

From the Bishop

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The Bishop's Cross & Honorary Canons

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Aloha my Siblings in Christ,

I write to share some good news to honor some folk who have walked by my side during this journey, as well as contributed significantly to our Diocese during my tenure as Canon and now Bishop Diocesan. As my time with you all as Bishop Diocesan comes to a close, I would like to honor some of those people with either the “Bishop’s Cross” or by being named an Honorary Canon to the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

Since becoming Bishop of Hawai‘i in 2006, it has been my practice to present the “Bishop’s Cross” to those who have shown extraordinary service to the Church. The symbol of the honor is a Koa wooden box. Koa is an endemic tree of these islands. The name “Koa” is translated as “warrior.” Engraved on the box are the words: “Kā Pīhopa Keali‘ikoaokeakua Ke‘a [The Bishop “Royal Warrior of God” (the Hawaiian name given to me) Cross]” and, under the cross on the ribbon, “He Lanakila Ma Ke Ke‘a” (Victory through the Cross).

To be given the title of Honorary Canon, acknowledges special service to the Cathedral, the Diocese, the Episcopal Church, and/or the Anglican Communion. It is written in our Diocesan Canons: "Sec. 20.5.4 The Bishop Diocesan may from time to time appoint, with the consent of Chapter, Honorary Canons to fill established named chairs or to unnamed chairs. Such Honorary Canons shall be given seats of honor in the choir and acknowledged when in the Cathedral."

On Friday, October 16, 2026 at 3:00pm at the Opening Eucharist for the 58th Annual Meeting of Convention held in St. Alban's Chapel, 'Iolani School, I will be presenting Bishop's Cross award to the following individuals:

- Mr. Trip Lynch
- Ms. Sybil Nishioka
- Ms. Nancy Rowe
- Ms. Sheryl Seaman
- Mr. Charles “Chuck” Spence
- Mr. Wayne Yoshigai

On Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 5:30pm at a special Evensong Service at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, I will name the following as Honorary Canons:

- The Rev. Randolph Albano
- Mr. Stuart Ching
- Ms. Rae Costa

- The Rev. Robert “Moki” Hino
- Mr. Ryan Kusumoto
- Mr. Roth Puahala
- Mr. Floyd Lawet
- Ms. Jenny Te Paa Daniel
- Mr. Fe’iloakita Kaho Tevi

I invite you to join us to celebrate these people and their contributions to God and our Church. I have included a brief summary of their contributions below.

Bishop’s Cross

1. Mr. Trip Lynch: *Trip has faithfully served on the Diocesan Council, Commission on Investments, Kapolei Development Task Force, and as the Treasurer of his home Parish, St. John’s, Kula.*
2. Ms. Sybil Nishoka: *Sybil has been the communications, webmaster, and graphic design point person for the Diocese for over 15 years. Her title has changed, but her commitment and creativity have never faulted.*
3. Ms. Nancy Rowe: *Nancy has served on Diocesan Council and the Commission on Finance. She is the treasurer of her home Parish, St. Peter’s.*
4. Ms. Sheryl Seaman: *Sheryl was recently the chair of the Search Committee for the sixth Bishop of Hawai’i. She is on the Kapolei Development Task Force. She previously served on the Commission on Finance and the Property Task Force.*
5. Mr. Charles “Chuck” Spence: *Chuck has faithfully served the Diocese as President of Standing Committee during the bishop search and election process. He is the treasurer of his home congregation, Trinity By-the-Sea, and of A Cup of Cold Water.*
6. Mr. Wayne Yoshigai: *With this Annual Meeting of Convention, Wayne becomes the Chancellor Emeritus. His service to our Diocese as Vice Chancellor and Chancellor for many years has been a rare gift. Much of his service will never be known by anyone but the Bishops he advised.*

Honorary Canons

1. The Rev. Randolph Albano (unnamed Chair): *Randy has served in the Diocese of Hawai’i since 1999 as Vicar of St. Paul’s Church, Honolulu, and since 2009 as the Canon for Filipino Ministry. He has served on various committees and commissions of the Diocese. Most importantly, he has been an invaluable part of our common life on Queen Emma Square. Though canonically retired, he continues to serve as the people of St. Paul’s Church await the immigration status of the Priest called to be their Vicar is clarified and approved.*
2. Mr. Stuart Ching (unnamed Chair): *Stuart has been the Diocesan Archivist/Historiographer since 1997. He managed the project funded by the National*

Endowment for the Arts to conserve the parish registers from Holy Innocents Church following the Lahaina fires (miraculously saved in the church's safe even though heat from the fire popped the door of the safe open). Professionally, he is the Provincial Archivist for the Roman Catholic Congregation of the Sacred Hearts (USA Province). He previously served as the Curator with the Friends of 'Iolani Palace, the Curator of the Mission House Museum, Archivist at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum.

