

## **Bishop's Warden Report for Annual Meeting**

The year of 2020 was long. Due to Covid, we were unable to worship in person from March 15 to the middle of June. It was downright eerie not to have an Easter service, or a Holy Week. When we resumed, we had quiet, measured, beautiful services with lovely music thanks to Jennifer Loftus. We made it through Christmas and had a beautiful service with reservations necessary! It took a lot of work and planning from the Bishop's Committee each and every Sunday to manage the social distancing and to sanitize. The Altar Guild, headed by Jane Cambouris, had extra duties, worries and precautions, Eucharistic ministers and readers had to be adept and cautious in all areas of the ministry. Chris Gale was very patient with us, teaching us some specific signing, like Hallelujah!!

Everyone on the Bishop's Committee worked very hard and showed up early each and every Sunday morning to sanitize, safely meet, greet and guide. Our supply priests willingly and effectively complied with new and sometimes changing protocols. Jacob Marsh roped off the pews for social distancing, Leanna Roberts, our Junior Warden, could be found unlocking the church before 7:30am each and every Sunday morning.

We are now blessed with Harmony Casco to be HI's part time contracted parish administrator. With a smile, she is taking on new tasks daily. Many thanks to Ann Powell for seeing us through to that day, and to Judy Ragsdale for continuing on in the responsibilities of overseeing office administration. In the absence of office staff, Beth Hazur worked tirelessly on our website and newsletter.

Beth Hazur and Chris Gale served as Preschool representatives on the HIPS Board of Directors and attended countless Preschool Board meetings in this year of transitions and Covid. Jackie Kelly served as our treasurer, assisted in myriad technology and budget measures by Assistant Treasurer Jacob Marsh and backed up by Barb our bookkeeper. Donna Tarsitano worked tirelessly all year as Stewardship chair and supplies procurer. Jackie Kelly and Pam Silva served on the liturgical committee. Jane Cambouris singlehandedly headed the cemetery and columbarium committee—with no members. Leanna Roberts, Junior Warden, handled property issues without missing a beat.

The rectory repairs are close to complete. Jacob Marsh and cohorts have done a monumental job in restoration. Jacob has also been an invaluable presence on the entire church property. A rental agreement for the Rectory tenants is being prepared for the approval of the diocese. The Bishop's Committee is beginning to look ahead to another phase, thinking of ways to realize additional rental income. We were absolutely blessed to use our HIPPO thank offerings to help fund food distribution in Lahaina and to be Christmas angels to a family who needed help.

Chris Gale has begun working on revamping the wedding program as the wedding industry renews itself after Covid. Think capital improvement fund and, thereby, sanctuary reroofing!

I am now going into the 6<sup>th</sup> year of what was to be a one-year term as Bishop's Warden. I ask for your prayers—it has been a very difficult year for me, personally, and I am weary--and please pray that there is someone in our midst who might be called to take on the job in 2022.

Our challenges for 2021 are very big, but when God's grace is factored in, doable. We not only need to stay together, we need to nurture each other and our community and devise new ways to do so. We need to replace the sanctuary roof! Plain and simple, we have to raise the money. We are about to explore the real possibility of a very part time priest—1/4 time. This involves budgeting of time and money: it involves a committed parish to continue to oversee all administrative and property tasks. We need everyone's help to do this. And we need to get past the pandemic. Infection rates seem to be falling on Maui, but the vaccine is very slow in making it here and to our vulnerable kupuna (most of Holy Innocents!) Hopefully in the next few weeks it will all continue to turn around. Pray that we can be back up and running with an in person Sunday service by Palm Sunday or even before. Again, I remind you, these services don't just happen; they take work and forethought on everyone's part. We will never again be able to take for granted what we have here at Holy Innocents—our beautiful church and our precious people. Pray for and expect some miracles this year.

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