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About the Diocese

In his May newsletter, Bishop Hart reports that "three clergy spouses who have been in our prayers are all doing better."

--- Ramona Walden, at home, has been able to be up in a wheelchair and has taken some food.

--- Maria O'Neill had out-patient surgery on her shoulder and is now in physical therapy.

--- Josie Calag was in Queen's for an operation for a brain tumor in June.

"Please keep up the prayers. They are helpful and appreciated," notes the bishop.

The Rev. Alex Geston has been appointed to a two-year term to St. Stephen's, "with the possibility that he can succeed to the rectorship, if he and the vestry are willing at the end of the interim period," Bishop Hart announced.

"This leaves open two half-time positions at Campus Ministry and St. Timothy's," the bishop noted. "More thinking is going into them and who might best be able to fill one or both ministries."

The Rev. Gerhard Laun's son John was recently found dead in Utah, Bishop Hart reported in his newsletter.

"He was reported missing late last fall after a hiking trip into the mountains and his body was only found as snows melted this spring. We remember Gerhard in our thoughts and prayers."

Fr. Laun is rector of St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu.

This May and June saw the deaths of:

--- Dorothea "Diddo" Rodman, mother of the Rev. Reginald Rodman, in West Hawaii three days after her 86th birthday, following a long illness; and,

--- Alice Kaumeheiwa, a member of the Diocesan Council and of its Communications Department, who died suddenly in her sleep.

Fr. Rodman is rector of Christ Church, Kealahou. Alice was a member of the Church of the Epiphany, Honolulu.

--- Kyu Tai Cho, father of Sue Kim, father-in-law of the Rev. Jong Kim of St. Luke's.

--- Carolyn Nakano, mother of Winifred Burgess of the Diocesan Council and Communications Department and a member of St. Mark's.

A seminar for clergy and treasurers is

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August grassroots forum to explore Episcopal Church structural reform

A symposium this August in St. Louis will address the topic, "Shaping Our Future: A Grassroots Forum on Episcopal Structures."

As many as 2,000 Episcopalians are expected to consider structural reform August 12-15 in a gathering sponsored by the Diocese of East Tennessee.

"I would describe the symposium as a gathering of the [Episcopal] family where the concerns of the legislative process do not hinder the dialogue," said Bishop Robert Tharp of East Tennessee.

"Perhaps the way we are structured now is not the best," he noted.

"People do not feel they are being

heard in the church, and many feel that this is related to a hierarchical structure -- concentrating on the top down, rather than on the grassroots."

Bishop Tharp rejected the idea that this was some "shadow" or "mini" General Convention. "I would disavow the whole thing if it turned into something like that," he insisted.

He expects the symposium to be "a positive thing, not a gripe session. Our intention is that it would provide a safe environment for all to come and speak freely."

Need to Rekindle Hope

For the Rev. John Shuler, rector of

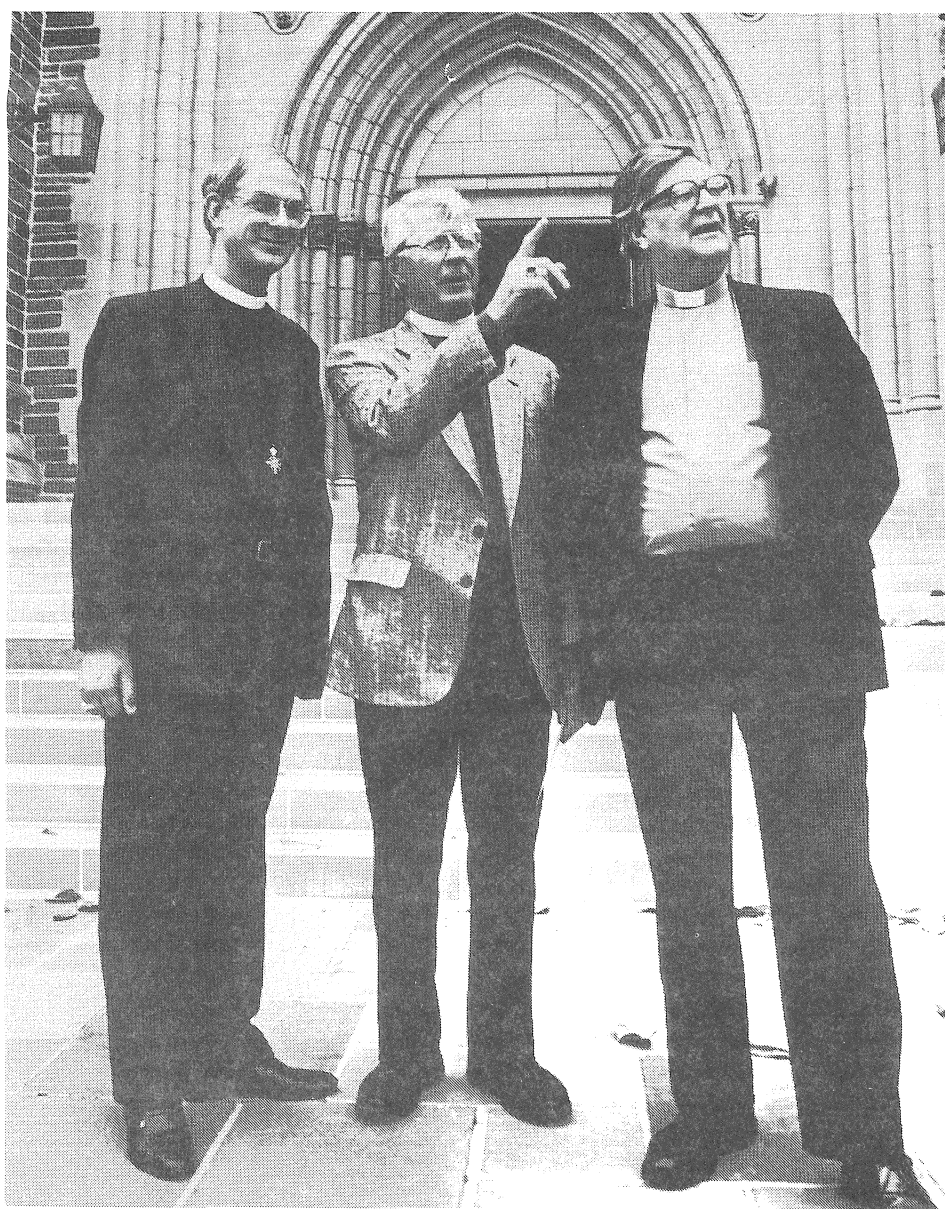
the Church of the Ascension in Knoxville, Tennessee, the symposium is an opportunity to "talk positively about what the Episcopal Church needs to meet the challenges of the future."

This is no "place for the same old tired complaints, negativism and blame," Shuler said.

"There is a lot of despair out there and there is a real need to rekindle hope. I really do pray that this will be such a positive experience that it will rekindle hope," he observed.

"Many people feel that the church is suffering because we are not building up the body of Christ at the local level

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Bishop Mark Santer (left) of Birmingham, England, and the Rev. Douglas Brown (right), with Bishop Ted Eastman of Maryland, fund-raising for the Anglican Centre in Rome -- the Communion's library and information center convenient to Roman Catholic scholars and church officials. (Episcopal News Service photo: Bob Stockfield).

