Best estimates now are that close to 40% of our households across the state are still not counted.

We need and ask for your kokua in taking the message to your community of the critical importance of a full Census count and asking everyone to do their part. Our communities of faith are woven deep into our social fabric and especially devoted to those among us in the most need, exactly where a full Census can most help for all. You can especially assist in this effort.

The U.S. Census Bureau itself understands the critical role of faith communities in our society and the importance of engaging you in the important work of the Census. The Bureau has prepared materials to assist you which I attach. You can also find a full list of all 2020 Census outreach materials at: <https://2020census.gov/en/partners/outreach-materials.html>. Please feel free to use these however works best for you.

As English is a second language for so many among us in Hawai'i, we especially want to note that the 2020 Census is the first in our history to feature significantly expanded language access. Overall, the 2020 Census has provided language

guides in 59 non-English languages, including full support in 12 of those languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. For the full set of language resources for this year's Census, including print and video materials, please visit <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census/planning-management/language-resources.html>.

There are multiple ways to respond to the 2020 Census, but by far the easiest way is through the online form at <https://my2020census.gov>. For other ways to respond to the Census, such as by phone or mail, please visit <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>.

If you and any of your communities have any questions regarding the 2020 Census, please feel free to contact our local Partnership Specialist Annie Sokol at (808) 892-5141 or annie.may.p.sokol@2020census.gov. You may also contact our staff for assistance. You may reach Congressman Ed Case through Ben Chao at Ben.Chao@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-2726. You may reach Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard through Dave Chun at Dave.Chun@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-4906.

Thank you so much again for your dedication, consideration and assistance. We truly appreciate all that you do to promote participation in the 2020 Census and all that you do for our communities.

With aloha,

Ed Case

Congressman Ed Case
(Hawai'i-First District)



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Your faith, your community, and the census.

What is the 2020 Census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. It includes a few simple questions about things like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home. The 2020 Census will collect the same data as the 2010 Census.

Why am I hearing about the 2020 Census from my house of worship?

The U.S. Census Bureau is partnering with faith-based institutions to promote the 2020 Census. These institutions volunteered to help because they understand how important a complete count is for their congregants and community. They are trusted voices in their communities and are critical to conveying the importance of the 2020 Census. In addition, faith communities often serve the same people that use many of the federal programs that receive funding based on census data. These programs include those that address poverty, hunger, homelessness, child care, emergency services, and public safety.

Will the 2020 Census ask me to identify my religion?

No. The U.S. Census Bureau asks about race and ethnicity in the decennial census, but it does not collect information about religious affiliation.

Why not?

U.S. law prohibits the Census Bureau from requiring anyone to disclose their religious affiliation.

Why should I respond to the 2020 Census?

Being counted matters for you and your community regardless of your religious affiliation. The 2020 Census will determine how many representatives your state will have in Congress. Census counts will also help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated.

Census results will also help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to states and communities each year for housing, schools, food assistance, health care, and other vital services.

Is the 2020 Census confidential?

Yes. The U.S. Census Bureau is required to protect your privacy and keep your answers confidential. By law, your personal information cannot be used against you or anyone else by any government agency or court, and it can't be accessed by the police department, DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA.

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