

# Ke 'Alemanaka

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### From Canon Kate



#### GOD IN A BOX

*"...a wandering Aramean was my ancestor." (Deuteronomy 26:5).*

I love the story of Abraham. God calls Abraham to leave his home and all that is familiar to strike out on a journey into the unknown. Abraham is an Aramean and as a nomad he wanders until he is led by faith to the land of promise. Did Abraham have a map that told him how to get where he was going? No. But Abraham did have faith. He had faith in the God who called him into relationship and would lead him into the unknown. The God of Abraham is bigger than the safety and security of the already known and familiar of his homeland.

Eventually the children of Abraham, the Israelites, find themselves wandering in the desert. They need more structure and more direction so God provides them with the ten commandments. These commandments are reflective of the covenant that God has established with the people and the stone tablets are put in a "box" called the Ark of the Tabernacle. The Israelites carried the Ark with them wherever they went as a tangible reminder that God was with them.

In due course the Israelites occupied the promised land, became more settled, and in some ways wanted God to become more settled as well. They insisted on a King rather than rely on God as King. Then King Solomon built a temple. The temple was an even bigger box to store the Ark of the Tabernacle which was a smaller box in which to keep the covenant and perhaps, the covenantal relationship. It was just too tempting for the Israelites to relegate God to the box and rely instead on their earthly king.

In time the Israelites were conquered and carried off into exile – another time of wandering and regaining the trust and faith that God would wander with them. They lost both the Ark and the Temple. Things did not go as they had planned, but God remained with them. God left the box of their expectations and journeyed with them once again into the unknown.

I find myself wondering if there are ways in which we try to keep God in a box. At times I am sure that all of us want to control God, or at least bargain with God. We want God on our terms. We want God to fix our problems, fix our kids, and fix our finances. We want God to do bigger things too; fix our church, fix our country, fix our environment. We would prefer that God do as we direct; that God meet our expectations and parameters and climb into the box of our design. But God does not do as we instruct. God chooses to be bigger than we can imagine and have ideas and that we could never have envisioned.

Christians are often referred to as a pilgrim people. We are people on a holy journey with God, wherever that journey may lead. The journey may very well lead into intimidating or alien places but God promises to leave the box we have created for God and go with us into our unknowns.

I'd like to share with you a prayer by Thomas Merton. This prayer has given me hope and encouraged the faith that is in me when I have felt particularly lost and in need of God to accompany me in my journey outside the box.

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end.*

*Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you and I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.*

*And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road although I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death, I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

Blessings on you all,  
~~ Canon Kate

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hau'oli la hanau to all  
Those born in September

September 1

Bella Bell

September 4

Leona Moir

September 5

Ronan Amjadi-O'Shea

September 6

Judith Gronna

September 8

Jordan-Rose Natividad

September 12

Alex Goemans

September 13

Emma Moore

September 14

James Kung

September 15

Jim Borg

September 16

Blaine Rogers

September 17

Fred Overstreet

September 18

Steven Souza

September 19

David Cicero

September 21

Ray Andrian

Jean Ann Milnor

Grace Phillips

September 26

Noa Alo

Marijayne Nicholas

September 27

Charlie Schlieman

Jim Thomas

September 28

Dorsey Gibson

Sheryl Ann Runions

September 29

Auggie Chang-Stroman

Susan Palmore

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

## Attendance and Offerings for July

July Attendance 491

July SCS Chapel Attendance 946

July Offerings \$20,814

YTD Income as of 07/31/16 \$391,882

Items for Ke 'Alemanaka may be submitted to the  
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**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE**

**Friday, September 16, 2016**

## Save the Date!

**Saturday, October 8**

**6 pm Middle Eastern Dinner**

**Followed immediately by the  
Documentary film,**

**Britain in Palestine, 1917-1948  
and a guest speaker from Palestine**

## Directory Additions and Corrections

Our 2016 Parish Directory was distributed at the annual meeting in January. Additions and corrections were included in the April newsletter. Shown below are a couple of more corrections and additions. Please make these changes to your directory. If you don't have the latest version (bright yellow cover), please call the office or stop by and pick one up. Also, if you have a photo that you would like us to include, please email it to [parishadmin@stclem.org](mailto:parishadmin@stclem.org) or call the office and arrange to have your picture taken.