Hawaii hosts Executive Council, Church Center visitors

Hawaii is one of 88 dioceses being visited by an Executive Council member and Episcopal Church Center staff person in order to gather diocesan input on church programs and desires, prior to church restructuring and determining the budget for the next triennium.

Diocesan visitors were the Rev. Roswell Moore, retired, a former president of Province 8, and now a member of the council, and Brian Grieves, an officer with the center and linkage person for Hawaii.

The Executive Council visitation was June 11, over an approximately four-hour period.

The leadership of the diocese, including diocesan staff, members of the Council, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, General Convention deputation, and representatives of our ethnic ministry development were invited.

Youth were also asked to participate.

The meeting is part of a listening process which the national church has initiated to be more responsive to the concerns of the dioceses, Bishop Hart reported.

Budget development and other planning on the part of the Executive Council will focus on the results of these visitations, to be completed in September of this year.

Giving and Receiving

On the way to work the other day, I was listening to a radio commentator reporting that, during the next month or so, billions of dollars worth of CD's would be coming due.

He commented on the big marketing effort that the financial industry is mounting to secure this large amount of available cash into their investment programs.

It was no coincidence then when I saw a good-sized ad in the *Wall Street Journal* for the Salvation Army's gift annuities.

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If you would like a copy of this new brochure, call me at 524-2822 or (from neighbor islands) 1-800-522-8418, or write me at the Diocesan Office, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

---Don McKenna, Diocesan Planned Giving Officer.

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Present Church, Future Church: Some Outlines

In his May newsletter, Bishop Hart reported on the Provincial Commission on Ministry meeting in Burlingame, California.

"This annual event is one of the best meetings I go to," he noted. "It proved to be that again this year."

The subject matter was multi-cultural ministry and its implications for commissions on ministry. "Jerry Drino organized it and Malcolm Chun, Charlie Hopkins, and Lucille Tamura all had a hand in its success.

"One issue we talked about had to do with the difficulty many ethnic ministries were having, because of the model of ministry which is valiantly being maintained.

"Then we brainstormed what a new model might look like. Here is what was written on multiple pieces of newsprint," the bishop reported.

Present Church

1. One church, one priest, one people.
2. Self-supporting, or trying.
3. Leadership imported from outside the congregation.
4. Specialization of leadership.
5. Programs: Christian education, youth, choir, etc.
6. Often recycled clergy with problems from other places.
7. Over-extended core group, near burnout.
8. Centered on Sunday morning, passive congregation.
9. Trying to build up staff in congregation.
10. Feeling victimized, wanting rescue.
11. Consumer religion.
12. Ministry is "to you and for you," not "with you."

Future Church

1. Church with no walls.
2. Strong lay leadership.
3. Team ministry, total ministry.
4. High self-esteem.
5. Consensus style.
6. Multi-colored/racial.
7. Brought together by affinity, common interests.
8. Realistic, mutual expectations for clergy and diocese.
9. Non-geographical.
10. Rediscovery of non-eucharistic services.
11. Ecumenical and interfaith.
12. Little emphasis on membership.
13. Less predictable, non-Sunday gatherings.
14. Local mentoring.
15. New vision of stewardship, not driven by budgets.
16. Multi-purpose buildings, moveable furniture.

"Many of our congregations are already beginning to move toward some of the items mentioned in the Future Church, and luckily many of our congregations have avoided the more troublesome pitfalls of the past.

"Still I think this rudimentary thinking is helpful to give us clues for new directions.

"We cannot maintain the old model indefinitely," Bishop Hart writes. "It is already fathering in a number of places, though we are trying hard to make it survive.

"Some congregations will be able to maintain because of numbers and generous giving.

"Others are going to have to rethink the model for ministry and realize that other models may be equally good and perhaps, given the circumstances, just as effective," concludes Bishop Hart in his May newsletter.

Vermont elected the Episcopal Church's first woman diocesan bishop June 5: the Rev. Mary Adelia McLeod. Rector of St. John's Church, Charleston, West Virginia, at election, she will be consecrated in October, the American church's third woman bishop. Bishop Barbara Harris was elected suffragan bishop of Massachusetts in 1988 -- the first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion. Bishop Jane Dixon was elected suffragan of Washington (D.C.) in 1992. Bishop Penelope Jamieson of New Zealand is the first woman in the Anglican Communion to head a diocese, the Episcopal News Service reported.

"Women need to be more of a visible presence in the church," Bishop Barbara Harris said in a workshop at a conference in Philadelphia.

She noted that assertiveness and raising uncomfortable issues would be necessary for change.

"As long as we keep acting like ladies," she said, "we are not going to be heard."

Harris, a suffragan bishop of Massachusetts, and other workshop leaders addressed the theme, "Changing the Paradigm: How do we as Christian women bring healing to the 21st century?"

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scheduled for July 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Von Holt Room of St. Andrew's Cathedral, to be led by Diocesan Treasurer Peter Pereira. It will address church tax reporting obligations and church and clergy tax issues. All clergy and treasurers should attend this seminar.

World Food Day is October 16 this year. The theme: hunger and homelessness. Materials provided by the Hunger Committee of Province 8 were distributed with the bishop's May newsletter.

The Rev. Leroy Soper of St. Clement's is the new convener of the Oahu Clericus. He succeeds the Rev. Canon Karen Swanson.

The Rev. Charles Fulton, president of the Episcopal Church Building Fund, architect and former parish priest, visited the diocese May 19-26. He helped congregations understand the use of space in construction and renovation and how to minimize conflict while building, as well as how to avoid common errors. During his visit, he presented slides on the theme "The Episcopal Church Does Not Necessarily Welcome You," showing positive and negative examples of how landscaping hides or enhances the church site and the church's mission. Fr. Fulton visited Kauai and Hawaii, as well as consulting with several churches on Oahu.

It is eight months since Hurricane Iniki, and some Kauaians are not back in their homes. Individual and group volunteers are still needed to help in the relief effort.

The Kauai Interfaith Iniki Recovery Effort (KIIRE) has 13 immediate projects pending, because of the lack of vounteer help.

"We are currently in need of skilled volunteers for carpentry, sheet-rock hanging, taping and texturing, plumbing and painting," the KIIRE insert in the May newsletter reported.

"We are asking our neighbor-islanders to help us in our efforts.

"Accommodations and transportation to and from the work sites will be provided."

Those interested in volunteering should call Renee Otsuka, KIIRE volunteer coordinator, at (808) 245-4809.

Ruth Nicastro has been named an honorary canon of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul in the diocese of Los Angeles.

The announcement was made by Bishop Frederick Borsch during a diocesan service honoring Nicastro, who will retire from her position as missionary and editor of *The Episcopal News* on June 30.

The paper which she edits has been consistently among the church's best.

In my experience, she is the first lady of journalism within the Episcopal Church. ---JPE.

Thoughts on evangelism, multi-culturalism, change

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Recently I have been to two remarkable consultations which have provided insight to the ministry of this diocese.

One was the Provincial Commission on Ministry meeting earlier in May, which focused on the multi-cultural ministry of this province and how that impacts our congregations and preparation for appropriate candidates for ordination.

