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A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP HANCHETT

Editor's Note — As many of you know, Bishop Hanchett underwent surgery on December 27 for cancer of the bowel. Beginning with the first diagnosis in mid-December, he shared full information about his physical and spiritual condition with the clergy of the Diocese in his regular clergy letter. Rather than a news item concerning the Bishop's recent illness, I have taken the liberty to publish here excerpts from these letters.

December 19 — "... It was at that time that he told me that he was 95 percent positive that the small mass of ulcerations was malignant. However, he could not be sure until he had gotten back the biopsy report. However, whatever the nature of the report, it would be necessary for me to undergo surgery to remove the growth. I found myself taking the news very quietly and calmly. I felt no sense of panic or despair. Very powerfully I felt the presence of God who seemed to embrace me and assure me that whatever the situation, He was with me. I was amazed that as I drove home, I had no worry or fear within me. My concern was for my family and their reaction. I give my future into God's hands. My hope is that He will let me finish the work He has given me to do. I will try to live each day as creatively as I can in His Presence and am ready for whatever He has in store for me."

December 24 — "I am ready, even a bit impatient, for the surgery which will be done on Friday morning. I have absolute trust in my surgeon and know that he will do everything possible to remove the cancer. I am resting easy in the Lord and I am not afraid. My family has been tremendous and I am grateful for their loving care and support. I think that all of this has been more difficult for them than for me. I know that many are praying for me and I find much strength and comfort in this knowledge. As you pray for my healing, please also pray that my faith and trust in God will not waver. He has been constantly by my side and will sustain me in the days ahead as I keep myself open to Him."

January 9 — "I was released from the hospital last Tuesday just before noon. What a glorious feeling it was. It seemed remarkable to me to have been through such radical surgery just ten days before and to be feeling as good as I did. The operation required a colostomy and this, naturally, means a change in life style to which I seem to be adjusting quite well. He (the doctor) found a few nodules in the liver which, hopefully, will respond to chemotherapy. There may also be other cancer cells in the bloodstream which need to be arrested. I found much assurance in his words that he had done his best and that the rest was really in God's hands. I remember, just before losing consciousness from the anaesthesia, saying with a great sense of peace, 'God, I give myself into your keeping.' When I awoke — very painfully — in the Intensive Care Unit, the very first words I remember uttering — very thick tongued — were 'thank you, Father'. Never before in my life have I known so much love as has been showered upon me and my family during this illness. Cards, letters, flowers, telephone calls, telegrams and most of all, prayers, have given us a kind of strength and encouragement that is amazing. In the hospital as all the different messages were passed on to me, I could only praise God that by His grace I am a part of the Community of love established by His Son. I just can't find the proper words to express my humble gratitude for you and to you for being with me in thought and prayer during this critical period in my life. I will continue to need your prayers in the months that lie ahead, just as I will keep you in mine. The power of prayer is always amazing. Please do not feel guilty if you are not able to visit personally with me. I know that I am in your prayers, and that is what counts most."

January 16 — "I am gaining new strength every day. I should be well enough healed from surgery to begin chemotherapy treatments next week. I understand that these will continue to restrict my activities, much depending on how my body reacts to the drugs. As was true of surgery, I am rather impatient to get going with this next phase. Please do not be as careless as I was and neglect regular physical examinations. My doctors told me that two years is the absolute limit for folk past forty. My tumor could have been discovered last year had I gone in for a check. I have learned my lesson the hard way, and I love you all too much to let it happen to you, especially when there are preventive measures."

HCC PASTOR'S MEET TO FEATURE BIERDORF AND BLAKE

Two nationally known church leaders head up the program for the annual Hawaii Council of Churches Pastor's Convocation at Camp Kailani on Oahu, February 3-6.

Dr. John E. Biersdorf, Director of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies, will focus on spiritual growth disciplines.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, recently retired General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, will offer insights into the world-wide ecumenical movement and will discuss the newly formed Bread for the World organization, a group formed to awaken American church members to the international food crisis.

