# ECWK MO'OLELO

**The newsletter of the Episcopal Church on West Kauai**

*Celebrating over 75 years of serving Christ and His people on Kauai*

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## Aloha from St. John's, Ele'ele & St. Paul's, Kekaha

### Rev. Franklin Chun Revisits Kaua'i

On July 26th, Rev. Franklin Chun was on Kaua'i to celebrate Sunday Eucharist at St. Paul's and St. John's. Accompanying Fr. Chun was wife Norma as well as Norma's brother and sister. He gave a sermon about Jesus' parables of the mustard seed, the pearl of great price, and the leaven. It was a joy to hear the gospel read from *Da Jesus Book.* Fr. Chun is distinguished as one of the authors of this vibrant translation of the gospels into local Hawaiian Pidgin dialect.

Rev. and Mrs. Chun lived at the St. John's vicarage in the early 1970's when he was assigned here as his first parish. It was wonderful to connect with them again as they renewed old acquaintances. *Photos: Fr. Frank now and in 1972*

On Sunday July 26th, we bid fond aloha to Chequita and Narreinar Loston-Williams and their two children Qierren and Niahla. The Loston-Williams are moving to Georgia to be closer to family. Their presence has enriched our lives and they have contributed to our island community in many ways. It has been a joy to watch their family grow. The family plans to return to Kaua'I for yearly visits.

### August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration

***Collect for the Transfiguration***

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 243).

## Fr. Pete Wright's August–September Residency has been cancelled due to the Pandemic.

We all had been looking forward to having Fr. Pete *(pictured here in 2019 with students and staff of the Kanaka School of Kekaha)* here at ECWK for two months. Kauai hadn't had any new Covid-19 cases in weeks, and the case rate seemed to be trending down everywhere. Then in the last half of July, the daily rate of new cases began to rise again, in Hawaii as well as the mainland, and is still rising as of this publication. Calling off Fr. Pete's residency was a sad and difficult decision for the Bishop's Committee. However, it was felt that to truly *malama* (care for, serve, honor and protect) our church and community, our island, and Fr. Pete, it was necessary to ask him and Penny to stay at home. On the happy side, Fr. Pete will be sending us Sunday sermons to be read and broadcast, so at least we will hear from him!

In the coming weeks ECWK will alternate Holy Eucharist services, when supply clergy are available, with Morning Prayer services when clergy is not available. In October & November, Rev. Kerry Holder and her husband Peter are scheduled to serve at ECWK for two months.

Let's pray that the daily new cases begin to recede, that travel becomes more rather than less possible, and that we are able to continue in in-person worship. Let's also be ready to trust God and keep the fire in our hearts if restrictions again become necessary. (Follow ECWK on Facebook for the latest local Covid-19 updates.)

Some scenes from June 2011, and Easter 1994. These children are in their 30's now! Sweet Aloha to the faces we miss!

## Hurricane Douglas (Narrowly) Misses Hawaii

Hawaii prepared for the worst but was very fortunate when Douglas skirted the islands to the North, as little as 40 miles offshore. Even more fortunate was that Douglas stayed a Category 1 (80-100mph) hurricane. The forecast was uncertain, though: there was no certainty that the storm wouldn't become stronger, or hit Kauai head-on with damaging winds. We worked hard to prepare, sandbagging St. John's and the parish hall, readying St. Paul's and our own homes as best we could, and prepared for an exciting night(the storm was expected to hit Kauai around midnight). Thankfully Douglas didn't veer from its course, and we awoke to wind and rain but no damage. Only some sore muscles from the hard-working days of preparation. Needless to say we all are grateful!

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## The Story of the St. George Window and Richard Masao Sako

The story begins on a rainy Ele'ele day in 1938, when 18-year old Richard Masao Sako, known to many as "Masa", saw a man standing outside his car working on a flat tire. He walked up to the man and offered to help. This man was Capt. Harold Smith, a Church Army (Anglican missionary) minister from England, who pastored the Eleele congregation. He would become an important part of Masao's early life. After that meeting, Masa joined the Boy Scout Troop (Kauai Troop 89) headed by Capt. Smith and he soon became a member of St. John's Church, through Capt. Smith's encouragement. He almost certainly participated in the building of St. John' Church, beginning in 1940.

In 1944 the Japanese congregation wanted to add something to the church in memory of the soldiers of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who did not come back. They decided to give the stained-glass window of St. George slaying the dragon. In honor of the 442nd, this St. George was to have a Japanese face, and Masao Sako was chosen to be the model for it.

## Congratulations to Grandparents!!

Two of our families have welcomed new grandchildren recently! Maggie Chrisp's daughter Rachel and husband Adam gave birth to a boy, Christopher Kai Cotton on July 20th of O'ahu. Wilma and Carlos Medina recently got the news from California that son Charlie and his wife Yajaira gave birth to a daughter, Mae. We congratulate and rejoice with the new parents and grandparents!

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## ECWK is on Facebook

A good way to stay in touch is the ECWK Facebook page. It is updated daily with News from ECWK and the Diocese, messages from our resident clergy, Bishop Fitzpatrick and Presiding Bishop Curry, links to virtual worship services around the Diocese and elsewhere, Covid-19 updates, photos, music and humor. We would love for you to visit!

## *Important Message for ECWK Members*

We currently have no 'priests-in-residence' on island due to Covid travel restrictions.
If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Lynn At (808) 337-9253 or the church office at 335-5533 and leave a message. We will reply asap and contact Pastor Imelda or one of the Episcopal priests on island to minister to you.

## ECWK Leadership

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