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Waite resigns to write book on his captivity

Anglican envoy Terry Waite has resigned as Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs to write a book about his captivity in Beirut.

The announcement was made March 26, following a meeting with Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey at Lambeth Palace, the archbishop's London office and residence.

Waite had served the Anglican communion for 12 years, 5 in captivity held by the Islamic Jihad.

"There have been a lot of stories, but this will be mine," Waite told reporters after the announcement.

"One of the things that happened to me in captivity was that I was deepened and strengthened in my convictions," Waite said.

The proceeds from Waite's book, tentatively titled "Taken on Trust," will go towards charity work, supporting work for justice, reconciliation, and the poor.

"During the time Terry was Secretary of Anglican Communion Affairs, he served...faithfully and with distinction," Carey said.

"He goes with a great deal of affection.

"We are sad to see him go, but it is absolutely right. He has got to write this book, and he has a wonderful future ahead of him."

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Hawaii hosts Province VIII Synod May 12-15

Delegates from the 18 dioceses in the Western States meet May 12-15 in synod in Honolulu to transact province business, learn more about the Episcopal Church in Hawaii, and discuss the concerns of the church in and around the Pacific Ocean.

Synod will particularly explore issues relating to the environment and to indigenous peoples.

The conference theme is "This fragile earth, our island home," with talks at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel, site of synod.

Speaking on the critical role of water in the creation, evolution and maintenance of life will be the Rev. Carla Berkedal, executive director, Earth Ministry, Seattle, Washington, and Dr. Edward Dixon Stroop, professor of oceanography in the University of Hawaii.

The concerns of and contributions by indigenous peoples will be discussed at the Bishop Musem, where a service of remembrance and thanksgiving (Ka Ho'onana'o a me ka Ho'omaika'i) is planned.

Pua Hopkins, associate professor of Hawaiian in the UH-Manoa, led in developing this program.

Synod opens with eucharist Tuesday evening, May 12, in Saint Andrew's Cathedral.

Other special synod events are:

--- A dinner on May 11 hosted by the Church Periodical Club, with Bishop Steven Charleston of Alaska as guest speaker

--- A luncheon on May 13 of Episcopal Church Women and others, with Dean Charles Perry, president of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, as speaker.

--- A Windjammer cruise off Waikiki Wednesday evening, with entertainment and a buffet dinner, celebrating "an evening in paradise."

--- Synod banquet at the Princess Kaiulani on Friday evening.

Those interested in attending any or all of these events, please contact Mary MacIntosh, chair of the synod program committee (536-7776).

The province last met in Honolulu in 1981.

Synod Agenda, Activities

Tuesday, May 12

Opening Eucharist, St. Andrew's Cathedral, 8 p.m. Celebrant: Bishop Donald Hart of Hawaii.
Preacher: the Rev. Carla Berkedal.
Reception following the service,
hosted by the Iolani Guild.

Wednesday, May 13

Morning Prayer, 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast, 7 p.m.
Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.
Bible study, 8:45 a.m.
Synod business, 9:30 a.m.
Lunch, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Program, 2-4 p.m.
Environment -- Princess Kaiulani.
Indigenous peoples -- Bishop
Museum, Atherton Halau.
"Evening in Paradise" Windjammer
Dinner Cruise, 5:15-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

Morning Prayer, 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast, 7 a.m.
Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.
Bible study, 8:45 a.m.
Synod business, 9:30 a.m.
Lunch, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Program, 2-4.
Environment -- Princess Kaiulani.
Indigenous peoples -- Bishop
Museum.
Evening free.

Friday, May 15

Morning Prayer, 6:30 a.m. Breakfast, 7:45 a.m.



Melanie Miyaji and Jourdan Inouye, whose art provided the covers for the Synod Information Book and the Synod Prayer Book, with Bishop Hart in his office (above) and with all the other entries (below).

Liturgy of the Word, 9 a.m. Synod business, 9:30 a.m. Closing Eucharist, 12 noon. Adjournment, 12:30. Synod banquet, 7 p.m.



What Are You Worth?

At least once a week I try to read a newspaper from a large mainland city, usually it is the *New York Times*, albeit a day late.

I won't go into the reasons why I do this, except to say it often provides a different perspective on national and international affairs.

In a recent issues of the *Times* I was struck by a full-page ad for what the large bold letters said was DEATH INSURANCE.

Aha, insurance against death, that piqued my interest.

More bold-print announced a guarantee to reduce my estate tax cost by 90% -- apparently I was still going to die, but with the tax savings I might end up as the richest man in the cemetery!

The last line of the ad did me in, however. I had to have an estate of over \$3 million to qualify for the "free, no cost" proposal.

Like most people, I certainly do not qualify for this program, but after reading that ad it struck me that many people are worth much more than they think they are.

Have you ever sat down and taken the time to list all your assets? It is a worthwhile endeavor.

When you include IRA's, annuities, mutual funds, real property, life insurance, collections, fine art (and the list goes on), you may be surprised to learn what your estate is worth.

After you have determined the toal worth of your estate you should consider some of the basics of estate tax law, namely:

- --- You can leave your entire estate to your spouse and there is no tax on the assets.
- --- At the death of the surviving spouse, there is no tax on the first \$600,000 of assets.
- --- Taxes on any amount over \$600,000 start at a 37 percent and escalate rapidly to 55 percent.
- --- Taxes must be paid within nine months of death.

As stewards of Christ, we need to make arrangements for how our assets will be distributed at the time of our death.