**Baldwin, Elizabeth** – new email address: [baldwinL7864@gmail.com](mailto:baldwinL7864@gmail.com)

**Coleman, Stuart** – delete phone #

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**Overstreet, Cathy** – delete business phone and business email



Dorri Goodrich and Sarah Ching

## Mahalo Nui Loa

♥ To **Jane Anderson, Mary Carpenter, Pam Fern, Beth Fincke, Wendy and Steve Goodenow, Keith Kalway, Adrienne and Henry Lau, Terry Ledford, Steve Marcuccilli, Martha Morgan, Annabel Murray, Susan Palmore, Sue Quimby, and Sandy Souza** for their help shopping for, cooking, and serving the meal at IHS which occurs the 2nd Sunday of even-numbered months (see article and photo on page 4).

♥ To **Mary Carpenter and Joanna Polevia** for covering for the Parish Administrator while she's on vacation.

♥ To **Moani Crowell** for replacing Janea Jackson in the Sunday nursery upon Janea's move to the mainland.

♥ To **Lauren Romagnoli** for joining the Family Ministry team as Jill Haworth moved on to St. Elizabeth's where husband Mark is currently serving.

♥ To our Sunday ushers - **Liz Baldwin, Arthur Buto, Keli'i deFrancia, Harrison Ishida, Terry Ledford, Rich Lowe, Sandy Souza, and Kingsley, Joni, and Tyler Wong** for their helpfulness, friendliness, and for tidying the church after each service. Special thanks to Keli'i and Rich, who are the newest additions to the usher ranks. More volunteers are always welcomed.

## Search Committee

The search for a new rector for St. Clement's is underway! The search committee is meeting regularly. If you have any concerns that you'd like the committee to consider, please contact one of the committee members:

Arthur Buto  
Beth Charlton  
Adrienne Lau  
Heather McVay  
Wade Nobuhara  
Cathy Overstreet  
Kingsley Wong

## Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson



## Ministry Focus: Institute for Human Services (IHS)

Every other month members of St. Clement's provide a hot meal for over 300 people at the local homeless shelter called the Institute for Human Services. The meal is prepared in our parish kitchen on a Thursday and then heated and transported on the second Sunday of even numbered months to the shelter. The meal is served at the Family shelter (women and children) and also at the Men's shelter where residents and anyone coming in from the street is welcomed.

Volunteers from St. Clement's help to serve the meal at the Men's shelter from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Five or more people are needed to help serve each time we provide the meal. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Canon Kate to become involved. We are looking to increase the volunteer pool so folks don't have to serve every time.

~~ Submitted by  
Canon Kate

**Top right:** Hamburger stew, salad, rice, fruit and cookies make a tempting meal; **Below right:** Volunteers — Adrienne Lau, Henry Lau, Susan Palmore, and Jane Anderson — help to serve the meal. *Photos by Canon Kate.*



## Vestry Highlights August 2016



The vestry met on August 9, 2016. Highlights of the August meeting include:

- The Search Committee has been formed and consists of seven (7) members who meet regularly between the Sunday services.
- Save the Date: **October 23, 2016 – State of the Parish Meeting** will take place between the Sunday services. Issues to be addressed include: Parish finances and stewardship opportunities. Breakfast will be served to all attendees. We hope to see you there!
- St. Clement's School put on their Summer 2016 Intersession Program, which took place from August 8, 2016 – August 18, 2016. The Summer Intersession Program had a full capacity enrollment of 20 students who attended daily and participated in arts, crafts, classroom learning activities, and outdoor play.
- Interim Rector Canon Kate returned from Munich, Germany. While she enjoyed her time away, she gave thanks for a safe return and is excited to be back at the Parish.
- 10:15am Service members Moani Crowell and Lauren Romangnoli will be joining the Family Ministries team. Moani will be joining the Nursery and Lauren will be teaching Sunday School during the 10:15am service.
- Save the Date: **September 16-18, 2016 – Parish Retreat at Camp Mokule`ia.** The Parish Retreat theme for this year is "Falling into God – a fun, refreshing, and hope-filled journey."

