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New Priest at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 1515 Wilder Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

The Reverend Brian G. Rallison

The vestry has called the Reverend Brian G. Rallison to join the St. Clement's Parish 'ohana (family) beginning on March 1, 2024.

Rev. Rallison is currently an Episcopal priest, serving two inner city parishes, Grace Episcopal Church and the Incarnation, and Holy Innocents St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He holds a bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family, from the University of Utah, and two (2) master's degrees in Divinity, from Virginia Theological Seminary and Church Divinity School of the Pacific, respectively.

Reverend Rallison's self-described preaching style includes a fondness for the full range of life-changing liturgies of the church. He celebrated mass with the St. Clement's vestry and search committee in January 2024. During the mass, Rev. Rallison invited participants to celebrate communion with him at the high altar of St. Clement's. After the service, interviewers were impressed by Rev. Rallison's ability to make the liturgy come alive. A vestry member commented: "I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during communion."

Rev. Rallison is an energetic leader and a proponent of pastoral presence, along with a love for evangelism, and outreach to people of all ages. During his visitation, the vestry was impressed with Rev. Rallison's ability to form connections by listening deeply to individuals. He believes that by working together with parishioners, "We can do great things for God's people at St. Clement's, Honolulu, the Hawaiian islands, and beyond."

Reverend Rallison's gifts include pastoral care, healing, outreach, incorporating the community, and sharing God's love in the world. During his seminary studies, Rev. Rallison gained experience working with homeless people in San Francisco. As a priest in Philadelphia, he was involved in children's outreach ministry, and an afterschool program, starting up a food pantry and clothing drives, hosting community dinners, and connecting with legal aid and community service organizations.

In addition to his pastoral gifts, Rev. Rallison also possesses a strong background in finance. He was the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of a mortgage bank firm that funded \$1.6 billion in real estate loans. He also has experience with grant writing. In working with one of his senior wardens, they successfully secured resources for their parish.

When asked, "How are you preparing for the future?", Rev. Rallison wrote: "I am striving for excellence and becoming more authentic." He said he doesn't have all the answers, but believes we should be open to incorporating new and inventive ways to use the power of love, and the Good News of God to inspire others.

Rev. Rallison will be introduced at St. Clement's on Sunday, March 3. He will celebrate his first mass at church on the following Sunday, March 10, at the 9:30 am service.