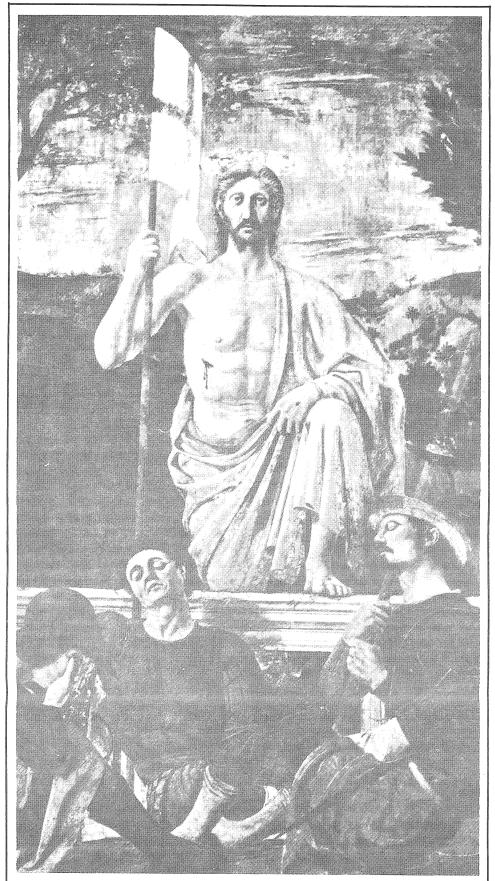
We do that by having an up-to-date will or trust.

However, if your estate has grown to over \$600,000, you should probably consult with your attorney or financial planner to work out a plan that will ease your estate tax burden and relieve those you leave behind from the stress of having to pay estate tax within a relatively short time after death.

Remember, when you need a will, it can be too late to write one.

Act today, and remember your church in your estate plan.

--- Don McKenne, Diocesan Planned Giving Officer.



—Piero della Francesca, *The Resurrection*, c. 1460, fresco in Borgo San Sepolcro.

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day that art hallowed forever! Day whereon Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.

Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art author of life and creation, Treading the pathway of death, life thou bestowest on man.

Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer, Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten of God.

Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being, Light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide.

Praise to the Giver of good! Thou Love who art author of concord, Pour out thy balm on our souls, order our ways in thy peace.

--- Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530-609.

Fr. Grieves named to linkage staff of Episcopal Church Center

The Rev. Brian Grieves "has been appointed to serve as the linkage staff from the Episcopal Church Center to the Diocese of Hawaii for this Triennum," Presiding Bishop Browning announced this February,

"The linkage system provides twoway communication between the Presiding Bishop though the assigning of staff persons to link with a given diocese."

Each linkperson "is prepared to respond to questions from the diocese when the diocese may need specific information or referals in the headquarters.

"This is to supplement on a personal basis existing relationships between the diocese and the church center staff," the February memo on the linkage system reports.

Fr. Grieves knows Hawaii and the Episcopal Church Center in New York well.

He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii (Manoa) and was a postulant and candidate from Hawaii, graduating from CDSP in 1972.

He assisted at Holy Nativity in Honolulu (1973-1976), was priest-incharge (1976-1977), and became camp and conference director at Camp Mokuleia (1977-87), before becoming in 1988 the Presiding Bishop's Staff Officer for Peace and Justice.

Fr. Grieves continues in his work in peace and justice.

Experiencing the Monastery

Two weeks (or three or four) living as a monk lives?

Reactions to a taste of monastic life can vary, but the Episcopal Benedictine monks at Three Rivers have found that nearly all the men who come to stay with them as members of the Abbey's Summer Vocation Program enjoy the experience and profit from it.

They go back to school or their jobs having a deeper understanding of the common basis of the life in Christ that they share with the monks.

Some have even chosen to return to the monastery to test their vocation to the religious life.

Every year during June, July, and August, a number of men come to the Abbey, follow the regular monastery schedule, work with the monks at assigned jobs and household chores, attend classes, and have individual conferences with the program director.

Further information can be had by writing the Vocations Director, St. Gregory's Abbey, 56500 Abbey Road, Three Rivers, Michigan 49093-9595.

BISHOP'S WORD: "Be in prayer always, in all circumstances."

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Two of our clergywives are battling cancer. That is staggering news for all of us.

For Helen Edwards and Josie Calag, and their families, it is more than news; it is an event of the most serious proportions.

Our prayers, our thoughts, our love go out to them.

We surround them with as much strength and healing presence as we can give, that will be helpful to them.

We all know the problem which comes to those who are not directly involved in situations like this, and who care tremendously for those who are involved.

We wish we could do something that would be effective, something definite that would be a clear sign of our love and caring.

It is not easy to be on the sidelines, while at the same time we know how difficult and frightening it can be in the game.

One of the difficulties is that "experts" are called in, as they should be.

The scientific community and its medical wing are essential in understanding the problem.

They can be extraordinarily important in the process of curing disease and helping to bring about healing.

The problem comes in the fact that our society has given tremendous power and authority and trust to the scientific community over the year.

Theirs can become the one and only voice listened to.

Theirs can become the only hope sought in the tangle of emotions and fears

The scientific community is a wonderful ally, especially in times of medical crises.

The understanding and treatment made possible from the dedicated work of these people has produced "miracles" in the past.

Why not give them every chance, if good consultation points in that direction?

We also need to remember that science works by probing the unknown, by trying another procedure, by doing another test, by always pushing the limits of knowledge with another suggestion.

In this world where science is so highly honored, we sometimes allow our spiritual response to be drawn in to the same kind of thinking.

Prayers are necessary because they make us aware of the presence of God, and they assure us of God's infinite caring and love.

They reestablish covenant and that sense of community and partnership with God and each other.

We need to be in prayer always, in all circumstances.

But prayer is not a procedure or experiment.

We are not probing the unknown with our prayers except in special times of loss of faith.

We are confirming the truth of God's goodness, and on the basis of that truth we claim the power of healing.

Unfortunately, we can be tempted by

our scientific world into thinking that we could always have done something more for a person in need, always one more procedure.

How easy it is for us to feel guilty that we did not pray enough or read Scripture just one more time.

The point is, we cannot expect prayer to do what science does.

We are allies, not competitors.