~~ Submitted by Moani Crowell  
Clerk of the Vestry

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, at 6 pm. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the Vestry Meetings. We serve a light supper prior to the meeting and enjoy having visitors.**

## Reflections on "Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation"

*"Sometimes, somebody going through what you are going through may contemplate suicide."*



At the "Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation" workshop on August 19, we were encouraged to pose that direct question to those potentially in a state of suicidal desperation.

I joined a range of Buddhist, Christian, and Jewish participants at the one-day workshop, hosted by the Higashi Hongwanji Mission.

Co-sponsored by the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i, the workshop is part of a larger initiative of the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute.

The data on suicide in the United States is sobering: CDC data from 2013 reminds us that suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death and that annually, there are about 500,000 suicide attempts across the nation.

"Soul Shop" focuses on a pastoral response, grounded in and from a faith community. Participants are invited to be leaders within their congregations, inspiring the local religious 'ohana to become a "Soul Safe Community."

This type of community is one which responds to suicidal desperation through God's call, framed in this way:

*Commit to tell someone about your own times of suicidal desperation*

*Commit to talk to someone who you have reason to believe maybe suffering from suicidal desperation*

*Ask them if they are considering suicide*

*Listen to their story*

*Lead them to safety and leave them in good hands*

As part of the day, the participants were invited to write prayers for those in the midst of suicidal desperation, for their families, and for those who work and minister with them. We were touched by the Divine's presence in and through prayers written from various faith traditions.

God Spirit of wisdom was certainly ministering right there – in and through the workshop! It was a blessed day. Please speak to me to learn more about "Soul Shop" and about enriching St. Clement's as a "Soul Safe Community."

~~ Aloha,  
Christopher+

*Note: In response to your gifts to help our Sexton, Stan, after his apartment was burglarized, we received the following note from him.*



*Mahalo St.  
Clement's,*

*I would like to  
thank the St.  
Clement's parish  
for their generosity  
and thoughtfulness. You really  
made me feel the love of the St.  
Clement's ohana.*

~~ Stanford Ornellas



### A prayer by Christopher+, written in the context of the Soul Shop Workshop

*Loving Creator,  
God of hope, of dreams, of vision:  
restore to those who are contemplating suicide;  
hope for the future,  
dreams of the past,  
and a clear vision of the present.*

*Grant them companions on the way,  
and bring them to fullness of life  
on this good earth which you have made;  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the power of the Spirit. Amen*