Pastors, priests, nuns, other religious workers, and interested lay people are welcome to participate in this significant opportunity for greater Christian understanding.

For further information contact the Hawaii Council of Churches at 521-2666.



A day of spiritual renewal and growth was sponsored by the Rt. Rev. Clarence Hobgood, Bishop for the Armed Forces and Special Ministries, and Suffragan to the Presiding Bishop, at St. George's Episcopal Church of the 4th of January.

The program content was presented by the Rev. Canon Wm. A. Johnson, PHD, Canon Theologian of The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and Professor of Religion at Brandeis University.

An enthusiastic group representing several of the Leeward Churches attended the program. Bishop Hobgood opened the day in a celebration of the Eucharist. Canon Johnson then presented the first of two lectures.

Both lectures dealt unashamedly with theological dogma. The first was on Christology and the second, on Eschatology. Several people were heard to say that they had never had The Revelation of St. John presented in such an understandable manner.

PULKINGHAM

TO VISIT CALVARY

The Rev. Graham Pulkingham, former rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Houston Texas and now consultant in outreach ministry, will meet with the congregation of Calvary Church, Kaneohe, in late February. He will be accompanied by Mr. Bill Farra, a layman active in the creation of the outreach ministry at Church of the Redeemer.

Fr. Pulkingham came to the Church of the Redeemer when it was a rundown urban church deserted by its former parishioners and surrounded by slums. A few years later, Redeemer, bolstered by Christian communities of lay people, stood as an example of effective outreach in a troubled world. The story is told by Fr. Pulkingham in his moving and personal book, **GATHERED FOR POWER**.

Lay leaders of Calvary have been examining their own sense of Christian community for several years. Their rector, the Rev. Eugene Harshman, makes periodic trips to Houston to experience the Christian communities there. The meeting at Calvary next month with Fr. Pulkingham is but another step on the path.

On the evening of February 21st, Fr. Pulkingham will present a program for members of the parish and for other interested people on the general topic of deepening our commitment to one another.

On Monday, February 24th, Fr. Pulkingham will meet with other clergy in Hawaii who have an interest in the program. Call Calvary Church, 247-2733, for information and times.

NEWS BRIEFS

After some debate, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in its December meeting approved a \$13.9 million General Church Program Budget for 1975. One item not in this year's budget is a subsidy for the Church's national newspaper, **THE EPISCOPALIAN**. The Council also reduced the funding for Mission Service and Strategy (MS&S) but E.A.S.T. received an overall increase from \$70,825 in 1974 to \$214,363.

Receipts to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief are higher in 1974 than any year since the late 1940's, according to the treasurer of the Executive Council.

As of November 30, receipts to the Fund amounted to \$926,831.78. This compares with \$830,615 for all of 1973.

The Fund's board reported to the Council that more and more of its grants are being made to drought/famine/hunger areas of the world.

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Paul Bigliardi, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, is recovering from emergency open heart surgery performed on December.

Nine high school-age members of the Dayton Regional Advisory Committee on Youth met with the youth leaders. The young people later conducted a meeting to which the adult participants were invited.

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NCC MAKES WORLD HUNGER TASK FORCE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 19 — New and wide-ranging proposals for dealing with hunger at home and abroad were developed this week during an intensive two-day work session at Graymoor Christian Unity Center, Garrison, New York.

Dr. Claire Randall, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, convened the meeting on request of member denominations looking to develop joint strategies for relieving the world food crisis.

Ninety participants represented 16 NCC member communions; as well as related agencies; city, state, regional and world ecumenical bodies; plus staff.

SUPPORT TO DOUBLE

By general agreement, participants pledged to work through their denominations to double U.S. church support of hunger programs in 1975. They also called for a strengthening of the Washington Interreligious Staff Council (WISC), looking toward a full-time, Capitol-based coordinator of hunger issues as they relate to public policy. In addition, they requested a coordination of educational materials, as well as nationwide programs to affect change in consumption patterns.