The purpose of prayer is to invite God into the depths of our lives, into our troubles, our loneliness, our sins, our illnesses, into the "thoughts of our hearts" where no secrets are hid.

When that happens, communion takes place, and out of communion with God and each other all things are possible.

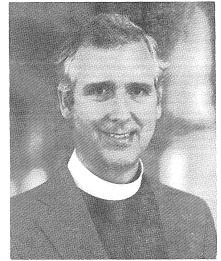
You and I may be of help to others in physical ways, perhaps even in scientific/medical ways, if our training is in that area.

But as God's people our expertise is in forming communion with those who are in need, through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We do that with prayer, with the invocation of God's word in Scripture, with holy silence, with presence.

We do it by celebrating an Easter faith at all times and in all places.

That Easter faith pours in upon us during this season and we rejoice in the



Bishop Hart of Hawaii.

gift it brings.

These are days to share this gift and to be in that special communion with one another which God makes possible. May God bless us all.

I assure you of my prayers and deep affection.

Faithfully

Dan

The Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart Bishop

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Bishop's Journeying

March

My visitation is at St. Elizabeth's today, and I am delighted to see the church full and active.

The Cathedral celebrates its 125th anniversary in the afternoon, and I am privileged to help in ringing the bells before the service and celebrating at the altar.

The ministry of this Cathedral through these many years, and most especially now, is a great witness to our faith in Jesus Christ.

3-7 Shrove Tuesday comes this week and I share in pancakes made by the youth of the Cathedral. On Ash Wednesday the Dean and I distribute ashes at the noon service and I preach.

The Rev. Paul Kim, who is eightyeight, is ill and Father Park and I go to his house for prayers.

I am off to the east coast on the 10 p.m. flight, arriving in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday for meetings of the Standing Commission on Peace.

We meet through noon on Saturday, and I am able to visit with my son, Tom, who is working here. Washington Cathedral is magnificent, as always!

My thoughts this Friday are on three Maori bishops being consecrated in New Zealand on Saturday. I am glad we have a good delegation from the Hawaiian Commission present.

8 I have the unique pleasure of having my son take me to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Georgetown, where he has been attending. After all the places I have taken him, I am more than happy to behave myself and sit quietly in the pew!

9-14 Monday I am on my way to the Kanuga Conference Center in North Carolina and the special meeting of the House of Bishops. Real spring in Washington gives way to snow flurries in the hills here.

The meeting goes well and we do much to improve relations among the bishops. It is always helpful to me to have a chance to talk to other bishops and old friends.

The long trip back to Honolulu on Friday is welcome. It gives me time to write a sermon and prepare a talk to our vestry workshop which meets first thing on Saturday.

15 Elizabeth and I are off to St.
Timothy's this morning, picking up Alice Mamiya as we go. The activity

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Religion, Science join to prevent Crimes against Creation

Leading scientists and religious leaders meet this May in Washington, D.C., "to help preserve the planetary environment on which our mutual well-being depends," Carl Sagan reported.

As the dominant species on earth, we human beings have not been benign to our environment, -- "this fragile earth, our island home" -- especially in the years since the Second World War.

The world's population is now 5.4 billion and we increase "by the equivalent of the population of China every decade." In 1990 China had an estimated population of 1.13 billion. (In American English one billion is one

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thousand millions.)

World population has grown from 1 billion in 1850 to 2 billion in 1930 to 4 billion in 1975.

Such population growth stresses everything and, ultimately, everybody.

"We have destroyed the forest, eroded the topsoil, changed the composition of the atmosphere, depleted the protective ozone layer, tampered with the climate, poisoned the air and the waters, and made the poorest people suffer most from the deteriorating envirnoment."

From the air Molokai, for example, looks like a bed after a restless night, with half the soil blanket now in the sea. One hip-high boundry stone south of Hoolehua and west of Kaunakakai was found 25 years later two and one-half feet underground, George Cooke noted. Such were the ravaging of the land and the consequent run-off.

"We have become predators on the biosphere -- full of arrogant entitlement, always taking and never giving back," wrote Sagan in the March 1 issue of *Parade Magazine*.

"And so, we are now a danger to ourselves and the other beings with whom we share the planet," he concluded.

Blame

The blame lies at no one group's door. Industrialists, agribusiness, and politicians are not the only "heavies."

"The tribe of scientists have played a central role," confessed Sagan.

"Many of us didn't bother to think about the long-term consequences of our inventions," and often sold out to the highest bidder.

"In too many cases we lacked a moral compass."

Sagan quotes the words of Rene Des-

cartes that science is "to make us masters and possessors of nature" and Francis Bacon's desire to "bend all nature into 'the service of man."

We still think of "conquering" nature and of the "conquest" of space -- "as if nature and the cosmos were enemies to be vanqished."

Religion

Getting to our present mess, "the religious tribe has also played a central-role."

"Us against Nature" has been part of the Judeo-Christian tradition from the beginning. Genesis quotes God's giving humankind "dominion over every living thing," who are to be in "dread" and "fear" us.

Man is to "subdue" nature, where subdue translates "a Hebrew word with strong military connotations," Sagan observed.

But it is not all black-and-white. "It is scientists who discovered and called the world's attention to the environmental crisises...

"And it is religion that first articulated the imperative to revere living things."

Stewardship

From religion has also grown the idea of stewardship -- "the idea that humans are the caretakers of the Earth, put here for the purpose and accountable, now and into the indefinite future, to the Landlord."

There is no way out of the current environmental crisis without the central involvement of both religion and science, insists Sagan -- "without understanding the dangers and their

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mechanisms, and without a deep devotion to the long-term well-being of our species and planet."

This cooperation has already begun. Political and religious leaders from nearly 100 nations were present at the "Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders" which met in Oxford in 1988 and in Moscow in 1990.