# 2016



# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Please note: Due to the Parish Administrator's vacation, the office will close at 3 pm M-F from September 6 through September 21. There will be no evening office hours on Tuesdays during that time. Mahalo for your understanding.</p> </div>		
<p><b>4 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>            7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH            8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2            8:45 Adult Discussion-PH            10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH            7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</p>	<p><b>5 Labor Day Offices &amp; School Closed</b>            7:00 Mankind Project-MB            7:30 AI-Anon-PH</p>	<p><b>6</b>            1:30 Staff Meeting-PH1            5:00 Labyrinth Open-PKG            6:30 Global Ministries-PH</p>
<p><b>11</b>            7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH            8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2            8:45 Adult Discussion-PH            10:00 Sunday School-PH/C Bldg            10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH            11:30 Prayer Chain Mtg.-PH1            7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</p>	<p><b>12 CLERGY SABBATH</b>            8:00 SCS Chapel-CH            1:00 Photo Tour-CH            5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG            6:00 EFM Class-SL            7:00 Mankind Project-MB            7:30 AI-Anon-PH</p>	<p><b>13</b>            1:30 Staff Meeting-PH1            6:00 Vestry Meeting-PH</p>
<p><b>18 PARISH RETREAT @ CAMP MOKULE'IA</b>            7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH            8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2            8:45 Adult Discussion-PH            10:00 Sunday School-PH/C Bldg            10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH            7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</p>	<p><b>19 CLERGY SABBATH</b>            8:00 SCS Chapel-CH            5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG            6:00 EFM Class-SL            7:00 Mankind Project-MB            7:30 AI-Anon-PH</p>	<p><b>20</b>            1:30 Staff Meeting-PH1            5:30 SCS BOD Mtg.-PH</p>
<p><b>25 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost</b>            7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH            8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2            8:45 Adult Discussion-PH            8:45 EV's-PH1            10:00 Sunday School-PH/C Bldg            10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH            7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</p>	<p><b>26 CLERGY SABBATH</b>            8:00 SCS Chapel-CH            5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG            6:00 EFM Class-SL            7:00 Mankind Project-MB            7:30 AI-Anon-PH</p>	<p><b>27</b>            1:30 Staff Meeting-PH1            6:15 Exec. Comm. Mtg.-PH</p>

**Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

	<b>1</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist-ARCADIA 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 5:30 Executive Comm.-PH1 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	<b>2</b> 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>3</b> 9:00 Altar Guild
<b>7</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2 6:00 Search Comm.-PH1	<b>8</b> 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	<b>9</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>10</b> 9:00 Altar Guild 9:00 iFoG-PH
<b>14 Holy Cross Day</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2 5:30 Na 'ohana General Membership Meeting-PH	<b>15</b> 3:00 Book Study-KAHALA NUI 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	<b>16 PARISH RETREAT @ CAMP MOKULE'IA</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH  <b>Ke`Alemanaka Deadline</b>	<b>17 PARISH RETREAT @ CAMP MOKULE'IA</b> 9:00 Altar Guild 10:30 Food Dist. Prep-KIT/PH 11:30 Food Distribution-KIT/PH
<b>21 St. Matthew</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2	<b>22</b> 8:30 SCS Sing Along-PH 3:00 Book Study-KAHALA NUI 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	<b>23</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>24</b> 9:00 Altar Guild 9:00 NAMI Event-PH
<b>28</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel & Bday Blessings-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 2:00 YO! House Cooking-KIT 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2	<b>29 St. Michael &amp; All Angels</b> 8:30 Holy Folders-PH 3:00 Book Study-KAHALA NUI 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH  <b>Ke`Alemanaka Assembly</b>	<b>30</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 9:50 SCS Kupuna Day-PH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<u>Key</u> CH - Church PH - Parish House, main hall PH1 - Meeting room 1 in Parish House PH2 - Meeting room 2 in Parish House MB - Music Building SL - Staff Lounge KIT - Kitchen PG - Playground PKG - Parking Lot



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Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

**Pilgrimage Director**

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Parish of St. Clement

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- + "Christian Zionism and Colonialism - a Response from Palestinian Christians"
- + Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre's Fall Witness Visit

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**to ensure your place on this wonderful journey!**

**From the Local Guide**

"My name is Iyad Qumri and I am an independent 'on the ground' guide for pilgrimages in the Holy Land. Once you arrive at the airport in Tel Aviv your transportation will be waiting, your lodging will be expecting you, and all of your site fees and food including tips will be included. I want each of you to completely relax in the hands of your leaders. You are on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and you will see and experience more than you ever imagined.

I was born in Jerusalem, grew up in the Holy Land and this is where my family lives. This is also where I met and married my wife, Simone, and where our two sons Sami and Rami were born. I am proud to say that they are both now in colleges in the United States. We also have a home in Jericho and will be inviting you there to visit.