In a major action, the work session created a World Hunger Task Force which will function over the next four months coordinating results of the meeting and determining appropriate actions. The task force also will serve as a coordinating vehicle for Protestant and Orthodox churches and with Roman Catholic and Jewish hunger programs.

Named to head the task force was Milo "Mike" Thornberry, newly-appointed coordinator of World Hunger Concerns for NCC staff. Until now, Thornberry has been the NCC's field service coordinator for China Program.

ADOPT COVENANT

In other actions, participants adopted The Graymoor Covenant on World Hunger, a statement of intent developed at the meeting, and authorized its use in testimony at the Senate ad hoc hearing on the food crisis December 18.

The Graymoor Covenant advocates immediate food aid for "those half-billion people suffering from severe malnutrition or starvation," and calls attention to the "long-standing injustices" which perpetuate hunger.

President Ford is urged "to make an immediate commitment by the U.S. Government of four million additional tons of grain between now and June 30, 1975," to the most hard-pressed areas through "multilateral channels" wherever possible and on humanitarian rather than military or political grounds.

HUNGER A PRIORITY ISSUE

The statement pledges "to make hunger a priority issue in every local church and community"; to increase legislative action; to mount a massive educational effort "that upholds the benefits and possibilities" of reduced consumption; to reorder national priorities "to reflect a commitment to human need, development and freedom"; to bring about a serious analysis of the causes of current injustices and to "initiate action programs that will change them."

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTS

GREENWICH, Conn. — The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church has adopted a series of resolutions concerning "the problem of world hunger," identified as "a challenge before all people greater than anything previously experienced in history."

Bishop Edmond L. Browning, executive for mission, told the Council, "We see God speaking to us through the starving people of the world. Though we have heard this," he said, "we must re-affirm it to the people of God."

"There is a mission this church has to the starving," he said. "There must be a living, acting, sacramental response to this problem," he added.



The Council responded by adopting a Statement which commits it to "the short term imperative" of seeking "to interrupt the process of certain starvation for as many as possible of the hundreds of thousands of human beings who will die in the coming months."

The Statement also speaks to "the long term necessity" of working toward the "redistribution of the world's available resources so that all peoples are able, not only to sustain life, but to achieve with dignity the highest possible quality of life."

The Council asked Presiding Bishop John M. Allin to "request that every parish of the Episcopal Church form a Task Force on Hunger" to raise awareness of "the dimensions of the crisis and its causes" and to enable "immediate and long range actions."

The Council approved the calling of two regional conferences (one east and one west of the Mississippi River) to be held in January and February, 1975, "to train enablers for each diocese within the U.S." The overseas bishops at their meeting in February, 1975, will be asked to arrange for the training of similar teams in their dioceses.

An ad hoc Inter-Provincial Team will be appointed by Bishop Allin "to be responsible for the implementation of the planning, conducting, and evaluation of these regional, diocesan and parish activities." A report by this team is to be made to the Council in September, 1975, "with recommendations for future policy, structure and program."

The Council also adopted an "immediate response commitment," and commended the paper to "every diocese, parish and member of this Church."

WORLD HUNGER STATEMENT

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Give us this day our daily bread" is the prayer of Christians throughout the world. It is also the cry of millions of starving people. The sharing of bread is the manner in which the empowering presence of Christ is mediated to us. While the sacramental act means more than physical bread, it nevertheless does not mean less than the actual sharing of material bread as a sustainer of life. The petition for daily bread for Christians is not only the subject of prayer but also an imperative for sharing that bread with the hungry.

Scriptures witness that the nations are judged by their actions toward the meeting of basic human needs of food, clothing and shelter. We would also affirm in the face of the overwhelming needs and tragedy, a Gospel of a living God acting to feed His children and inviting all to work with Him in that task.