The other was the twice-annual meeting of the Board of Directors for Cross-Cultural Ministry Development.

At that meeting late in May, the Reverend Mark Macdonald, a priest serving in Navajoland, submitted a draft paper on the complimentary aspects of multi-culturalism and evangelism.

It provoked an excellent discussion about the future of the church in a pluralistic society such as ours.

I came away with a sense that helpful new thinking is stirring in the church today. It is needed and welcome.

The premise on which this thinking is based acknowledges that we are in a transitional time in church life.

No one is going to be surprised by that!

But the issues many people cite: changes in the Prayer Book, the ordination of women, the place of gays in the church, important as they may be as single issues, are not the ones which turn up in multi-cultural mission strategy.

The transitions that are more common to our situation have to do with changing neighborhoods, ethnic populations struggling to maintain their identity while participating in the larger community of diverse people, the need for leadership which truly understands pluralism and ministry in that context, and the blunt impact of difficult economic times for smaller congregations, and the fact that, ready or not, we are going to be forced to handle the business of the church in new creative ways.

In the midst of this transition (what most people call a paradigm shift) many ideas float around.

Churches have taken a new look at who actually lives near them, within their parish boundaries so-to-speak, and have begun to reach out to them.

Sometimes this means that they have to engage the traditional congregation, which may now be traveling long distances to attend, in new thinking about the mission of their church.

The Reverend Charles Fulton of the Episcopal Building Fund put this eloquently in reminding us, during his visit, that the church we maintain is not just "our" church.

It is primarily "their" church -- those people in the neighborhoods surrounding us who are searching for a gospel that we have, that we share, if we are willing to become a community of diverse persons, and not a closed family protecting our rights and privileges.

We slowly put into place new models of ministry, in this diocese and throughout the province, which allow for ethnic ministries which are related to all of us and not isolated exceptions to the rule.

We look to further use of yoked congregations and to ordination in certain situations under Canon 9.

We look to new thinking about how we find good leadership and how we develop it to further the cause of Christ in a pluralistic community.

We plan for alternative, parallel tracks towards ordination which maintain the truths we hold essential and respond better to our current situation.

We need ethnic clergy, not as tokens to improve how we look, but as spiritual leaders to help us understand the diversity we have become, and that includes the ethnic group of Anglo-European background we often forget.

And in these difficult economic times ideas and suggestions abound.

The secular business world, from which so many of our faithful members come, has a host of ways to deal with struggling non-profit businesses.

Letters of agreement and contracts and evaluations and goals and cutting staff and reorganizing from the national level to the smallest mission -- these are the standard answers, and we need to listen to them and learn as much as possible.

Somehow the church never quite fits the business model, not even the non-profit model, though we have much in common.

Nothing replaces good stewardship, good evangelism, good preaching, good prophetic witness to the needs of the world, good pastoral care.

Mark Macdonald has a line in his paper of such simple truth it becomes profound wisdom. He says, "...The most successful evangelism is congregationally based."

How often we become fascinated by the dynamics and display of the "Faith Crusade" or the "Jesus Walk," or even by the appeal of a Decade of Evangelism.

If they are well run and not exploitive of the young and vulnerable, these events can be helpful, strengthening and affirming primarily to people already of faith.

Even the Billy Graham organization acknowledges that the hundreds that come forward, only a few are actually involved in any religious activity a year later.

The local congregation is still the best place for people to be converted, to find a faithful community, to be nourished spiritually, and to be given the opportunity to serve in ministry.

Evangelism at that level, for this province and this diocese, must be multi-cultural.

We must have leadership that sees beyond the sins of western culture to

the universal truths of the Gospel.

Much of our church in the western United States, and perhaps in other places as well, is gripped in survival thinking.

The old models of ministry are not working, the old neighborhoods are changing, the old financial patterns are not in place anymore.

Panic to survive takes over, and with it come the age-old reactions: draw the wagons in a tight circle, cut off criticism, load up on ammunition, put forward authority nobody likes, find others to blame, say your prayers.

The last of these I think if moving us beyond survival thinking!

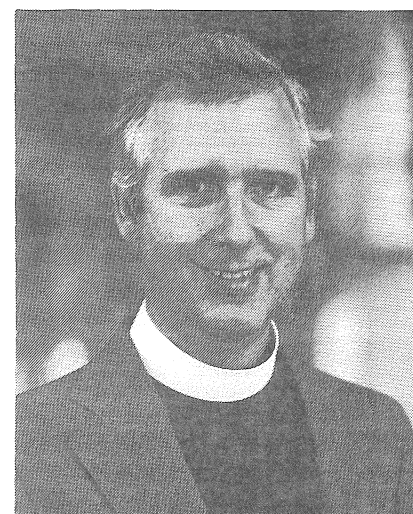
This was true in the recent meetings I attended and I see good signs stirring in this diocese.

Beyond survival are those who become creative, who look for new answers, who are willing to weave a new pattern of the Gospel truths.

Most of us at the meetings agree that the transition the church is experiencing is not a short process. It will be going on for most of our lifetimes.

Like the reformers of Luther's day we are part of world transitions much larger than we can control.

The migrations of people across the face of the earth are almost the single primary transition of this age.



Bishop Hart of Hawaii.

How the church is able to respond to the pluralism this creates, how it ministers in the new multi-cultural world that is forming, will be the agenda for the new millennium.

My thanks and appreciation to each of you for the ministries you carry out in Christ's name.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart
Bishop

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Bishop's Journeying

May

2 We drive to Pearl Harbor for two services at St. George's. Three denominations are using our building, making Sunday morning an experience in coordination and also in good, productive use of the property.

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ECW News

Fun(d) Day,
Roberta Nobleman,
Diocesan Altar Guild,
Church Periodical Club

Fun(d) Day '93 is planned for Friday, August 20, 1993 at St. Clement's Church, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Flo Sasaki is the chair for this event and has been busily planning an especially exciting day, the May *ECW Newsletter* reported.

The Fun part of the day will include:

- Fellowship, a time to renew acquaintances and to make new friends;
- A presentation on herbs;
- Games, with tables set up for those bringing their own mah-jong sets, cards, or cribbage boards...;
- Time to browse the country store table (jams, jellies, preserves, baked goods), the plant corner, and the golden treasures table.
- Time to bid at the silent auction table;
- Lunch; and
- Door prizes.

The Fund part is that all proceeds go towards sending ECW delegates to the Triennial in Indianapolis in 1994.

The cost for the day is \$5, which includes lunch.

Why not organize a car pool for women from your church and join other Episcopal Church Women for a day of fellowship and fun?

You will be helping our delegates to Triennial, too, the *ECW Newsletter* noted.

Roberta Nobleman, an Episcopal laywoman who performed in a one-woman play in Hawaii last March, will be returning July 11 and 12.

She will perform at the Almeida Center, St. Francis School, on Sunday, July 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The play: "Masks & Mirrors," in which she explores the feelings of a child who is/has been sexually abused.

On Monday, July 12, she will conduct a workshop for professional and lay persons concerned with the subject of child abuse, Almeida Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: Sunday evening, \$10. Monday, \$25. Or an advance price of \$30 for both performance and workshop.

For further information contact Janet Kath at 677-6812.