Sagan notes that among the religious leaders present at these meetings were the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mother Teresa, the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna, the chief rabbis of Romania and the United Kingdom, the Grand

Mufti of Syria, the high priest of the Sacred Forest of Togo, the Dalai Lama, Jain priests, Sikhs, Hindu swamis, Buddhist abbots, Shinto priests, evangelical Protestants, the Primate of the Ar-

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menian Church, a "Living Buddha" from China, the bishops of Stockholm and Harare, metropolitans of the Orthodox Churches, and the chief of chiefs of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

In Moscow Sagan was surpised at the Grand Mufti of Syia's stressing the importance in Islam of "birth control for the global welfare, without exploiting it at the expense of one nationality over another."

He recounts the dictum of several Native Americans that, "We have not inherited the Earth from our ancestors, but have borrowed it from our children."

Interconnectedness

No person or nation or region is totally independent of others; we are all interconnected. A volcano in the Philippines changes sunsets world-over. Fast food needs impact the rainforests.

What, then is our common responsibility in our interconnected world?

Were the world a village of just 100 families, then:

- --- 65 families are illiterate,
- --- 90 do not speak English,
- --- 70 have no drinking water at home,
- --- 80 have no members who have ever flown in an airplane,
- --- 7 families own 60 percent of the land and consume 80 percent of the available energy.
- --- These 7 have all the luxuries.
- --- 60 families are crowded onto 10 percent of the land.
- --- Only one family has a universty education, and
- --- "The air and water, climate and the blistering sunlight, are getting worse."

Appeal

Scientists have sent to religious leaders the following appeal, entitled Preserving and Cherishing the Earth: An Appeal for Joint Committment in Science and Religion:

The Earth is the birthplace of our species and, so far as we know, our only home.

When our numbers were small and our technology feeble, we were powerless to influence the environment of our world. But today, suddenly, almost without anyone noticing, our numbers have become immense and our technology has achieved vast, even awesome, powers.

Internationally or inadvertently, we are now able to make devasting changes in the global environment -- an environment to which we and all the other beings with which we share the Earth are meticulously and exquisitely adapted.

We are now threatened by self-inflicted, swifty moving environmental alterations about whose long-term biological and ecological consequences we are still painfully ignorant -- depletion of the protective ozone layer; a global warming unprecedented in the last 150 millennia; the obliteration of an acre of forest every second; the rapidfire extinction of species; and the prospect of a global nuclear war that would put at risk most of the population of the Earth.

There may well be other such dangers of which, in our ignorance, we are still unaware.

Individually and cummulatively they represent a trap being set for the human species, a trap we are setting for ourselves.

However principled and lofty (or naive and shortsighted) the justifications may have been for activities that brought forth these dangers, separately and together, they now imperil our species and many others.

We are close to committing -- many would argue we are already committing -- what in religious language is sometimes called Crimes against Creation.

By their very nature these assaults on the environment were not caused by

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any one political group or any one generation.

Intrinsically, they are transnational, transgenerational, and transideological.

So are all conceivable solutions. To escape these traps requires a

perspective that embraces the peoples of the planet and all the generations yet to come.

Problems of such magnitude, and solutions demanding so broad a perspective, must be recognized from the outset as having a religious as well as a scientific dimension.

Mindful of our common responsibility, we scientists -- many of us long

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engaged in combating the environmental crisis -- urgently appeal to the world religious community to commit, in word and deed, and as boldy as is required, to preserve the environment of the Earth.

Some of the short-term mitigations of these dangers -- such as greater energy efficiency, rapid banning of cholofluorocarbons, or modest reductions in the nuclear arsenals -- are comparatively easy and at some level are already under way.

But other, more far-reaching, more long-term, more effective approaches will encounter widespread inertia, denial, and resistance.

In this category are conversion from fossil fuels to a nonpolluting energy economy, a continuing swift reversal of the nuclear arms race, and a voluntary halt to world population growth -- without which many of the other approaches to preserving the environment will be nullified.

As on issues of peace, human rights, and social justice, religious institutions can here, too, be a strong force encouraging national and international initiatives in both the private and public sectors, and in the diverse worlds of commerce, education, culture, and mass communication.

The environmental crisis requires radical changes not only in public policy, but also in individual behavior.

The historical record makes clear that religious teaching, example and

'We believe the environmental crisis is intrinsically religious'

leadership are powerfully able to influence personal conduct and commitment.

As scientists, many of us have had profound experiences of awe and reverence before the universe.

We understand that what is regarded as sacred is more likely to be treated with care and respect.

Our planetary home should be so regarded.

Efforts to safeguard and cherish the enviornment need to be infused with a vision of the sacred.

At the same time a much wider and deeper understanding of science and technology is needed.

If we do not understand the problem,

it is unlikely we will be able to fix it.

Thus there is a vital role for both religion and science.

We know that the well-being of our planetary environment is already a source of profound concern in your councils and congregations.

We hope this Appeal will encourage a spirit of common cause and joint action to help preserve the Earth.

Religions Respond

To this Appeal of the scientists, some 37 heads of national and international religious bodies and hundreds of spiritual leaders from 83 countries have responded.

Among them are the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, as well as the presiding bishops of all the Christian churches of China and the

'All faith traditions and teachings firmly instruct us to revere and care for the natural world.'

Lutheran, Methodist and Mennonite churches in the United States, as well as 50 cardinals, lamas, archbishops, head rabbis, partiarchs, mullas, and bishops of major world cities. They say:

We are moved by the Appeal's spirit and challenged by its substance.

We share its sense of urgency.

This invitation to collaboration marks a unique moment and opportunity in the relationship of science and religion.

Many in the religious community have followed with growing alarm reports of threats to the well-being of our planet's envionment such as those set forth in the Appeal.

The scientific community has done humankind a great service by bringing forth evidence of these perils.

We encourage continued scrupulous investigation and must take account of its results in all our deliberations and declarations regarding the human condition

We believe the environmental crisis is intrinsically religious.

All faith traditions and teachings firmly instruct us to revere and care for the natural world.