The Gospel demands our active response to world hunger now. Famines continue to occur. Hungry people increase in total numbers and the pressure of populations on the World's food supply becomes more serious with each passing day.

The crisis confronts all Americans with an urgent need to inform ourselves with the available facts about hunger in the world and in our own communities. We must also work to understand the underlying conditions (political, economic, social, population explosion, agricultural, psychological and geophysical) which have created them.

The question we need to ask ourselves is what God would have us do as Christians. In dialogue with God, ourselves and other concerned people, we will need to know where we stand within the Gospel imperative in order to have a basis for making the ethical and moral decisions demanded of us. All of us at various times are in decision-making positions; we must then express our moral and ethical values in the political, economic and social arenas, knowing who and what our Lord calls us to be.

In response to the urgent calling of the living Jesus Christ and to the leading of the Holy Spirit there are two dimensions of action immediately before us:

1. The short term imperative is to interrupt the process of certain starvation for as many as possible of the hundreds of thousands of human beings who will die in the coming months.

2. The long term necessity is redistribution of the world's available resources so that all peoples are able, not only to sustain life, but to achieve with dignity the highest possible quality of life.

We have a clear call to both immediate and long range action.

Immediately, we must provide sufficient sums of money and food, in cooperation with other nations, for relief of stricken areas in the other parts of the world. Also we must increase our activities to relieve hunger and malnutrition in each of our local communities.

The long range and more complex task is that of altering our economic, political and social systems to allow for and insure sufficient production and equitable distribution of scarce world resources — food, energy, water, fertilizers. Clearly, it will be necessary for us to develop a depth of global consciousness and a sense of mutual responsibility and interdependence which at the present we do not have.

These courses of action are going to require radically changed behavior in each one of us, and ultimately in billions of people elsewhere. At stake is the survival of the human race and the equality of life for those who remain. At stake is the reality of faith in the Lord who makes himself known in the breaking of bread.



The commitment calls for daily prayer "for those who do not have food . . . and for grace and power to take appropriate action"; a suggested contribution of "a percentage of our income to the feeding of the hungry — at least \$1.00 per family per month"; an examination and evaluation of "our life, styles with respect to the use of resources which might be available for feeding the hungry"; finding "ways to consume less energy in our daily lives . . . in order to help our economy which will in turn will make more aid to other nations possible"; and "to bring about appropriate political, social and economic change" by participating "in reforming the institutions of society."

Bishop Allin has also asked for a special contribution by every member of the church for the hungry of the world during Epiphanytide. Checks should be made payable to The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, designated for "Hunger," and sent to the Fund at the Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.



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LOCAL MISSION COMM REPORTS

Twenty parishes and missions of the Diocese contributed a total of \$7,805 to the special projects of the Diocesan Mission and Outreach Committee for 1974.

There was \$1805 sent to St. Andrew's Theological Seminary in the Philippines for the proposed expansion of the Mosher Library there. Teen Challenge Hawaii received \$3845 to assist them in their drug rehabilitation and education program, and \$2155 went to Grace Episcopal Mission at Hoolejua Molokai for reroofing of the Church, Parish Hall, and Vicarage.

According to the Rev. R. Duncan, Committee Chairman, this was one of the most successful campaigns conducted by the Diocesan Mission and Outreach Committee. "Such broad participation, and such very generous support, show that we care outside ourselves," Fr. Duncan said. "Thank you for caring!"

Bishop Hanchett has appointed Fr. Duncan as head of the newly formed Diocesan Committee for World Hunger, and has indicated that this committee should take the place of the Diocesan Mission and Outreach Committee.

EDITOR'S NOTE

In the past few months there has been a great deal published on the questions relating to World Hunger. There have even been some solutions proposed. TIME and NEWSWEEK have both given rather comprehensive coverage of the problem.