Nobleman is sponsored by the Inter-faith Network Against Domestic Violence, Family Peace Center, and Women's Concerns Committee of the Diocese of Honolulu.

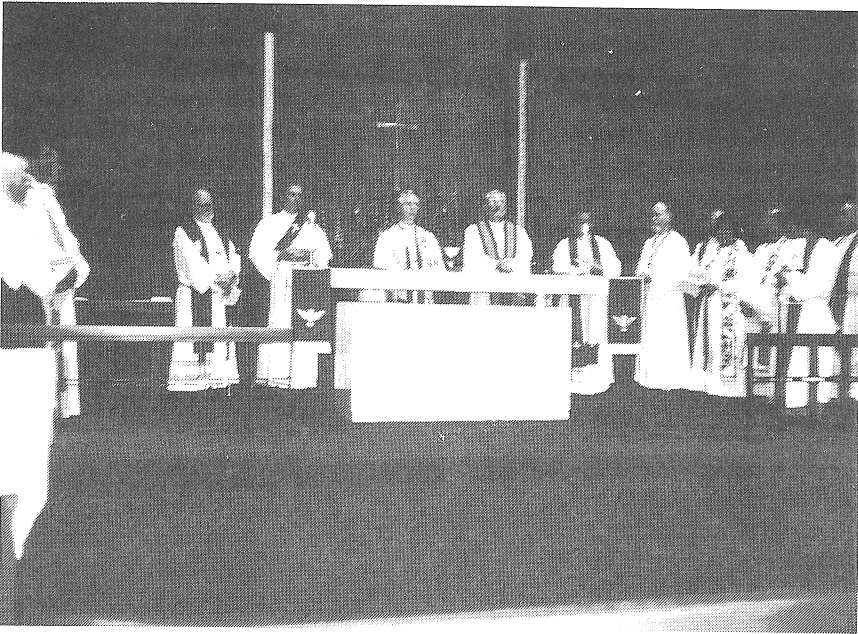
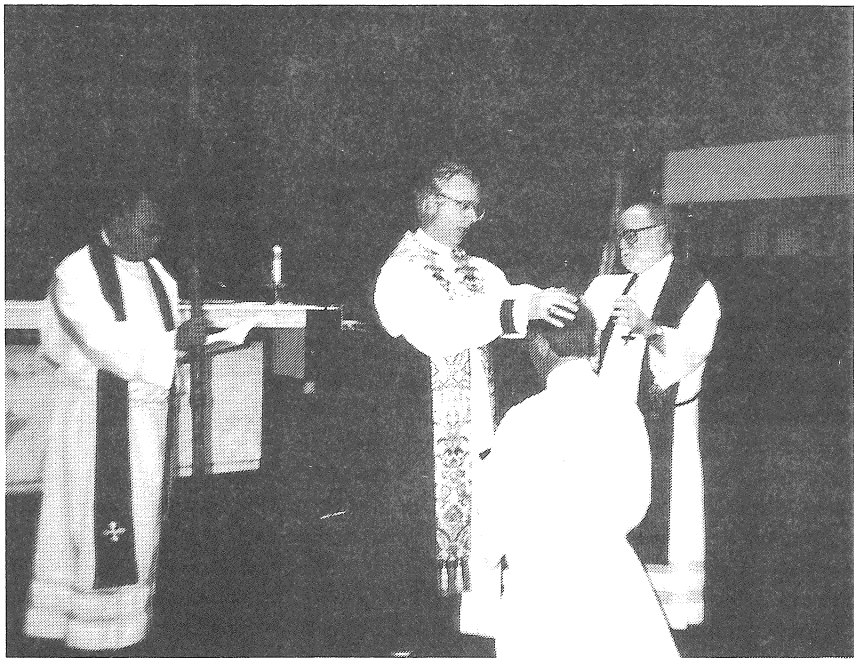
The Diocesan Altar Guild presented red stoles to the Rev. Jonathan Ogujiofor, the Rev. Gregory Johnson, and the Rev. Paul Kath.

They are also busy preparing six corporals and burse and veil sets in four liturgical colors.

"If you have talent for hand sewing and would like to learn how to make the various fine linens, stoles, liturgical hangings and vestments, please feel free to join the altar guild ladies. They meet every Tuesday morning in the Von Holt Room at the Cathedral," reported the May *ECW Newsletter*.

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Paul Kath ordained Deacon



Bishop Donald Hart ordaining Paul Kath April 25 to the diaconate at St. Timothy's, Aiea, with the Revs. John Crean (right) and Alex Geston (right). Behind the altar (l-r): Fr. Crean, Deacon Kath, Bishop Hart, Fr. Vince O'Neill, rector, and Fr. Geston. Janet Kath with Bishop Hart and her husband.

Katherine M. Morton
1902-1993

Katherine M. Morton, secretary to Bishop Harry S. Kennedy for 23 years in Hawaii, died in retirement in Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 22. She was 90.

"I was called to the nursing home on the 20th in the evening. Aunt Katy died on the 22nd at 5 a.m. Her heart stopped. She did not have to linger, and we are thankful for that. I will miss our visits together," wrote Katherine Jessup.

Katy was a lady of large, hard-working, active heart.

As secretary to Bishop Kennedy in the days of the Missionary District, she also edited the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle* (then in glossy, magazine format), saw to the bishop's vestments, managed the hostel for guests of the church in Hawaii, and took newly-arrived clergy families and single clergy under her wing.

Her distinctive lettering graces a generation of ordination certificates and Bibles presented to ordinands.

During all her Hawaiian years, Katy lived on Queen Emma Square -- in a cottage makai of St. Peter's parish hall; in the Diocesan House, which stood in the presentday Priory parking lot mauka of the Cathedral offices; and in the Hostel, the second floor apartments just ewa of the Priory Gym.

The church was her life, and she was a gracious, joyful presence on the Square, hospitable and helpful to all.

Before coming to Hawaii, Miss Morton was secretary to the future bishop, when he was rector of Grace Church, Colorado Springs.

Prior to that, she taught English at Trinidad High School and was for eleven years supervisor of county high schools in El Paso county.

She was a 1924 graduate of Colorado College, a member of Grace Church, and a member of Delta Gamma Sorority.

She is survived by two nieces, Helene Gresham and Katherine Jessup, both of Elbert, Colorado.

Miss Morton was born October 31, 1902, in Colorado Springs, one of three children born to Roy and Katherine (MacKenzie) Morton. --- JPE.

Members of the nation's 258,000 local congregations dropped \$39.2 billion into offering plates in 1991 -- about half of what the U.S. Defense Department spent on military personnel the year before.

Church members also gave \$19.2 billion worth of their time to their local religious groups in 1991, about \$4 billion less than the U.S. government spent on education in 1990.

Over all in 1991, local congregations raised \$48.4 billion and spent \$47.6 billion, with \$6.6 billion of that money donated directly to other organizations or needy individuals.

These figures were reported by a group called Independent Sector in its study of the connections between religious commitment, giving, and volunteer work. Their report *From Belief to Commitment* was funded by the Lily Foundation.

PB supports end to ban on gays in military

Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning joined leaders of other churches in calling for an end to the ban on gays in the military.

Testifying for the church leaders before the House Armed Services Committee in Washington, D.C., was Dr. Paul Sherry, president of the United Church of Christ (UCC).