Yet sacred creation is being violated and is in ultimate jeopardy as a result of long-standing human behavior.

A religious response is essential to reverse such long-standing patterns of neglect and exploitation.

For these reasons, we welcome the scientists' Appeal and are eager to explore as soon as possible concrete, specific forms of collaboration and action

The Earth itself calls us to new levels of joint commitment.

--- Carl Sagan, author of the Appeal

Plight of rainforests pondered

"Even though we have explored space, the inner workings of atomic particles and even the human blueprint itself, there is still much we do not know about life on earth," report the sponsors of "God, Money, and the Rainforest: The First Meeting of Minds."

This conference convenes in San Jose, Costa Rica, April 20-22 and features such luminaries as:

--- Oscar Arias, Nobel Laureate and former president of Costa Rica,

--- Donald Rojas, president, World Congress of Indigenous Peoples,

--- Father Hesburgh, former president, University of Notre Dame, and --- Dr. Rodrigo Gamez, director, In-

stituto Nacional de Biodiversidad.

Among those invited, for whom confirmation was pending at press time,

--- Albert Gore, U.S. Senator,

--- Ted Turner, president Turner Broadcasting,

--- Sting, singer, president, Rainforest Foundation.

"Ecologists and life scientists agree that we have set in motion an unprecedented and catastrophic wave of species extinctions...

"Thousands of species each year are lost forever. The great majority of these species are still unknown to science. They pass silently and unnoticed into the abyss of extinction.

"Some scientists now believe we could lose one-third to one-half of all

the world's living species within another human generation.

"The crisis is most apparent in the tropics...

"Biologists estimate that they contain fully half of all existing plant and animal species. World-wide, more than an acre of tropical forest is destroyed every second."

"To the pragmatic person, species and cultural extinctions represent opportunities lost -- a decline in the earth's capital.

"To the naturalist, they are threads unravelled from the fabric of life and alarming signs that the world's ecosystems are being simplified, and thus becoming less stable and more vulnerable.

"To theists, this loss of life is a crime against the Creator.

"If, in the human and cosmic experience, richness is correlated with diversity, the extinction crisis now upon us is also a spiritual crisis," note the sponsors of this April conference.

Activists on the Island of Hawaii have been concerned lest geo-thermal drilling damage the rainforest.

The loss of so many species unique to Hawaii sensitizes the knowledgeable resident more fully to the dimensions of species extinction.

Moreover, most genuinely religious people are deeply concerned about "this fragile earth, our island home," lest humanity's dominion be devoid of stewardship.

News Briefs

Spong testifies on behalf of gay priest in Toronto trial. Celibacy is not a choice that the church can impose on its priests but a calling that must be freely accepted, Bishop John Spong of Newark told an ecclesiastical court in Canada.

The occasion was the trial of a 39year-old Anglican priest for refusing to end a committed, homosexual relationship, as ordered by his bishop.

"We are not talking about a choice between celibacy and promiscuity," Spong said, "but [between celibacy and] a faithful, loving, life-giving, committed relationship."

The priest had confessed his homosexuality to his bishop after a small group in the parish tried to blackmail him into resigning (ENS).

Sexuality and the economy concern Methodists. Paralleling trends in both the Episcopal Church and society at large, delegates to the United Methodist Church's forthcoming General Conference ranked sexuality, the nation's economy, and racism high on their list of concerns.

Homosexuaity, church finances, poverty, abortion, church structure and organization, baptism, drugs, and race relations were among the most pressing issues in the view of delegates (ENS).

Religious leaders condemn condomvending machines. Muslim leader Zainal Abidin insisted that the Health Ministry proposed to install condomdispensing machines in nightspots to reduce the spread of AIDS runs counter to the teachings of Islam, and Roman Catholic Archbishop Soter Fernandez said that the use of condoms was an "immoral" act and would not "in any way curtail the spread of AIDS" (ENS).

Church of England dioceses approving women priests. Thirty-eight of the church's 44 dioceses have voted in favor of the oridnation of women. However, 21 of the dioceses voting in favor fell short of the two-thirds majority required in November when the synod takes its deciding vote on the issue. Laity tend to favor women priests more than the C of E's male clergy do (ENS).

of the scientists, is honored for his teaching and scientific achievements and for his popularizing astronomy and astrophysics in the Public Broadcasting television series "Cosmos."

He has served as Gifford lecturer in Natural Theology at the University of Glasgow, one of the world's most distinguished lectureships.

The editor's thanks A.C. and C.T., both of the Island of Hawaii, for bringing this article to his attention.

125th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Cornerstone





Clockwise, beginning upper left: The Very Rev. Lin Knight, Dean of St. Andrew's Cathdral, beside the cornerstone (with bronze plaque, translation above), Bishop Staley's crozier, and a picture of the laying of the cornerstone in 1862 from the Illustrated London News. Processions before the Cathedral and into Washington Place.





National ECW board announces committee chairs, work

The national board of the Episcopal Church Women, after its March meeting, announced board committee chairs as follows:

--- Social Justice: Ginny Starkis. The "focus of the Social Justice Committee ...this triennium will be on violence against women and children," the March ECW fact sheet indicated.

--- Worship: Karen Street.

--- Women to Women: Gini Peterson, who "announced a plan for the expansion of the partnership program between Episcopal Church Women and women's groups throughout the Anglican Communion."

--- Women of Vision/GATES (Gaining Authority through Education and Service): Gay Gamage, who "is seeking grants to finance training for women from each diocese, and any information concerning possible funding should be given to Gay."

--- Triennial Meeting Team/Program: Mary Leigh Armstrong.

"announced that as of March 3, 1992, \$32,471 has been received for the Dollar Endowment. Contributions of any size are welcome, with checks payable to D&FMS, and sent to 116 Wood-

lawn Dr., Statesboro, GA 30458-5561.".

--- Communications: Helen Young.

--- Editor, *ECW Communique*: Jenny Ladefoged.