The Church has also been pondering the questions and offering solutions of its own. In this issue of the CHRONICLE we report the early actions of the National Council of Churches in their conference on World Hunger at Graymoor Christian Unity Center in mid-December. The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church began its work on World Hunger in late September, and acted to set up a national program for the Church in its December meeting. At that time our Presiding Bishop issued his call for Hunger Contributions to his Fund for World Relief.

Here in the Episcopal Church in Hawaii, Bishop Hanchett recently appointed the Rev. R. Duncan to develop a diocesan program for World Hunger. Until that program is underway many individual parishes are setting up temporary programs. The Rev. Richard E. Winkler suggests one such program modeled after one recommended by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Other parishes are taking special offerings and some, like the Cathedral, are strengthening their existing local program of relief to the undernourished.

The problem of World Hunger is real, and it may not have a solution. We must ask ourselves what our response to this problem should be as Christians. And what should be the response of our Churches. . . .

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OUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

by the Rev. Richard E. Winkler

Recently our Presiding Bishop asked Episcopalians everywhere to make a sincere effort to set aside one dollar a month per family for the sole purpose of feeding the hungry. Soon the Church will embark upon a major and more comprehensive program directed toward alleviating world hunger. Until that program is developed there is still much the individual Christian can do beyond that twelve dollars a year.

In a recent news article there was listed a 7-point program of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) "designed to alleviate world hunger and suffering." Perhaps if we looked at the LDS 7-point program we could adapt it to our own expression of love and concern for the world's suffers. . . .

(1) "Fully observe a monthly fast day day by abstaining from food and drink for at least two meals and contributing the cost of the food to the church food program for the needy." If we all did this, our contribution to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief would exceed that dollar a month many times over. We would also have just an inkling of what it means to be hungry and thirsty.

(2) "Maintain a year's supply of food for the family." The Mormons are certainly not recommending hoarding here, but are merely following some of the Biblical practices of preparing for future eventualities. They are working with dried foods, and this may be a wise matter to explore.

(3) "Conserve energy by joining car pools and obeying speed limits." This is self-explanatory and we all realize how much gas and energy are wasted by our unwise use of our automobiles. Did you ever stop to think how much gas is burnt driving around the supermarket lot looking for a parking space in order to keep from walking a few feet farther?

(4) "Do not waste food, and teach children to use food frugally." In these times of the throw away carton, we only too often get into bad throwaway habits where food is concerned. We either prepare too much and let the remainder go to waste in the refrigerator, or we eat a lot of non-nutritious foods that cause our bodies to demand more of other foods we should eat. And then how about that deadly sin of gluttony, whereby we waste food by eating too much at meals or inbetween?

(5) "Strive for greater productivity

in employment by giving your employer more than he requires." We all know that giving him less is plain and simple dishonesty. Giving more than is required would change the whole picture of productivity in our country, and would be an immense step toward the elimination of inflation as well as unemployment.

(6) "Guard your health through adequate exercise and rest." The high toll of poor health is added expense and loss of work time and much grief and pain for those involved. Remember that our bodies are the "Temples of the Holy Spirit" and we are obligated to God to keep them in top condition.

(7) "Strengthen the family unit by



observing daily prayers and weekly family home evening programs." While we may wonder what this would have to do with relieving world hunger, we do not have to look far to see what it would do, to relieve suffering. Much of our suffering is due to broken homes and families that have no close ties to God and to each other.

The leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are to be commended for the program they are recommending for their people, and we can be pretty sure that the seven points will be followed by a large percentage of their membership.

We Episcopalians are capable of doing as much and even more and should give serious study to the above, with a purpose of making these points relevant to our own family and individual lives.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE . . .

St. John's, Eleele, can boast the first new parents of 1975. On January 1 **Theresa Rita** gave birth to a 6-pound boy which she and **Edward** have named **Brandon Lee Kekoa Rita** . . . And on Guam, the Rev. **Jack Tabili** and his wife, **Claire**, now have a son, **Jacinto Aquino Tabili, Jr.**, born on January 8. Congratulations and best wishes to everyone!