"While each of us would want to speak out of our distinctive theological traditions," said Sherry, "we share a common conviction that the civil rights guaranteed for all citizens should be guaranteed for gay and lesbian persons as well."

The ban against gays and lesbians runs counter to "the basic principles of our nation -- liberty and justice for all," Sherry said.

"To allow the military to discriminate is morally intolerable and contrary to the values that undergird our society."

The sexual misconduct of military personnel, not their sexual orientation, should be the issue, Sherry said.

"While the religious community and the nation are still in the midst of a profound and difficult debate about the moral character of various forms of sexual behavior, there is growing conviction that sexual orientation, in and of itself, is not an adequate or appropriate basis for judging others, any more than is one's gender, race or ethnic background."

Sherry praised military leaders who "have demonstrated the capacity to lead our forces effectively through transitions that have included racial integration and the admission of women."

He said that military leaders "can be responsible for insuring that sexism, racism and homophobia are not supported or condoned in their units."

In challenging Sherry's testimony, Rep. Herb Bateman (D-VA) said that "specially protected rights" should not be legislated for "people who profess to be homosexuals on the grounds that it is a civil liberty to which they are entitled."

Sherry replied by arguing that gays and lesbians do not seek special consideration.

"People simply want those rights which every citizen of this land -- by virtue of birthright and by virtue of citizenship -- has a right to expect."

PB's letters to President, Chaplains

In private correspondence in February with President Bill Clinton, Browning said that the Episcopal Church's General Convention "is clearly on record in support of holding the full civil rights and equal protection under the law of homosexual persons."

The presiding bishop also wrote to armed forces chaplains asking them "to be at the forefront in alleviating all discriminatory practices and to continue to be pastorally sensitive in the care of your people during this particular transition."

In addition to Browning, other church leaders endorsing Sherry's congressional testimony represented the National Council of Churches, the



Bishop William Swing of California presents AIDS Quilt panels in memory of two Episcopal priests -- Alan Chalfant and Ted Boya -- to Anthony Turney (right), NAMES project executive director. (ENS photo: Marc Geller).

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Moravian Church in America, the United Methodist Church, the American Baptist Churches, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Episcopal News Service reported.

Bishop Steven Plummer of the Navajo Area Mission will take a year's leave of absence and will continue "a closely monitored program of therapy," Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning wrote the bishops of the Episcopal Church May 26, in the wake of a revelation of sexual misconduct.

While a priest, Plummer engaged in sexual activity over a two-year period with a male minor in breach of the trust relationship. This activity ended about four years ago, the Episcopal News Service reported.

A unanimous resolution of the council, standing committee and staff of Navajoland May 22 indicated that they are convinced that "the past is left behind, and our concern is with the present and future."

The resolution also expressed the desire of the Navajo church that Plummer "continue to be our bishop."

After the leave of absence and therapy, Plummer will consult with Browning "to determine if he should continue as bishop of Navajoland."

Browning appointed Bishop William Wantland, a Seminole who is bishop of the Diocese of Eau Claire (Wisconsin), as interim bishop of Navajoland.

"The person involved [with Plummer] did not come forward, and we under-

stand from reliable sources that he does not wish to press a complaint or otherwise be involved," Browning said.

He added that the young man's privacy was being protected. "The healing of the young man continues to be of grave concern to me."

As Navajoland is an area mission, the presiding bishop and the church's House of Bishops have ultimate jurisdiction.

The mission combines, in a unique structure, work among the Navajos in three dioceses -- Arizona, Rio Grande, and Utah.

Championing AIDS awareness and insisting that "Miss America is more than an evening gown or title, but an opportunity to touch people's lives with a positive impact," Miss America Leanza Cornett spoke at St. Andrew's Cathedral June 15.

She urged the churches to be less judgmental, more compassionate, and "more active and accepting of those with the disease."

The *Advertiser* (6/16) also noted that AIDS had now surpassed accidents, cancer and heart disease as the leading killer of young men in 5 states and 61 cities.

AIDS is the leading killer of young women in 9 cities, the *AMA Journal* also reported.

San Francisco has the highest AIDS death rate for men ages 25-44: 61%.

New York is the leading state: 29% of all deaths in the male group studied. Honolulu's rate is 25%.

In Western Europe, Switzerland and Spain have the highest incidence of AIDS -- 43.6 and 43.0 cases per

Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism: A Parallel History of their Origins and Early Development.

Hershel Shanks, editor.
Washington: Biblical Archeological Society, 1992. Pp. xxii + 380. Illustrations: 50 black and white, 11 in color.

This is an important book for the student of the early church and Judaism up to the Muslim conquest (634-640 A.D.).

It is written for the interested layperson, rather than the expert, and makes the best modern knowledge generally available.

Subjects and writers are:

I. Palestinian and Diaspora Judaism in the First Century, Louis H. Feldman.

II. The Life of Jesus, E.P. Sanders.

III. After the Crucifixion: Christianity through Paul, Howard C. Kee.

IV. Judaism from the Destruction of Jerusalem to the End of the Second Jewish Revolt: 70-135 C.E., Lee I.A. Levine.

V. Christianity from the Destruction of Jerusalem to Constantine's Adoption of the New Religion: 70-312 C.E., Harold W. Attridge.

VI. Judaism to the Mishnah: 135-220 C.E., Shaye J.D. Cohen.

VII. The World of the Talmud: From the Mishnah to the Arab Conquest, Isaiah M. Gafni.

VIII. The Religion of the Empire: Christianity from Constantine to the Arab Conquest, Dennis E. Groh.

IX. Christians and Jews in the First Six Centuries, James M. Charlesworth.

The introduction is by Geza Vermes.

The authors teach at the following universities and seminaries: Yeshiva (New York), Duke, Boston, Hebrew (Jerusalem), Notre Dame, Brown, Garrett-Evangelical Theological, Princeton Theological, and Oxford.

(The abbreviations B.C.E. and C.E. stand for Before the Common Era and Common Era -- that is, the era in common use. They are employed in certain modern publications in place of B.C. (Before Christ) and A.D. (Anno Domini, Year of the Lord), which for religious reasons some decline to use. The date 70 C.E. is the same as the more familiar date 70 A.D.)

100,000, according to the World Health Organization (*New York Times* 5/19).

Italy is third with 27.9. Next, with 12.5, is Belgium.

In descending order, 12.0 to 9.1 are Britain, Denmark, Germany, Portugal, Austria, and Sweden.

Lowest are Norway (7.5) and Greece (7.2).

Have you taught your children and grandchildren AIDS prevention?

Hawaii Pacific University, St. Andrew's Priory enter education agreement

The headmaster of St. Andrew's Priory School, the Rev. David Kennedy, and the president of Hawaii Pacific University (HPU), Chatt Wright, signed an agreement May 28 providing for collaboration between the two Oahu institutions.

Under the agreement, HPU -- a private university with over 7,000 students and 400 faculty and staff on 9 campuses-- will open its classrooms to Priory advanced placement students in their junior and senior years.

The Priory will provide at least one ordained minister on a half-time basis to offer Christian counseling to HPU students at its downtown and windward Hawaii Loa campus locations.

The campus chaplain will perform such functions as student counseling, assistance with the Campus Christian Fellowship, and invocations at university ceremonies.

