

# Ke 'Alemanaka

## The Parish Postings

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### Summary of Air Conditioning Survey

Gathered from written returns, emails, and the Forum on July 21, 2020

**Mahalo to all who have responded to the request for questions and concerns regarding the possibility of adding air conditioning to our church building. Below is a summary of the responses and answers to some of the common issues expressed.**

#### Survey Mailing Statistics:

- 185 letters sent out, 5 returned undelivered, and we received 40 responses for a 23% return
- 17 would give financial support (two have already made a contribution), 16 would not, 4 would support adding A/C at a later date, 3 did not comment either way

#### Forum:

- The forum was attended by 8 people in person and 26 online.
- Most forum participants had already sent in responses. Of the new people at the forum, 1 person would support financially, 1 was undecided, 3 had questions and concerns
  - Therefore, we heard back from a total of 25% of those who were surveyed about adding A/C.

#### Responses to Concerns and Comments

- The church needs to be welcoming for all, including those both young and older who can't regulate their body temperatures when the temperature and humidity rise too high.
- The system is zoned so that only sections of the church need to be used.
- Use will be controlled by a security system with limited access.
- Fundraising could include a portion of what is raised to be designated for outreach programs.
- Hawaii Energy, an independent party, has calculated that the church pays HECO approximately \$10,086.79 annually to run the 19 fans now in use in the church. The system proposed by HI Power would cost \$2,995 annually.

- We can use HEPA filters with this system.
- The structure of the church will not be affected. Some shrubs may have to be removed to accommodate the four outdoor compressors.
- The school strongly supports adding air conditioning to the church and will help with the fund raising.
- We are interested in adding photovoltaic to our campus but that will need to be a separate project.
- We are keeping track of the temperature and humidity in the church to determine our heat index.
- The next steps include the Property Committee meeting with independent air conditioning consultants to address the remaining concerns and questions. If the Committee decides to recommend this project, it will send a proposal to the Vestry. The Vestry is responsible for making the final decision on all major expenditures.

#### Financial Concerns Expressed by Some Included:

- Bad timing to fundraise, and it looks bad to do it while so many are in economic distress
  - Money could be better spent helping those in need
  - The school may need our financial help due to challenges from COVID-19
  - Our current financial position does not warrant such an expenditure as our income has been affected by the economic downturn and attendance is dropping
  - Have we considered future financial needs?
  - Do we have a fall back plan if sufficient funds are not raised?
- "Hidden" expenses that might occur
  - Are all costs associated with the installation, including electrical modifications, changes to the church structure and landscaping, included in the bid proposals, especially the lowest one?
  - Is the church building's foundation sound?
- How much time will it take to raise the necessary funds?
- What will it cost to run the system compared to what it costs now to run the fans and sacristy air conditioning unit?

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## Vestry

Mary Carpenter	Chris Hacskaylo
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Jane Anderson	

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak we have revised our office hours.

We will be open on  
Mondays and Wednesdays 9am - 12pm

Food & financial assistance will only be available on Wednesdays from 10am to noon

Items for Ke 'Alemanaka may be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Arthur Buto

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**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020**



*Hau'oli la hanau to all those  
born in August*

<i>August 1</i>	<i>Keith Oda</i>
<i>August 2</i>	<i>Perry Buto</i>
	<i>Laura McBride</i>
	<i>Regina Yung</i>
<i>August 3</i>	<i>Travis Hong</i>
<i>August 4</i>	<i>Karen Brosseau</i>
<i>August 8</i>	<i>Bobby Yung</i>
<i>August 10</i>	<i>Liz Baldwin</i>
	<i>Max Nakatsuji</i>
	<i>Evan Yew</i>
<i>August 11</i>	<i>Doug Rigg</i>
<i>August 15</i>	<i>Emma Suzuki-Jones</i>
<i>August 23</i>	<i>Zeph Cruz</i>
<i>August 24</i>	<i>Chad Nguyen</i>
<i>August 25</i>	<i>Carlos Argones</i>
<i>August 30</i>	<i>Stacia Silva</i>
	<i>Maya Suzuki-Jones</i>

*If we missed your birthday, please let the office know!*

**The Vestry is Pleased to Welcome:**

**Cathy Overstreet**

*and*

**Jane Anderson**

who have agreed to serve terms ending  
in January 2023.

**Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, church services will be ONLY online for the month of August.**

**SUNDAYS**

**Worship Services at 8AM & 10:15AM**

Meeting ID: 854 4414 6891

Password: 1515

**Adult Discussion at 9AM**

Meeting ID: 854 4414 6891

Password: 1515

**Bible Study (RBTL) at 9AM**

**TUESDAYS**

**Compline at 9PM**

Meeting ID: 823 5666 8373

Password: 1515



To join any service by phone call one of these numbers and enter the Meeting ID and password.

669 900 6833

253 215 8782

346 248 7799

929 436 2866

Note: We are going to pause our Noonday Services at this point.