Dr. David Babin, of Seabury Western Theological Seminary, traveled to Kauai in mid-January to begin his road show on liturgy. Next stop will be Maui at the end of the month. Those of you who heard **Dr. Babin** at convention should pass the word out to those who missed the chance. He is certainly worth walking to church to hear.

The **Lay Academy** is getting underway in its new semester and what a program they've got lined up. **Rabbi Nodel** will be teaching a course in the Old Testament prophets. **Dr. Babin** will be holding forth in liturgics, and the Rev. **John Engelcke**, on contemporary Christian writers. With a group of instructors like this who needs to go to the mainland.

The recent statewide **Hawaii Episcopal Youth Convocation (HEY)** brought together a total of 72 young people representing all of the churches in the Diocese. **Pam Herkner** of **Holy Nativity** was elected **HEY** president for '75.

St. Luke's is proposing to enter into a partnership project with the Korean Diocese of Pusan, bringing a priest for training in Honolulu for four months. He will also work with the clergy team at **St. Luke's** in worship and pastoral work.

St. Andrew's Cathedral hosted an islandwide 'Course in Prayer' in mid-January presented by the Rev. **Homer Rogers** of the Diocese of Dallas. The series was taped and the **Cathedral** will share the tapes with other parishes upon request. **Dean Conley** said of the course, "I guess most of what happened was to reintroduce us to our Anglican heritage, and to help us to attune again to the wealth of devotion and spirituality that lies all around us."

New date for **Convention '75** is October 17-19. The change was made necessary so that we could have adequate hotel accommodations in Hilo. This year the pre-convention package will be published in the **HAWAIIAN CHURCH CHRONICLE** instead of being mailed to the delegates and alternates of each parish and mission. By this we hope to save some money and, most important, have a more informed people in the Diocese.

For those of you visiting Maui, or those luckier who already live here, save February 23-26 for a mission conducted by **Ann White**, of the Victorious Ministry for Christ, at **Good Shepherd**. The mission topic is "Healing of Relationships." **Ann White** will stop on Maui on her return trip from the Anglican Charismatic Conference to be held in Australia.

Talk about Outreach . . . Did you know that **Holy Nativity** sponsors the **Kalaniana'ole Athletic Club** consisting of 14 teams and 179 boys and a basketball court? The league is in its 13th season, and games are played during the weekends at **Holy Nativity Youth Center**. Come on out and catch some of the action!



Three hundred and fifty **Makawao** school children gasped with delight as a ragged kitchen maid was transformed into a dazzling princess in **Seabury Hall's** recent production of **Cinderella**. **Cinderella** was presented for school children on Friday, November 22nd, with two public performances on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd. The script was written by **Frances Ellison**, whose plays and costumes have entranced **Honolulu Theatre for Youth** audiences for years. **Betty Green** directed and **Fred Rawe** executed the three sets necessary for the production.

The role of **Cinderella** was shared by **Bambi** and **Keta Worst**, twins from **Hana**, making the transformation from rags to stain a rapid and startling phenomenon. **Mark Dowis** was a handsome **Prince Justin**. **Susan Zoeckler**, of **Kula**, stole the show with her haughty portrayal of **Dame Edythe**, **Cinderella's** stepmother; **Annie Young** and **Jonelle Spero** exchanged insults in the best tradition of ugly stepsisters. Other members of the cast included **Jeff Tubbs**, **Linda Balfour**, **Ron Phelps**, **Laura Balfour** and **Todd Rinier** as members of the royal household; **Ruth Ann Ballinger** and **Stacy Lent** as pages; and **Toni Worst** as a rather befuddled but ultimately successful fairy godmother. **Cinderella** was **Seabury's** first production of the school year. Another play is planned for the spring.