Professionally I have been leading tours for more than fifteen years. I am a Christian guide and my pilgrimages have represented a number of denominations including Catholic, Episcopal and Methodist. Many of my groups return a couple of years later bringing friends and family with them. I consider this to be a tremendous compliment. Salaam, Iyad" <http://www.iyadqumripilgrimages.com/>

**From the Pilgrimage Director**

"I'm both excited and honored to be directing the 2017 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Having yearned to make my pilgrimage there since I was 18 years old, I finally realized that call in 2014 (at the age of 31!) At that time, I travelled independently, connecting with local guides for day tours, driving and exploring, and living for a week with a Palestinian-Christian family in Bethlehem. It was a truly life-changing experience, one which God is continuing to use in my life and ministry. I do hope you will prayerfully consider joining the Parish of St. Clement next year – all are welcome!

Aloha, Christopher+"

<http://stclem.org/> <http://veganpriest.org>



## Farmers Market Ministry Teams

Volunteer to help with this ministry by contacting  
Pam Fern (943-8987 or 561-1070) or Tim Hurd (372-9563)

Task	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
<b>Point Person for Set Up and Parking 3:00-5:30pm</b>	Keith Kalway	Keith Kalway	Jim Quimby	Tim Hurd	TBD
<b>Parking 3:30-5:30 pm</b>	Jim Thomas	Pam Fern	Dana Anderson	Pam Fern	TBD
<b>Set Up 4:15-4:45 pm</b>	Jim Betts Nellie McLaughlin	Jim Betts Pam Fern	Liz Ho	Pam Fern	TBD
<b>Point Person 5:30-7:30 pm</b>	Pam Fern - 561-1070				
<b>Receipts, Rents 6:30-7pm</b>	Martha Morgan	Susan Palmore	Michele Morikami	Martha Morgan	TBD
<b>Take down/ Closing* 7:20-8pm</b>	Beth Fincke Jim Mattingly John Marlowe*	Soane or Nicholas Lino Sandy Souza Arthur Buto*	River Kim Ken Morikami Pam Fern*	Sandy Souza Jim Mattingly Beth Fincke*	TBD

### A Correction on "Inclusion"

Last month I wrote about the inclusive nature of the Episcopal Church, referencing the fact that we welcome the LGBTQ community: welcoming them in all aspects of their life.

The Diocese of Hawai'i, and the Parish of St. Clement, do warmly welcome everyone – everyone! We welcome and encourage all to express their humanity through the gift of human sexuality and through the blessing of covenantal and legal marriage.

However, here I need to make a correction, and state that, at this point, not all Diocese' of the Episcopal Church are fully inclusive. In my article last month, I painted with a broad brush stroke, and did not articulate that a small number of Diocese' still maintain an official stance against the full inclusion of the LGBTQ community.

In July last year, twenty bishops of the Episcopal Church issued "The Salt Lake City Statement," a statement in which the Bishops dissented from the actions of the General Convention in passing resolutions A036 and A054 (those resolutions revised church canon law to approve marriage equality following the June 26, 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage for all in the U.S.)<sup>1</sup>

To this day, many of the same Bishops routinely fail to embrace clergy who are legally married in same-sex relationships. These bishops reject gay clergy, stop them from being licenced, and bar them from expressing their God-given vocation as a deacon, priest, or bishop.

Sadly, this continued refusal to embrace the revelation of God's love and grace through God's people – people made in the image of God's love – means the continued rejection, abuse, neglect, and persecution of the LGBTQ community. Both lay and ordained suffer in a church which refuses to take seriously Jesus' call of radical inclusion, and the apostles' call to walk in love as Christ loved us.