A grant to the ECW national board from the Women in Mission and Ministry unit of the Episcopal Church will provide access to the Womenfirst Network and Epinet for members of the board.

Members of the UTO committee are being invited to join in this use of electronic communication, the March fact sheet reported.

Dean Perry to speak at Cathedral Day, May 9

The Very Rev. Charles Perry, former provost of the National Cathedral and now dean of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, is this year's Cathedral Day keynote speaker.

Talks and workshops, worship and fellowship are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 9.

"The Roles of a Cathedral" is the theme chosen by the Program and Education Committee of St. Andrew's.

Among the roles to be addressed are the cathedral's encouraging liturgical art, promoting education, addressing world and ecumenical concerns, offering hospitality, inviting pilgrimage, and fostering prayer.

Among the workshop leaders are Bishop Hart, the Rev. E. Daniel Smith, the Rev. David Clark, and Merle Rupple

The climax of the half-day event will be a festive Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral, with the Rev. James Furman, master of ceremonies.

Following the service, those who wish may join others on the lawn for conversation and a bring-your-own lunch.

Beverages will be provided by the Cathedral, a cathedral news release announced.

This year is the 125th anniversary of the laying of the Cathedral cornerstone by King Kamehameha V in memory of his predecessor, Alexander Liholiho, King Kamehameha IV, who died on St. Andrew's Day 1863.

1992 is also the 130th anniversary of the founding of the Cathedral as a congregation.

News Briefs

The Oregonian drops Indian-related sport names. Portland's largest daily newspaper discontinued printing Indian-related nicknames of several sports teams this Feburary. The editor said that such names "tend to perpetuate stereotypes that damage the dignity and self-respect of many people in our society and...this harm far transcends any innocent entertainment or promotional value these names may have." The Atlanta "Braves," Cleveland "Indians," Washington "Redskins," and St. John's University "Redmen" are out. Cleveland responded that its "Indians' honored a Penobscot Indian, Louis F. Sockalexis, first Native American in the major leagues. The name was chosen in a 1914 newspaper contest, the year after Sockalexis' death (ENS).

Canterbury visits German churches. Archbishop Carey visted the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) in early March. The EKD is a federation of Lutheran, Reformed, and United Churches. Carey's visit came on the heels of the Meissen Agreement, which committed the Church of England and the EKD to step up their efforts to achieve full visible unity (ENS).

Camp Mokuleia's Summer'92 begins July 5

Camp Mokuleia announced the following Summer '92 sessions:

#1 July 5-11, Ages 7-10. #2 July 12-18, Ages 7-10.

#3 July 19-25, Ages 9-12.

#4 July 26-August 1, Ages 9-12.

#5 August 2-8, Ages 10-13.

#6 August 9-15, Ages 10-13.

Campers spend one to three weeks at camp, with two trained counselors per cabin unit.

They can choose from over a dozen activities, including: archery, reefing, snorkeling, ballfield, arts and crafts, instructional or recreational swimming, drama and dance, camp crafts, the new ropes course, and more.

"Programs are designed to encourage children to be creative and to develop self-esteem," the 1992 camp brochure

A new program this summer is horseback riding, for children 7-13, July 5 through August 15. Campers will take five one-hour lessons each week. The program is intergrated into the general camping program, so children can enjoy both.

Preceding the camp sessions is the Counselors in Training (CIT) program for young adults 16 and 17. "Outstanding CIT's will be invited to continue for the remainder of the summer on a space availble basis." June 25-July 11.

On Oahu's north shore, Camp Mokuleia is fully accredited by the American Camping Association and is now in its 44th year of "providing a safe and exciting environment for children."

Costs are:

--- Cabin Camping -- \$255 first week, \$240 second week, \$240 third week.

--- Tent Camping -- \$200 first week, \$185 each additional week.

--- Horseback riding: \$100 additional each week.

--- Counselor in Training -- \$425. Some camperships and finanical aid are available.

> For further information, contact: Camp Mokuleia 68-729 Farrington Highway Waialua, HI 96791 Phone: 808/637-6241 Fax: 808/637-5505.

Camp Pecusa sessions July 19-August 1

MAUI

The Rev. Heather Mueller, rector of St. John's, Kula, and Rik Fitch, Camp Pecusa camp director were married April 25 at St. John's.

Camp Pecusa in Olowalu announces the following 1992 summer camping ses-

--- July 19-25 for younger people (grades 3-5), and

--- July 26-August 1 for older campers (grades 6-9).

KAUAI

Lihue's St. Michael and All Angel's Church was the site of the April exhibit of "Childcry," art work by incest survivor Ellie Radke.

The exhibit opened April 5 with sermon and liturgy addressing the spiritual implications of child abuse. The Rev. Jan Rudinoff is vicar of St. Michael's.

A special multimedia presentation of "Childcry" on April 14 featured readings by Dottie Bekeart and Jonel Langenfeld.

"Childcry" explored the "impact of incest on the self image, the implications of abuse on spirtuality, and the changes

that come through healing."
Also sponsoring this exhibit were the Kauai Child Sex Abuse Core Group and the YWCA.

Kauai resource groups and phone numbers when child abuse is known or suspected are:

--- Department of Human Services, 241-3320.

--- Kauai County YWCA Sex Abuse Treatment Program 24-hour hotline, 245-9711.

--- Kauai Police Department, 245-

Victim Witness Program, County Prosecutor's Office, 245-5388.

--- Children's Advocacy Center of Kauai, 241-1492.

HAWAII

St. Augustine's, Kapaau, has recieved the gift of a stained glass window from George and Barbara Goss of Hilo.

The window is a memorial to Barbara's grandfather, the Rev. Erasmus Van Deerlin, a former vicar of St. Augustine's, the Rev. John Morrett reports in the Kohala Messenger.

Another donor is also considering a window, it was announced.