Photo by Snooker



The issue of **Prayer Book vs. the Green Book** will be aired on **William F. Buckley's** TV program, **FIRING LINE**, some time in the latter part of January or in early February. Check your TV listing for **ETV** broadcast schedule here in Hawaii.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Rt. Rev. **Edward R. Welles**, retired Bishop of West Missouri and one of the bishops who participated in the July 29, 1974 ordination of eleven women, recently said, "If there is one thing I am sure of in my heart and mind and soul it is that what was done at Philadelphia in the ordaining of women as priests was right." He went on to say that he performed the ordination as a "personal witness."

Seabury Press announces the publication of **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU**, An Introduction in its History, Worship and Mission. The book was written as a guide to the Church for persons who are interested in confirmation or being received into the Church, or for members who would like a brief overview. The book is available in both hard covers and paperback.

NEW LIFE, a magazine about renewal within the Episcopal Church, shifted from a bimonthly to a monthly schedule with its January issue. For a sample of this bright magazine write the editor at 29 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02116.

Adult youth leaders representing 42 dioceses of the Episcopal Church met in Dayton Ohio to take the first step in starting a national network of professional church youth workers. They also unanimously endorsed a proposed Episcopal Church Foundation student program, designed to develop new forms of ministry with youth.

The Rev. **William A. Jones, Jr.**, 47, has been elected eighth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.



OAHU HEARS OF MISSION WORK

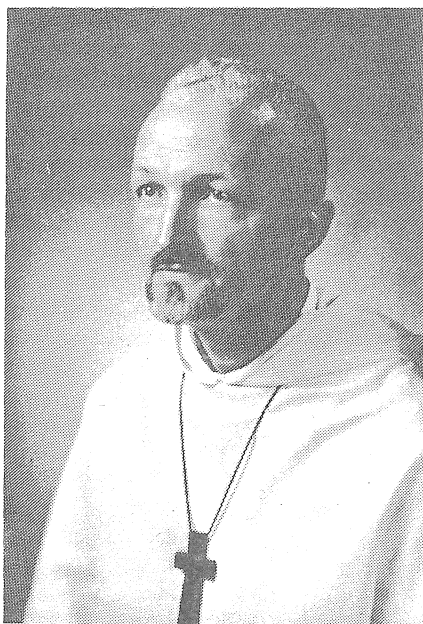
The Rev. **Lee Stevens**, OHC, of the **Mbalotahun Leprosy Clinic** in **Monrovia, Liberia**, West Africa spent two weeks with Oahu's Episcopal Churches during Advent.

His emphasis was mission and he made it quite clear that he felt that the church has lost the spirit for mission outreach that led the church to support foreign missions and missionaries in days gone by. The purposed of his visit he said was "to inspire the prayerful, physical, and monetary response of people by making them aware of the staggering needs of situations throughout the world."

Fr. Stevens opened his sessions on Oahu on December 11th at **St. George's Church**. That evening he spoke to **Epiphany Church**, and the following day at **St. Barnabas**. On Sunday **Fr. Stevens** was the celebrant at the early service at the **Cathedral**, he preached at the 10 a.m. service, and he conducted the Hour of Information which follows that service.

Monday evening, **Fr. Stevens** met with the metropolitan Honolulu churches at **St. Mary's** where he made his presentation. On Wednesday he spoke to the girls of **St. Andrew's Priory** at a school assembly.

On December 22 **Fr. Stevens** returned to **St. Stephen's Church** in **Wahiawa** where the major support



for his leprosy clinic originated.

Fr. Stevens indicated that his prime focus upon his return to West Africa will be to establish a rehabilitation program for the clinic. He hopes that this program will provide further means for productive lives for the leprosy patients as well as generate income for the self sustaining status of the clinic.

In a recent letter **Fr. Stevens** said, "It was a blessing for me to be able to come and show some of the concrete examples of what prayers and gifts are bringing about. We are grateful to know their loving concern and support will continue."

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