Let us continue to pray for of God's children who suffer from individual, corporate, or institutional maltreatment. Let us pray, that one day, all may be embraced in love, in sexuality, in marriage, across the entire branch of the Jesus movement: that movement which is The Episcopal Church.<sup>2</sup>

~~ Aloha,  
Christopher+

<sup>1</sup> View The Salt Lake City Statement here: <http://livingchurch.org/salt-lake-city-statement>  
Learn more about the General Convention resolutions here: <http://tinyurl.com/jlpdbb7>

<sup>2</sup> This phrase comes from our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry: <http://tinyurl.com/p3bb6an>

## A View from the Pew

*“And Noah said, ‘Cursed be Canaan!*

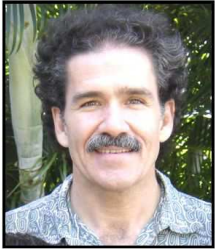
*A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren!’*

*And he said, ‘Blessed be the LORD God of Shem,  
but Canaan shall be his servant!*

*God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem,  
but Canaan shall be his servant!”*

**Noah, Genesis 9:25-27**

The Reputed Curse of Ham, Noah’s son and father of Canaan



I have shared my thoughts on “race” before, though I doubt more forcefully. However, after seeing the word used repeatedly and incorrectly in our own Episcopal Liturgy over the summer, I cannot resist sharing my thoughts even more.

As a Human Family, we continue to be as drunk as Noah and the biblical interpreters who have been misconstruing the Bible for over 3000

years. Like the ancient Israelites who used the above utterances from an intoxicated Noah in the Hebrew Bible to justify suppressing and oppressing the indigenous Canaanites, like more modern Christians and Muslims from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries who used the same text to rationalize kidnapping, selling, and enslaving Africans, and like contemporary 20<sup>th</sup> century Caucasian Christians who used it to defend apartheid and segregation in the United States, Europe, and southern Africa, the Human Family today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century continues to practice and promote racism in all its forms, both overtly and in subtle ways. Despite the fact that Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have all categorically rejected racism and every aberration of their Holy Scriptures which supported it, Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike continue to vilify and persecute people solely upon the basis of their race, as if somehow a person’s race ~ or even just the color of their skin ~ makes them deserving of our communal scorn and hatred, and the suffering and despair we inflict. Yet, here is the paradox: Biologically and metaphysically there is no such thing as “race.”

Race is a notion, concept, term, and reality entirely concocted by us. In other words, we made it up. To borrow a maxim from our Hindu and Buddhist brothers and sisters, race was and always will be an illusion. It is something completely manufactured by one group of people to explain our irrational feelings of superiority over another group of people, to legitimize the horrors we afflicted and afflict them with, and to absolve ourselves of the evils that, in our hearts, minds, and souls, we knew and know that we had committed and continue to commit. It was and still is not simply an intellectual shortcoming or folly of the human condition. The very idea of race, and the racism that necessarily ensues, is not just ignorance or idiocy, it is madness.

But, here is the irony: Those of us who are working hard to eliminate racism, not to mention the discrimination which unavoidably arises out of it, are perpetuating racism every time we use the word race, as if it was and continues to be a matter of fact. It is not fact. It is fiction. Homo Sapiens, the Human Family to which we all belong, are so genetically alike that we do not even have subspecies like Big Cats and K9’s do in nature. The only other Human races, or more

correctly Human species, such as the ancient Homo Erectus of Asia or the more recent Homo Neanderthal of Europe, passed from existence in prehistory. What is fact, however, is that the mitochondrial DNA of all humans living today can be traced back to a single Homo Sapiens woman, an “Eve” who lived over 100,000 years ago in eastern Africa. She is our common mitochondrial ancestor, and has been and still is our common ancestor through an unbroken genetic chain passed on by all of our mothers ever since she gave birth to her first daughter. To be sure, as Homo Sapiens migrated out of Africa into the rest of the world, we developed a variety of differing traits as our bodies adapted to a variety of differing environments, but the fact remains we are only one Human Family.