"It is important for everyone to also know that in 1991 we have become more of a servant church.

"Our buildings are being used by the Scouts, Keiki Hawaii for New Mothers, parents of adopted children, AA, children of alcoholics, occasionally counselors of unwed mothers, and other social service groups upon request."

new life, as they moved into a house in a quiet Liliha neighborhood.

With the exception of a brief period in transitional housing, the Gascon family had been homeless for six years.

Now they have a home and Terry a job as a security guard, with a dream of becoming a cook.

Beatrice is a student at the YWCA, and the family is on the way to becoming self-sufficient.

Son Benamin is an 8th grader at Kalakaua Intermediate, and the four younger children are students at Puuhale Elementary.

Through the generous support of St.

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OAHU

Pilots for Christ International is a nondenominational organization of pilots and aviation enthusiasts promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

St. George's, Pearl Harbor, is in the process of creating a Hawaii chapter and welcomes members of all denominations to join in this unique way of spreading the gospel.

Membership in the local chapter is free; however, membership in the International Chapter requires dues of \$25 and includes the newsletter, decal, sewon wings, and sew-on patch.

"All these items and more can be purchased separately and none is required for membership in the local chapter.

"There are many of us who love flying and would enjoy teaching the basics to anyone interested. All meetings involve flying and the Gospel of Christ."

For further information call: Bob Hernandez (833-0890) or Fr. John Crean (422-7888, leave message).

Meetings are held in the parish hall of St. George's, 511 Main Street, Honolulu 96818.

March 12 was a new beginning and a very special day for the Gascon family, reports Judy Masuda in the St. Andrew's newsletter.

For father Doronio ("Terry"), mother Beatrice, and children Benjamin (13), Terry III (11), Adrianne (10), Janine (8), and Dorina (6), it was the start of a

New Books at Queen Emma Book Room

The following titles have recently arrived:

New Adam: The Future of Male Spirituality by Philip Culbertson, \$10.95. Professor Culbertson addressed the Oahu Clericus on April 16.

Sacrifice and Delight by Alan Jones, \$19.

Contact with God by Anthony De Mello, \$10.95. A collection of his writings on retreats published posthumously.

Can Christ Become Good News Again? by John B. Cobb, Jr.,

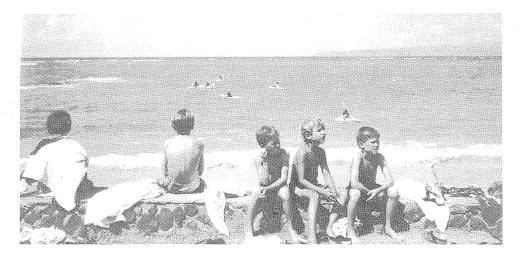
The Transforming Friendship: A Guide to Prayer by James Houston, \$9.95.

Prayer of Jesus, Prayer of the Heart, by Alphonse and Rachel Goettmann, \$10.95.

Peace Prayers, \$10. A companion volume to Earth Prayers.

To Honor the Earth: Reflections on Living in Harmony with Nature, by Dorothy Maclean (text) and Kathleen Thormod Carr (photos).

The Queen Emma Book Room (538-1774) is on the grounds of St. Andrew's Cathedral.



Youngsters on the beach and kayaking at Camp Mokuleia. Waimea Bay and Sunset Beach are in the distance. Camp Mokuleia is nine acres of beach-front property on the north shore of Oahu, with space for 94 campers per session.





The Brothers Van Culin: The Rev. Tom, ordained to the priesthood March 15 (left), with the Rev. Jerry and Mrs. Drino; and the Rev. Canon Sam, Secretary General of the Anglican Consultative Council, formerly rector of St. Andrew's Hawaiian Congregation (right), with the Rev. Canon Karen Swanson.

Dollar Endowment Fund raises money for ECW programs

"In order to continue their work, the national Episcopal Church Women (ECW) must, by the end of 1994, raise at least \$200,000 through the Dollar Endowment Fund (DEF)," writes Virginia Starkis in the Winter 1992 ECW Communique.

"At the present time, the fund has just over \$30,000, for which the national board thanks all of you who have donated."

The ECW uses their funds to support: --- Women of Vision/GATES, a leadership training program for women.

--- Women to Women, help for women in third-world countries,

--- Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Episcopal Church, and the

--- Work of the national ECW board including the Communications, Program, Social Justice, and Worship committees.

Fund-raising ideas suggested by Starkis include:

--- Ask the Bishop to designate a Dollar Endowment Sunday.

--- Send a mailing to every woman in your parish -- inviting her to give a dollar, or -- if you are able -- call on every woman in the parish. "This is a wonderful way to minister to shut-ins, who often welcome this opportunity to participate in the life of the church," observes Starkis, Province I ECW representative.

--- Don't forget men and children -invite them to participate. "Remember -when we support women, we support
families," notes Starkis.

Hostelships announced for Hawaii Elderhostel programs

"Many openings in both the Camp Mokuleia program and the Waikiki program, as well as other Elderhostel programs throughout the state, are now available," reported Diana Lockwood, Hawaii Loa College's Elderhostel director for the past 15 years.

Camp Mokuleia is the church's camp and conference center on Oahu's north shore, and Hawaii Loa has Episcopal Church support.

"Space is available in April, May, and June, and future programs may also be able to accommodate you," said Lockwood.

Scholarships, called "hostelships," are available. They cover all expenses of the program except for \$50, Lockwood noted, urging residents of Hawaii 60 years or older to consider this offer.

The Camp Mokuleia courses are: Tropical Paradise: Hawaii's Bounty; Exploring Hawaii; and Hawaii Reef Habitat.

The Waikiki program's courses are Hawaii -- The War Years; Hawaii from Sea to Sky, and the Hawaiian People.

These Hawaii Loa programs are 12 days long, with at least three 90 minute courses or a field trip each day.

Courses are taught by top faculty members, but are not for credit, nor are there homework, exams, grades, or prerequisites, Lockwood said.