Priory students may enrol in such classes as Principles of Micro-economics, Beginning Russian, Calculus I and II, and Astronomy, at no cost to the students.

These are regular classes taught by HPU faculty, and the credits may be transferred to other colleges or universities, or used at HPU, after students graduate from the Priory.

"This agreement is very cost effective for parents who want their daughters to get a headstart on college education," Fr. Kennedy noted.

"The HPU classes will fulfill requirements at St. Andrew's Priory, while also serving as fully-transferable college courses.

"Our advanced placement students will benefit from access to some of HPU's finest professors," Headmaster Kennedy observed.

In addition, HPU will assist the Priory to expand its English as a second language program, make its computer facilities available to Priory students, and provide professional development opportunities for priory faculty through substantially-reduced tuition.

"Hawaii Pacific University, through its magnificent Hawaii Loa campus, has had a long and beneficial relationship with the Episcopal Church. We are delighted to offer our students the opportunity to benefit from the experienced counsel of a campus chaplain," noted President Wright.

The collaborative effort will take effect in the coming academic year.

St. Andrew's Priory, a school for girls, was founded by the Episcopal Church in 1867.

Episcopal Synod of America plans showdown at 1994 General Convention

The Episcopal Synod of America (ESA) has renewed its call for a non-geographic province to protect Episcopal traditionalists from what it called "a progressively sectarian Anglicanism" and said it will take the fight to the floor of the 1994 General Convention in Indianapolis.

The ESA's new plan, revealed at its recent annual legislative meeting in Philadelphia, would give dioceses the option to separate from their current geographic province and unite with a national autonomous province based on shared theological views.

If the General Convention does not endorse the plan, the ESA said it would "take such further steps as necessary to preserve the doctrinal orthodoxy and freedom of conscience and to advance ecumenical relations on a national and international basis."

Similar proposals by the ESA for a non-geographic province have been rejected in the past by the presiding bishop and his council of advice, the Eames Commission, and the recent joint meeting in South Africa of the Anglican primates and the Anglican Consultative Council.

The ESA will also present a resolution to the 1994 convention seeking a clear, conclusive statement on the church's ability to include supporters and opponents of the ordination of

women, the Episcopal News Service reports.

The statement proposed mandates that "no person shall be ordained to any of the three orders -- bishop, priest, or deacon -- unless that person accepts as valid the ministry of all persons ordained in this church."

If that resolution passes, the ESA said that it will see it as a signal that the church "wishes to exclude those who hold to the 2,000-year tradition of ordaining only male candidates."

If the General Convention defeats the resolution, "we will understand that all persecution of traditionalists will cease," the ESA said.

If the General Convention refuses to consider the resolution, "the ESA could only understand such actions as a clear move to exclude its members" from the Episcopal Church, and it would take appropriate action, the ESA indicated.

The dispute surrounding the election and consecration of Bishop-coadjutor Jack Iker of Fort Worth (March/April *Chronicle*) was among the reasons for these ESA actions. Bishop Iker does not accept women priests and bishops.

Vacation Bible School

St. Andrew's Cathedral August 9-20, 1993

"Godly Play"

Days: Monday - Friday,
August 9-20
Times: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
(Extended day is 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
Ages: 5-12. Teens may be counselors.
Fees: \$40 (9 a.m.-2 p.m).
\$80 (extended day, as above).
(Scholarships are available.
Discounts for siblings &
children of helpers.)
Bring: Lunch.
Snacks are provided.
Wear: Comfortable clothes &
shoes.
Meet: Von Holt Room.

"Each day will be filled with storytelling, wondering together, playing, creating and feasting.
"In addition to time spent in the Von Holt Room, we will go out into the world to play in the ocean, the desert, and the forest," reports Jenny Wallace.

For further information call her at 524-2822.

"Godly play is the playing of a game that can awaken us to new ways of seeing ourselves as human beings. It is the way to discover our deep identity as Godly creatures, created in the image of God. Godly play is a way to know God," writes Jerome Berryman, who has expanded the Montessori approach to religious education.

Seabury Hall's \$5 million campaign a success

Volunteers have raised over \$5 million to expand the Seabury Hall's facilities and services, John C. Baldwin, capital campaign chair, announced June 1.

Speaking for his committee, he voiced thanks to all donors, especially to the lead givers, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pardee Erdman, Jr., and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

"The success of this campaign sets a new standard for educational support on Maui," Baldwin said.

"We believe that this project will create a new level of educational opportunity for the people of Maui."

Money raised has already begun to transform the Makawao campus:

--- The school has purchased additional land, expanding from 9.5 to 22 acres.

--- The new Castle Library building is fully operative.

--- Cooper House, Seabury Hall's venerable central building, has been renovated.

Next year qualified families will receive additional financial aid from the newly-established endowment, the Margaret Cameron Scholarship Fund.

At present, Seabury Hall offers financial aid to 36% of its students, more than twice the national average for independent schools.

This summer, the construction of a full-scale gymnasium complex begins. It will accommodate county- and state-level athletic competitions.

In a year, a multi-use facility will be built to house assemblies, large chapel services, and the school's performing arts programs.

Generous gifts have come from all branches of the Seabury Hall family -- from trustees, campaign committee members, faculty, parents, grandparents, friends, foundations and corporations, Baldwin reported.

The committee is not disbanding. It is already at work on a second effort, "so that all the school's most pressing capital goals can be realized."

"The best way to thank our donors," said Baldwin on behalf of the committee, "is to create with integrity the facilities and programs their dollars have made possible.

"Together we're creating a new world of opportunity for our children.

"Because of our work, Maui will be a stronger, brighter community for generations to come."

Thomas Olverson is headmaster of Seabury Hall.

Alice Anne Rice is development director.

Yale's Davis leads seminar on "Preaching and Praying the Psalms"

Dr. Ellen Davis of Yale Divinity School (YDS) will lead a seminar entitled "Preaching and Praying the Psalms" on Saturday, July 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Von Holt Room of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The seminar is sponsored by the Episcopal Church in Hawaii and is open to laypeople and clergy of all denominations.

The cost is \$10, which includes lunch.

Dr. Davis is a professor of Old Testament at YDS and a guest lecturer at the College of Preachers in Washington, D.C.

She is currently at work on a book on Old Testament preaching in the Anglican tradition.

Dr. Davis received her doctorate from YDS and her masters of divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California.

She taught three years at Union Theological Seminary in New York, before returning to Yale.

She is known for her down-to-earth approach to Scripture and her stimulating lectures.

Please consider using the "slow" time of summer to deepen your understanding and faith with this seminar.

If you have questions, contact the Rev. Canon Karen Swanson or Deacon David Longwood at the Cathedral (524-2822). --- *By our special correspondent.*

God, King James & a Moscow Bible Reader

Some of you may know that I belong to a multi-denominational effort to aid Russian and Hawaii teens in growth and development as positive leaders for their churches and their countries -- Project Mustard Seed.

I went to Moscow and Siberia in March for two weeks to plan for the visitation this June of 15 Siberians (10 teenaged orphans and 5 adults).

I have been blessed to have found this program and to have been allowed the privilege of talking about God to people who are hungry for His word.

I wish to tell you of one of the experiences that has left me awed by the way God works in my life.