**AUGUST ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

Sunday Worship:

- 8AM services:

- 40 attended in-person

- 63 attended via Zoom

- 10:15AM services:

- 67 attended in-person

This count includes youth that are in Sunday School.

- 87 attended via Zoom

Tuesday Compline: 50 attended via Zoom

Thursday Noonday Prayer: 6 attended via Zoom

**PARISH FINANCE SNAPSHOT**

Below you will find our Year-to-Date finances as of June 2020.

Expenses: \$268,911

Income: \$281,421\*

\*Note: These figures do not include the P.P.P. loan that the Parish of St. Clement received.

# August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26	27	28	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 8:00 AM Church Service</li> <li>■ 8:45 AM Bible Workbench</li> <li>■ 8:45 AM Adult Discussion</li> <li>■ 10:15 AM Church Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 11:30 AM Parish Staff Mtg.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 AM Bulk Pick-Up</li> <li>■ 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open</li> <li>■ 9:00 PM Compline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Food D</li> <li>■ 10:00 AM Food I</li> </ul>
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 9:00 AM Altar Guild
5 Donation Drop-Off Pantry	6 4:30 PM Farmers Market	7 Clergy Sabbath 9:00 AM EnvironControl Check	8 9:00 AM Altar Guild
12 Pantry House Cooking	13 4:30 PM Farmers Market	14 Clergy Sabbath	15 9:00 AM Food Distribution 9:00 AM Altar Guild
19 Pantry Off Mtg.	20 4:30 PM Farmers Market	21 Clergy Sabbath	22 9:00 AM Altar Guild 10:00 AM Pam McCoy
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**Other Questions, Concerns and Comments**

- Why wasn't air conditioning included in the three (3) master plans made over the last 40 years?
- Will we need a new front door with glass because the doors have to be kept closed while the air conditioning is used?
- Does the system have a HEPA filter?
- Could a photovoltaic system help cut our energy costs and environmental impact?
- Concerns for the organ switching between A/C and no A/C
- Are we being rushed into this?

**Church Building and Environment**

- We don't need air conditioning because the church is not that hot.
  - Fresh air is healthier than closed doors, especially with the presence of COVID-19.
  - Aesthetics will be compromised.
  - Air conditioning doesn't bring people together, the priest and the congregation do.
  - The openness of the church is what makes our church unique.

- Other solutions
  - Get more fans or ceiling fans.
  - Limit services to one (1) hour
  - People can stay home and use Zoom.
  - Use the Parish House.
  - Dress more appropriately for hot and humid weather, especially the clergy who don't need to wear the traditional vestments.
  - Use only a small part of the church to cut down area cooled.
- What is the impact on the environment of the exhaust?
- Do we have accurate data on the temperature and humidity in the church?
- Has an independent air conditioning consultant advised us on this issue and given us responses to our questions?
- Where are the vents actually going to be located?
- Have we gotten an outside expert to evaluate our situation and answer our questions?

**Interesting Eco-News for the Parish of St. Clement!**

We have been able to conserve more water (and save more money on our water bill) just by changing the children's toilets at St. Clement's School! The toilets that were replaced required five gallons of water for each flush, while the newer toilets use much less.

To get a better idea of this change, take a look at the figure below, which is a scanned copy of our water bill. It's best to compare the months of September, October, and November of 2019 with February and March of 2020, as these months were when all the children were in school. In the Fall we were using 94-100k gallons of water each month, but after the toilets were changed we've used 51-54k gallons of water each month!

**ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

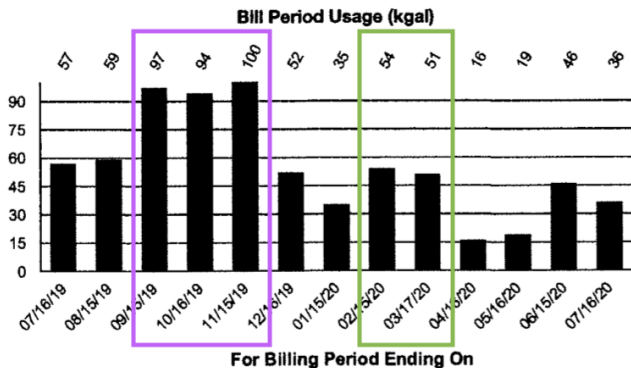
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 Name ST CLEMENT PARISH  
 Address 1515 WILDER AVE  
 Billing Date 07/16/2020

**WATER & SEWER BILLING SUMMARY** (See back for details)

Previous Balance	\$1,114.95
Payments	-\$1,114.95
Adjustments	\$0.00
Corrections	\$0.00
Current Charges	\$1,027.81

