

The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick Bishop

April 30, 2021

Aloha,

Beginning in 2015, the Diocese of Hawai'i began setting aside Trinity Sunday of every year as a time to collect a special offering to support Camp Mokule'ia. This year, Trinity Sunday is on May 30th and I write to encourage you to use this opportunity to support this valuable ministry of the Diocese.

Like all of us, our Diocesan Camp Mokule'ia has been forced to face the crisis of the COVID-19 head on. Our Camp was closed for nearly all of 2020 and early this year. It is now reopening. The plan is for Summer Camp to return this year. It has been a difficult time for our Camp and staff, but there is renewed hope and joy.

Mr. Darrell Whitaker, the Executive Director; the camp staff; the Board members; and volunteers work incredibly hard at our Camp. As a place of ministry, Camp Mokule'ia, before the current pandemic, annually welcomed more than 15,000 guests on site. Through its operations, facilities and programming, the Camp strives to be a place that emphasizes the values of *malama*, *pono* and *mana* that we have identified as part of our Diocesan identity.

Your financial support at this time would be a particular blessing to our Camp and will go towards providing scholarship support as we look to the return of Summer Camp, completing some key projects to welcome campers, and strengthening our Camp after these difficult times.

I hope every congregation will dedicate the loose plate offering to and welcome a special collection for the Camp on Trinity Sunday.

If you're at worship, please make checks payable to "Camp Mokule'ia" with a memo of "Trinity Sunday offering" and put the check in the collection (your church will mail the checks to the Camp). If you are still worshipping online from home and want to mail your check today, send your check directly to the Camp at:

Camp Mokule'ia 68-729 Farrington Hwy. Waialua, HI 96791

Thank you for being generous in support of our Camp and the children.

Yours faithfully,

+ Bob

Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawai'i