I was walking down Fort Street Mall and saw the sign "Sale Books."

I could not resist the temptation just to look at the books. I love to read.

I looked and none interested me -- except a small (4" x 4") rose leatherette-covered Bible, marked 60% off.

Now our home has at least 12 Bibles, so we did not need another, besides this one was King James Version, and we have five of them.

I continued to browse, always coming back to the little Bible, so I bought it, telling myself that it was an ideal size for travel.

It did travel very easily in my handcarry, and it was convenient to take out and read, but I had others that would have been just as easy and just as convenient.

venient.

I flew to Krosnyarsk, Siberia, met old and new friends, was asked to lead a Bible study, and then asked to teach them how to study the Bible.

What an honor, and I am not even the theology scholar in the family.

The week in Siberia went so quickly and was very successful in regards to Project Mustard Seed.

We went back to Moscow, and the night before we were to fly home, my travel companion had guests over, and one of them spoke beautiful English.

I commented on this, and he proceeded to tell me how he had listened to the BBC and Armed Forces Radio, when it was illegal to do so, and he had to hide the receiver.

That is where and how he learned English, never taking a class.

He even had a group of friends who used to tear English language books into chapters and then trade them, chapter by chapter.

We started to talk of God and he was polite, but honest, and said he was not a church-goer.

"But if you ever come back to Moscow, would you bring me a King James Version of the Bible?"

"You see, I was able to read the New Testament, chapter by chapter, but never found the Old Testament, and I have always wanted to read it..."

He said he had gotten a Russian language Bible and had read the Old Testament, but he really wanted King James.

Without hesitation, I went to my handcarry, took out the rose-colored Bible, and handed it to the man.

This man is not famous. He has degreed in psychiatry and law, and he has been working, for five months, with the Supreme Soviet Council on rewriting the laws of Russia.

And now he is reading the Old Testament in the King James Version.

God works in many mysterious ways.

This is just a small part of my life which has large meaning for me.

— Janet Kath, ECW president, member of St. Timothy's, Aiea, and wife of the recently ordained the Rev. Paul Kath.

After a meeting with President Clinton May 19, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said that the president appeared willing to lift sanctions after a transitional government was established in South Africa.

"I was coming to say that it is important for those who are trying to democratize to be rewarded for it... As soon as we have a transitional authority with multiparty control of the security forces, we should have the lifting of sanctions because we need investment," Tutu said, according to the Episcopal News Service.

The South African government has been negotiating with the African National Congress, South Africa's largest political party, for a transition to majority rule.



Episcopalian Rita Henninger (second from r) working with St. Tikhon's, Obninsk, Russia. (Episcopal News Service photo).

Bishop's Journeying (from page 3)

In the evening we host twenty-five bell-ringers at our house for a potluck. Friends from Vancouver have been here for a week helping us to improve our skills on the Cathedral's ring of eight bells.

3-8 I have my annual checkup at the doctor's office and find I am in excellent condition. I thought so, and it is good to hear it.

The week is full of meetings, including one with Mayor Fasi concerning the land we lease at Camp Mokuleia. We had hoped for years to be able to acquire the six acres which are now used for playing field, camping, ropes course, and campfires. Purchase of the full acreage does not appear to be possible. Continued use with a limited lease will probably work for several more years.

Elizabeth leaves in mid-week for a meeting of Provincial bishop's wives -- then on to the east coast to help her father move to a retirement home.

9 I visit Emmanuel Church for two services which are well attended this morning. Jack Shoemaker, as always, encourages good conversation between the services.

Later we relax with a very pleasant dinner and talk of their future plans after retirement in a year plus.

10-15 The Provincial Commission on Ministry meet in Burlingame through Thursday. Charlie Hopkins, Malcolm Chun, Lucille Tamura, and I are all in attendance and all have parts in the presentation on cross-cultural ministry.

I am home for meetings on Friday and Saturday.

16 Two services at St. Mary's this morning, both filled with good spirit and enthusiasm.

I was glad to catch Moheb and Nancy Ghali before they move this summer to the Bellingham, Washington, area and wish them godspeed and thank them on behalf of the diocese for giving so much of themselves through the years.

18-22 My annual visit to Iolani School includes a large number of baptisms and a confirmation, with the whole school gathered in their gymnasium.

The next day is Ascension and St. Andrew's Priory School's founding service.

Between these two occasions I realize we are touching the lives of many young people -- and these are only two of our schools.

Elizabeth is home -- finally! -- and very welcome.

The deacons meet, and on Saturday we have a preparatory meeting for the visit of Roz Moore and Brian Grieves for the Executive Council later in June.

23 Elizabeth and I are on Maui to visit at St. John's, Kula, with two services and confirmations. Last night the vestry and confirmands gathered for dinner at the rectory, and Heather, as usual, pulled everyone together in a time of conversation and affirmation afterwards.

We are back on Oahu just in time to attend the annual AIDS Memorial Service, this year at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

25-29 We are glad to have the Rev. Charles Fulton of the Episcopal Building Fund visiting the diocese and meeting with churches interested in building programs. This is especially valuable for our congregations on Kauai.

The Priory Board meets and then we are flying back to Maui for Seabury Hall's baccalaureate and graduation. The season of graduations is just starting.

30 My annual visitation to the Cathedral gives them the excuse to cut back their three services to one -- many baptisms and confirmations. It is good to see the young families participating.

31-6/5 Memorial Day finds me in the air again, bound for Burlingame and the meeting of the Provincial Cross-Cultural Ministry Development strategy. I chair this group, which also includes Art Kusumoto and Malcolm Chun.

I am home in time to meet with the Commission on Ministry and Standing Committees, to officiate at the Burial Office for Alice Kaumeheiwa, to attend Epiphany School's graduation, and Iolani's on Saturday -- to make a full week!

ECW News

(from page 4)

"1991-1992 saw the successful expansion of our grants program," writes Martha Ho of the work of the Church Periodical Club, which she heads.

"This was due to a good response to our yearly Church Periodical Ingathering, the addition of the Miles of Pennies Fund for children's books, new promotional materials, and collective cooperation of everyone involved in this ministry."

She reported:

--- Contributions to "Fair Share" of Province 8, the National Administrative Fund, and the National Books Fund.

--- Grants to Calvary College of Theology in Nigeria, and to Bishop Simon Chiwanga of Tanzania for priests-in-training.

--- Book grants went to Cynthia Castle-Young and Phil Jackson, seminarians.

--- Magazines were taken to nursing homes, cancelled stamps processed by Helen Redding, and used Christmas cards sorted by Nancy Ghali and sent to St. Jude's Home for Crippled Children.

"It is my prayer that we continue to support the purpose of CPC -- to provide reading materials for people everywhere regardless of age, who may not otherwise obtain them.

"My deep appreciation goes to all who contributed so well toward this aim," Ho said.