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$1,027.81**

**PAYMENT MUST REACH US BY 08/05/2020**

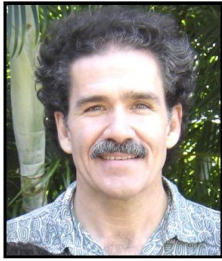


DATE	THOUS. GAL.	DAYS	WATER CHARGES
07/16/2020	36	31	\$195.59
08/15/2020	46	30	\$245.69
05/16/2020	19	30	\$110.42
04/16/2020	16	30	\$95.39
03/17/2020	51	31	\$270.74
02/15/2020	54	31	\$285.77
01/15/2020	35	30	\$190.58
12/16/2019	52	31	\$275.75
11/15/2019	100	30	\$516.23
10/16/2019	94	31	\$486.17
09/15/2019	97	31	\$501.20
08/15/2019	59	30	\$310.82

# A View from the Pew

*“Yet, a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few prutah.”*

*The Widow’s Offering / Mark 12:42*



Recent events, two in particular, have come together to create a *Perfect Storm*, at least for me personally. The first has to do with the COVID-19 pandemic and our egocentric, egoistic, and sometimes egomaniacal responses to it. The second has to do with our protests across the country, around the world in fact, declaring, demanding, insisting and affirming that Black Lives Matter, as if anyone should have thought or believed, let alone behaved otherwise, knowingly or unknowingly.

As incredible as it may seem, this die-hard Liberal is not referencing the President or his elected, appointed or private citizen supporters. While I am appalled by and at them all, I never expected anything more than their callous and outrageous misinformation, as well as their outright lies concerning these issues. As a result, I was not surprised by their subsequent deceitful, mindless, and heartless actions and inactions regarding both. Instead, I am referencing those of us who, despite being people of conscience, people of principle, and/or people of faith, have not done more to address these issues ourselves, or have done nothing at all.

To be sure, given our personal circumstances, many of us are unable to do what some might consider *very much*. Yet, that is not the point; not at all. As Jesus assures us in the story of the widow’s offering at the Temple in the Gospel of Mark, *very little* is often *everything*, both materially as well as spiritually. Instead, the point is to do *something*; anything. The point is to do as much as we can. Like the widow in Mark, the point Jesus is making, whatever we do, is that instead of *giving up* something, what we *give* should be *sacrificial*, meaning to *sacrifice* one thing for something or someone else that is greater than our gift or even our ourselves.

As preposterous as it may seem, faithfully wearing masks, social distancing, washing our hands maniacally, and avoiding poorly managed and unmanaged large group settings and events is sacrificial. As small as these actions may seem to some of us, they are colossal because, instead of protecting ourselves, in reality we are protecting our neighbors, meaning our families, friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners, strangers in the grocery store, the homeless on the streets, and even our enemies, all of whom need us. It is sacrificial because, in sacrificing for and serving our neighbors, we are sacrificing for and serving God, whose Image we together, being individually the Images of God, collectively complete.

Similarly, faithful voting for candidates and issues who and which are representative of our personal, social, political, economic, and spiritual principles is sacrificial. Instead of voting for our menial biases and bigotries, conscious and unconscious, a sacrificial vote is often a titanic struggle of existential and transcendental proportions against our very selves for what is right. Assembling, demonstrating, and protesting, whatever we wish to call it, is sacrificial when it is truly principled, meaning representative of what we really believe and have faith in, in heart, mind, body and soul. Speaking honestly and lovingly, when necessary pointedly with people of a different mindset is sacrificial. They can be family, friends, co-workers, and fellow parishioners, people we love and whose relationships we value. Yet, what kind of relationship is it really if we must silently abide by what is wrong and, by default, condone what is wrong to comfortably preserve those relationships?

In my mind, to do otherwise is in effect to deny God. Maybe I have lived too long and now tolerate too little, but how can we in truth believe or have faith in God if we are not prepared to complete God’s Image by together serving our neighbors and thus our God? Do not get me wrong. God will be just fine if we do not. God does not need our faith or even our belief to ensure God’s existence or enhance God’s power. God Is. On the other hand, our neighbors will indeed suffer. Still, the harsher reality, more than the suffering, while we may aptly and amply sustain ourselves in this human experience, we may nonetheless annihilate ourselves in the Experience to Come. Ironically, in the context of this life and the Life to Come, in this existential experience and the Transcendent One that follows, our Eternal Lives rest upon us serving our neighbors and therefore our God in this temporal life. It is through our sacrifices now that we, in God’s Time, are saved. It is by following The Way of personal sacrifice, the Way of the Christ, that we are led into the Kingdom of God, the Promised Land.

***“Peter said, ‘Look, we have left our homes and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, no one has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, who will not get back much more in this experience, and in the experience of the Eternal Life to come.’ ”***

*Luke 18:28-30*

~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones



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**Datebook**

**Worship Services**

**Sundays at 8AM & 10:15AM**

ONLY via Zoom

**Tuesdays at 9PM**

Compline via Zoom

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**Mondays & Wednesdays**

9am to 12pm Church Office Hours

**Thursdays**

4:30 pm Farmers Market

**New Office Food Pantry Hours**

The office food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 10 am to Noon **ONLY**.