3. Ms. Rae Costa (unnamed Chair): *Rae has been the Operations Manager for the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i (TECH) since 2017. Her work in support of the Diocese and our congregations has been invaluable. Before coming to work for TECH, she was the Bishop's Warden of St. Timothy's Church, Aiea. A graduate of UH, Mānoa with both a B.A. and an M.B.A. She worked in the food industry twenty years including time as Vice President of Wilson Food Service and Senior Manager at Diamond Bakery. She has been a Special Olympics swim coach for over 25 years.*
4. The Rev. Robert "Moki" Hino (unnamed Chair): *Moki is currently the Rector at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wailuku, Maui, a parish. Before attending Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, he was a preschool and elementary teacher in Hawai'i, Japan, and Guam. He served at the Cathedral (twice) and Holy Apostles Church, Hilo. He also has been the Chaplain at St. Andrew's Priory and Seabury Hall. He has been a Deputy to the General Convention and is the past Secretary of the Diocesan Convention. He served two terms each on the Diocesan Council and the Commission on Ministry. He served on the Joint Commission on the Philippine Church; is a past President of the Diocesan Standing Committee; served on the Design Team for the EYE 2008; Board of Directors for The Society for the Increase of the Ministry, the national Standing Commissions for Lifelong Formation/Christian Education and Liturgy/Music, and the Client Council for the Church Pension Group.*
5. Mr. Ryan Kusumoto (Father Kenneth A. Bray Chair): *Ryan Kusumoto currently serves as the volunteer Treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i (TECH). He has been a Deputy from our Diocese to General Convention since 2006. He served as the important role of Chair of Dispatch of Business at the last General Convention. For the Episcopal Church, he has served on several Standing Committees and as a Trustee of the Church Pension Fund. Within the Diocese, he has served on Diocesan Council and other committees. In his home parish of Epiphany Church, Honolulu, he served on the Vestry and other leadership roles. Professionally, he has served as the President and CEO for Parents and Children Together since 2014.*
6. Mr. Roth Puahala (Kaleleonālani Chair): *Roth is both the Senior Warden and Verger of the Cathedral of St. Andrew having previously served on Chapter. He was previously the Senior Warden of Trinity By-the-Sea, Kīhei. He is currently a Diocesan Deputy to General Convention. In the Episcopal Church, he is a member of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and the Truth, Justice & Healing Commission on Native Boarding Schools. He has served on various committees of the Church. He has taken leadership roles in various Hawaiian Civic Clubs and organizations, and the Royal Order of Kamehameha I. Professionally, he is currently the Assistant Sargeant-At-Arms of the Hawai'i State Senate.*

International Anglican Honorees

1. Mr. Floyd Lalwet (unnamed Chair): *Floyd has served as the Senior Consultant and Provincial Secretary of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) since 2004. He serves as the National Developments Officer for Episcopal CARE Foundation (the ECP counterpart to ERD) and Lecturer in Canon Law at St. Andrew's Theological Seminary, Philippines. He serves on various boards of ECP related schools and development corporations. He has been essential in maintaining the relations of the ECP with the Episcopal Church.*
2. Ms. Jenny Te Paa Daniel (unnamed Chair): *Jenny is well known to the Diocese. She is an honored Māori public theologian and indigenous rights advocate. She was the first Māori to earn an academic degree in Theology, from the University of Auckland. Her PhD from the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley, California, focused on the intersection of race and politics in theological education. She served for close to 25 years at St. John's Anglican Theological College (Te Rau Kahikatea, part of the College of St. John the Evangelist) in Auckland — first as a lecturer, then as Ahorangi (Dean/Principal) from 1995 to 2013. This made her the first indigenous lay woman ever appointed to lead an Anglican seminary anywhere in the worldwide Anglican Communion. From 1995 to 2012, she served as Convenor of the global Anglican Peace and Justice Network. She was also a member of the bishops' sub-group of Theological Education for the Anglican Communion (TEAC), a taskforce established by the Anglican Primates to make recommendations and practical proposals to strengthen theological education within the Anglican Communion. During her tenure leading Anglican peace work, she led international delegations and participated in peace-making, educational, and humanitarian projects in Palestine, Sri Lanka, the Great Lakes Region (Rwanda, Congo, Burundi), North and South Korea, Kenya, South Africa, and the Pacific.*
3. Mr. Fe'iloakitau Kaho Tevi (unnamed Chair): *Fe'i is the Co-Vicar General of the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia and the Commissioner of the Climate Change Commission of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia. He has provided impactful leadership throughout the Pacific including, for example, as the Chief of Staff for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Kingdom of Tonga, the Political Affairs Officer of the Melanesian Spearhead Group, and the Advisor to the Pacific Islands Consortium on Maritime Emissions. He has served on the staff of the World Council of Churches (Switzerland) and as the General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches (Fiji).*

Aloha ma o Iesu Kristo, ko mākou Haku,

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