To borrow a catch-phrase from the environmental activist and former Vice President Al Gore, here is another “inconvenient truth” for those of us who cling to the misconception of race: There is no such thing as white or black human skin color, as if we need to be reminded by our elementary school art teachers that white and black are not colors. All skin human color is brown to one degree or another, with the only exception being people afflicted with the most severe forms of Albinism, a genetic disorder that affects melanin production across the Human Family. Melanin is the substance in the body produced by the sun which gives color to our hair, skin, and iris of our eyes. Our skin is a lighter or darker color of brown, depending upon how long our ancestors were historically exposed to the sun. If our ancestry goes back 2,000 to 3,000 years or more in Northern Europe, our skin color will be fair. If our ancestry goes back a similar time span in Australia, our skin color will be dark. Inversely, skin color can revert, as it did in the people of southern India whose ancestors originally migrated north from Africa and became fair, and then migrated south and became dark again. The majority of the Human Family is somewhere in between. In other words, to attach pejorative connotations onto each other based on how light or dark is our skin is not just ignorance or idiocy, it too is madness.

*“So God created humanity in God’s own image,  
in the image of God they were created,  
male and female God created them.”*

**Genesis 1:27**

~~ Submitted by  
Scott Suzuki-Jones

# SEPTEMBER 2016 Lay Minister Schedule

Sunday	SEPTEMBER 4	SEPTEMBER 11	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 25
Lectionary Year C	<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Readings	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-11 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Flowers	Beth Fincke	Kiki Fordham	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke Adrienne Lau

\* \* \* \* \* **7:30 am Service** \* \* \* \* \*

<b>Lector</b>	Kingsley Wong	Keith Kalway	Kathleen Norris	Hew Reynolds
<b>Lector/EM</b>	Scott Hauger	Jim Quimby	Susan Palmore	Martha Morgan
<b>Euch. Min</b>	Jim Quimby	Scott Hauger	Pam Fern	Dana Anderson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Pam Fern	Cecilia Fordham
<b>Ushers</b>	Harrison Ishida Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Kingsley, Joni & Tyler Wong	Sandy Souza
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Tahmi Brodhead	Leslie Isaki Martha Laxson	Kingsley, Joni & Tyler Wong	Cecilia Fordham

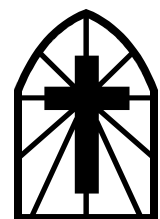
\* \* \* \* \* **10:15 am Service** \* \* \* \* \*

<b>Lector</b>	Mary Carpenter	Elizabeth McCutcheon	Gayle Chang	Anna Blackwell
<b>Lector/EM</b>	Micheline McManus	Sam Hawk	Paris Priore-Kim	Jane Anderson
<b>Euch. Min</b>	Paris Priore-Kim	Brad Siefkes	Micheline McManus	Moria Amjadi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz Baldwin Rich Lowe	Terry Ledford Arthur Buto	Liz Baldwin Keli'i deFrancia	Arthur Buto Terry Ledford
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Moani Crowell Keli'i deFrancia	Tau'eva Lino	Nellie McLaughlin Beth Charlton	Liz Baldwin

**Greeters Team: Jim Quimby**

**7:30 am Service:** Jim Quimby, Carol Taylor, Annabel Murray

**10:15 am Service:** Beth Charlton, Liz Baldwin





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Schedule of Worship Services  
Sundays: 7:30 am and 10:15 am  
Wednesdays: 10 am

## Datebook

Monday, September 5 **Labor Day Holiday**  
**Offices and School Closed**

Tuesday, September 13  
6 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, September 14  
5:30 pm SCS Na`Ohana Membership Meeting

Friday, September 16  
**Ke`Alemanaka Deadline**

Friday, September 16-Sunday, September 18  
Parish Retreat at Camp Mokule`ia

Saturday, September 17  
11:30 Food Distribution and Lunch

Thursday, September 29  
**8:30 am Ke`Alemanaka Assembly**

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Parish Office Hours:

Through September 21 (**Note time change**):

Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 3 pm

Normal Office Hours as of September 22:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm

Tuesdays 8:30 am to 8 pm

Staff meetings - Tuesdays, 1:30 pm to 2:30 PM

Thursdays

4:30 pm Farmers Market