"All that's required is an inquiring mind," Lockwood added.

Program participants live in twin-bed rooms and all meals are included in each program.

There are also international Elderhostel programs, in some 45 countries, including Fiji (Hawaii's former companion diocese), Tonga, Western Samoa, the Cook Islands, and Tahiti. These programs are three weeks long, and have no hostelships.

For further information, call Lockwood at 262-8942 or Barbara Green at UH-Hilo (933-3555).

About the Diocese

In his March 20 newsletter Bishop Hart reported that two clergy wives were suffering from cancer:

--- Helen Edwards, wife of Fr. Sarge Edwards of Calvary, Kaneohe, has inoperable brain cancer, and

--- Josie Calag, wife of Fr. Domingo Calig of St. Columba's, Paauilo, "has cancer in both lungs and kidneys, and doctors continue to explore ways of treating her, but no clear plan is evident yet.

Also, in need of prayers were

--- Ramona Walden, wife of Fr. Bob Walden of All Saints', Kapaa, "doing well at home, though not back to her usual strength and activity," and

--- Maria O'Neill with Epstein Barr Syndrome, "which means she will have good and bad times with the ebb and flow of this disease."

Bishop Hart also announced the death of Helen Putnam, wife of Bishop Fred Putnam, who served several congregations in Hawaii in his retirement.

PB's Fund celebrates 50 years of service

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief celebrates its 50th anniversary with a full day of festivities and thanksgiving, May 7, in New York.

A feature of the day is the largest fund-raising event in its history.

The celebration begins with a Festival Eucharist at 11 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Church.

A box luncheon on the church's terrace follows, with native Central and South American music.

The Society of the Anchor, the major donor membership group of the fund, will have its commissioning and investiture service for its founding members (\$10,000 and up) at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine at 5:30 p.m.

A reception follows with music by the Harlem Festival Orchestra and the Rejoice Ensemble.

The day concludes with a black tie dinner and program at \$1,000 per plate at the cathedral.

Music is by Paul Winter and Friends. Fund leaders hope to establish \$20 million in annual income by the end of the century.

Over the past half-century, over 250,000 donors have contributed over \$50 million to aid those in need in over 100 countries on 6 continents.

The address of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief is 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017-4594.

Bishop's Journeying (from page 3)

level here is one of the highest in the diocese, and many people are involved in the Diocesan Institute, either preparing for the diaconate or sharpening lay ministry skills.

I have the privilege of ordaining Tom Van Culin to the priesthood at St. Christopher's in the afternoon. Jerry Drino, rector of St. Phillip's, San Jose, preached.

We were all pleased that Tom's brother, Sam, could be present from his duties as Anglican Executive Officer, working directly under the Archbishop of Canterbury.

17-21 I have the chance to celebrate the early service at Parke Chapel on this St. Patrick's Day. Then I am off to Maui to meet with the clericus and have lunch together.

I am back in time to practice ringing bells at the Cathedral. The rest of the week is filled with meetings and catching up with correspondence, while I was way.

The deacons meet on Friday evening in one of our periodic times of checking in on their ministries.

The Diocesan Council is on Saturday, and we are back on an airplane late Saturday to Molokai and a pleasant evening with the Schaefer family.

22 Grace Church is full today as I preach, celebrate, and confirm Lynette and Scotty's daughter, Kanani -- a very special child of God's grace.

24-28 This week has some actual pukas of time to catch up and read some of the accumulated material on my desk.

The Clergy Family Project met to continue its work. Elizabeth and I share teaching a class on prayer for the Diocesan Institute. We also shared a very pleasant evening with St. Mark's vestry and spouses.

I preach and celebrate two services at St. Mark's with confirmations and a reception. This congregation continues its remarkable ministry to those with AIDS. In the afternoon we have some time to dig in the dirt of our garden and plant some seeds. That is a redemptive and restoring activity!

Andrew's Cathedral, the house was transformed into a home.

Beds, dishes, linens, and many other furnishings came in quick response, Masuda reports.

The Rev. Robert Goode, rector of St. Mark's, Kapahulu, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination March 12.

"When I was ordained, women were still milling around in the narthex to find head coverings if they had not worn a hat.

"Some parts of the mass were said silently under cover of music... Remarriage after a divorce meant automatic excommunication... My, have times changed!

"Silver anniversaries of ordination are getting rarer, as those of marriages. Many clergy drop out from the stress and the politics of it all.

"I might not do it again knowing what I know, but I cannot say that there have been no rewards.

"The Lord has smoothed the path in many ways."

The Rev. Marilyn Watts, vicar of St. Philip's, Maili, preached at the anniversary Solemn High Mass at St. Mark's.

The Angelus of St. Mary's, Moiliili, has a new, professional look, with crisp

print and nice photo reproduction.

Fr. Goode celebrates 25th (from page 7)

Now appearing quarterly, this "official newsletter" has as its editor-in-chief Hugh Kaiser, two managing editors (Janice Park and Janice Horimoto), Andy Stone for layout, "All God's Children" by Larke Golaski, Production/distribution by Vivian Higuchi, and an additional staff of five (Moheb Ghali, Nancy Ghali, Edith Yashiki, Gail Hirozawa, and Henrietta Muramoto).

Among the 10 recipients of the 1992 Jefferson Awards for public service were two members of St. Christopher's Church, Kailua:

--- Bert Winston, honored for steamlining administration at the Kalihi-Palama Immigrant Service Center, where he also tutors students with their homework; and

--- Hollis Wright, Bank of Hawaii vice-president, who was honored as founder of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Hawaii.

Wright said that she could not have won the award without the support of her husband, Chris Parsons, former TV newsman and spokesman for the city's mass transit plan.

Winston praised his wife, **Artie**, who likewise volunteers and "has been an unofficial secretary for lots of organizations," the *Advertiser* reported.