THE CALENDAR

July		15	<i>Chronicle</i> deadline.
1	Commission on Ministry, 3 p.m. West Oahu Deanery, St. George's, 7 p.m.*		Episcopal Homes of Hawaii board meeting, 9 a.m. Real Estate & Finance, Cathedral, Room 8, 3 p.m.
2	East Oahu Deanery, 7:30 p.m.* Standing Committee.	17	Diocesan Council & Department meetings.
4	5th Sunday after Pentecost. Independence Day.	17	7th Sunday after Pentecost. Bishop at St. Peter's.
5	Independence Day holiday. Diocesan Office closed.	20	Oahu Clericus, noon.
6	Central Oahu Deanery, Cathedral, Von Holt Room, 7 p.m.*	22	St. Mary Magdalene.
8	Kauai Deanery, St. Michael's, 6 p.m.* Windward Oahu Deanery, St. John's-by-the-Sea, 7:30 p.m.* ECW board meeting.	24	"Praying & Preaching the Psalms," Dr. Ellen Davis, Yale Divinity School & College of Preachers. Infor- mation: Canon Karen Swanson, 524-2822. Bishop at St. Columba's, 5:30 p.m.
10	Cursillo Secretariat, Christ Church, Kealakekua, 10 a.m.	25	8th Sunday after Pentecost. Cursillo Ultreya, Calvary Church, 5 p.m.
11	6th Sunday after Pentecost. Bishop at St. Paul's, Honolulu. Cursillo Ultreya, St. Timothy's, 5 p.m.	26	St. James the Apostle.
12-16	Episcopal Asiamerican Ministries (EAM) National Consultation. * Budget area meetings.	27- 8/10	Episcopal Youth Event, Amherst, Massachusetts.
		31	Diocesan Parish Clergy & Treasurers' conference, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey recently met with the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Alexi II, and agreed to disagree on the Anglican decision to ordain women priests. "However difficult this [women's ordination] is, we both agreed it was our intention to maintain close links and continue to work together," Canterbury said. Also, he hoped that the Anglican church of St. Andrew's in Moscow --

seized during the 1917 revolution and now used as a recording studio -- might be returned.

The former bishop of London, Graham Leonard, 72, has told reporters that he intends to convert to Roman Catholicism after consulting with England's Cardinal Basil Hume. Leonard, a well-known Anglican traditionalist, made his decision after England's vote for women priests.

Bishop David Hope of London has unveiled a proposal that will allow the ordination of women to the priesthood in his diocese.

Hope's announcement buoyed some supporters of the ordination of women who feared that London might become a "no-go area" for women priests (see Bishop Leonard item in adjacent column).

According to Hope's plan, a non-geographic suffragan bishop would provide episcopal ministry within the Diocese of London to parishes who oppose the ordination of women, and a bishop serving as a commissary to the archbishop of Canterbury would ordain women within the diocese.

Hope, the third-ranking bishop in the Church of England, spoke and voted against the legislation allowing the ordination of women to the priesthood in the church's General Synod last November.

He presides over the diocese with the most vocal opponets of women in the priesthood, but also the highest number of women deacons of any diocese.

A month after he was elected suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, the Rev. Canon Antoine (Tony) Lamont Campbell, canon missionary of the Diocese of South Carolina, has been accused of sexual misconduct and the consent process has been put on hold pending an investigation into the charges.

Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning said in a June 7 statement that he heard of the accusations "made by an adult woman" in late May.

"Canon Campbell denies the truth of the accusations," Browning said.

"Canon Campbell agrees that the investigation proceed and a prompt resolution be reached," he added.

Campbell, who would be the first African American bishop in the diocese, was one of two suffragan bishops elected at a special convention May 1.

The Diocese of Connecticut has elected its suffragan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Clarence Coleridge, as its first black diocesan bishop.

Coleridge will succeed Bishop Arthur Walmsley in September.

A relic of the "true" Cross, two tiny slivers of olive wood, was sold for \$18,000 at auction in France May 12.

Accompanying the pendant containing the slivers was a certificate dated 1855 from the Vatican authenticating the relic.

According to church officials, canon law forbids the sale of authentic relics, and issued a strong warning that any Catholic purchaser was duty-bound to return the relic to the church.

The purchaser said she would immediately give the pendant to a religious sanctuary in France.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [ex-Holy Office], said in recent interviews that "the priest has become too important" in the mass and that it may help to turn the altars around again.

After Vatican II the altars in most Roman Catholic churches were moved away from the wall so that the priest could face the people.

"Those attending mass must always be looking at him," Ratzinger said, when liturgy should be focusing on God rather than on human fellowship.

Structural Reform (from page 1)

and that structures are impeding the local church," Shuler reported.

"There is a sense of estrangement from the official processes for decision-making in the life of this church. The present structural form by which we try to guage or discern what is occurring in the church is not working."

Reform

Shuler said that the institutional church is always in need of reform.

"Reformation never ends. If there isn't a constant reformation occurring, then the very problems that we thought we had escaped from come back to haunt us," he contended.

"The development of hierarchical structures tends to crush the very communities that bring them into being."

"I think many people in the pew feel very far away from what they think of as the national church," said Toni Gilbert from Chattanooga, Tennessee, a member of the national steering committee for the symposium and a member of the national church's Executive Council.

More than 30 speakers have confirmed that they will participate in the

symposium, according to Shuler.

Participants will have opportunity to ask questions in each session. A compilation of the major speeches will be published following the meeting, Shuler said.

Hierarchy explores Restructuring

The St. Louis symposium will meet as church officialdom explores restructuring and reorganization.

The Episcopal Church Center undertook a reorganization in 1991, the House of Bishops has altered its format for its interim meetings, and the Executive Council has been developing a long-range planning process during the past triennium, Jeffrey Penn reported in an article published by the Episcopal News Service.

"Seven canonical groups" are already considering options to "streamline and improve the legislative process," Bruce Woodcock of the General Convention office in New York City pointed out.

Barry Menezes, senior executive for planning at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City, noted that the Executive Council is currently conducting its own "data gathering process on the

grassroots level."

Already 88 dioceses have scheduled visits with council members and national staff to share concerns.

Menuez pointed out that more than 2,500 Episcopalians would take part in these face-to-face visits by the end of the summer.

He said that these visits will help national leaders "articulate the emerging vision of the church, clarify our understanding of mission direction, test our program priorities, and grapple with the issues of decentralization and the location of the Church Center that where raised at the last General Convention."

Grassroots & Hierarchy

The Rev. James Fenhagen, a speaker at the August symposium and executive director of the Episcopal Church Foundation's Cornerstone Project, remarked, "The symposium will be of no value if it doesn't get connected up with the structures of the church."

Shuler described what he called a "pent-up demand" for the upcoming symposium, despite the church's own efforts to reform from within.

"National leaders have told us that we are merely duplicating their own efforts and that they 'have it all under control,'" Shuler said.

Shuler said that he was skeptical of those efforts because the people involved in them have a "highly institutionalized and hierarchalized view of the church."

"I see the St. Louis symposium as 'grist for the mill' along with such other important data as the parochial reports, reports from the church's standing interim bodies, and the recommendations of the recent Partners in Mission consultation," Menezes said.

The St. Louis symposium was sparked by two rectors of the Diocese of East Tennessee, the Rev. Stephen Freeman and the Rev. Peter Keese.

They offered a resolution at the 1991 diocesan convention that called for significant changes in the structure of the Episcopal Church.

Among other things, Freeman and Keese called for the General Convention to meet once every 10 years, and for a diocesan bishop to serve as the presiding bishop.

--- From an article by Jeffrey Penn, Episcopal News Service.