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\$4 million loan repayment unlikely

Present, future church budgets affected

The \$4 million bank loan to Episcopal Homes of Hawaii, Inc. (EHH) -- for which a guaranty was signed by the Episcopal Church in Hawaii -- will probably not be paid on or by the June 30, 1994, loan due date, knowledgeable sources have informed the *Chronicle*.

EHH is the corporation building the Hale O Malia lifecare retirement complex in Waialae-Kahala,

EHH and the Episcopal Church are two separate and distinct Hawaii corporations.

EHH's failure to repay may make the Episcopal Church in Hawaii liable for that \$4 million.

The annual interest on \$4 million at 8.5 percent is \$340,000.

With some payment of principal, the cost to the Episcopal Church in Hawaii will approximate \$400,000 annually, or about \$1,100 a day, sources estimate.

The repayment of that loan at \$400,000 annually, paid at \$33,043 a month, will take between 22 and 23 years.

Neither such a lengthy repayment period, nor such large monthly payments, are necessary, if some diocesan assets (such as stocks and bonds, real-estate) are sold and the principal immediately reduced.

In a memo to the members of the Diocesan Council dated June 8, David Chung, chair of the Council's Finance Department, drew attention to estimated loan-related expenses which need to be reflected in the revised budgets for the last half of 1994 (7/1-12/31) and for all of 1995 and 1996.

These expenses are estimated to total \$1,465,000 over the coming two and one-half years.

The recommended elements of a credible plan to address these additional operating expenses and the expenses themselves are detailed in the story "Hawaii defers" on page 7.

Perspective

To put these dollar amounts in perspective, the total yearly subsidy for congregational development (missions) in the 1994 budget is \$316,608.

Diocesan administration (staff) -- bishop, executive officer, treasurer, ministry development officer, two

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Bishop Hart resigns

The following letter informing the diocese of Bishop Hart's resignation was read in Episcopal churches at services Sunday, 26 June 1994.

His resignation must be accepted by the House of Bishops, which next meets at General Convention 24 August - 2 September.

"I remain Bishop of the Diocese until they have acted and I will continue with my duties, as appropriate, until the end of General Convention," Bishop Hart wrote in his "Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ" letter of 27 June (see page 3).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

My warm greetings of peace and love in the name of Christ for each and every one of you.

After long and prayerful consideration, I have decided that it is in the best interests of our Diocese and that of my family for me to resign as the Bishop of Hawaii. As much as I would like to be a part of the healing process and to participate in the development of the solution to the problems which confront our Diocese, I have come to the conclusion that under the circumstances, this will not be possible.

Under the applicable Canon, I will be submitting my resignation to the Presiding Bishop and it will be considered by the House of Bishops at its meeting in Indianapolis in August. Between now and then I will be working with the Standing Committee to effect an orderly transition.

The Pastoral Letter [see page 3] which shall be read to you today was composed by me prior to my decision to submit my resignation so it should be heard by you in that context.

As always, you will be in my prayers as the Diocese works through the challenges which face it.

/s/ Donald P. Hart

Resignation Announced

The Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart, Episcopal Bishop of Hawaii since 1986 and Bishop-in-charge of Micronesia since 1987, announced his resignation to the diocesan staff June 24, the Diocesan Council the following day, and through a written statement to the congregations on Sunday.

His resignation comes after a series of calls by various churches for his resignation, or for a diocesan-wide vote of confidence by Hawaii's clergy.

A bishop's resignation has to be accepted by the House of Bishops, which next meets in Indianapolis as part of General Convention August 24-September 2.

His resignation will assist the diocese in facing its current financial crisis, planning for the future, and fostering the healing process, Hart indicated to his staff.

Bishop Hart's ministry began in Massachusetts (1962-1964), where he went to college (Williams, BA 1959) and seminary (Episcopal Theological School, BD 1962).

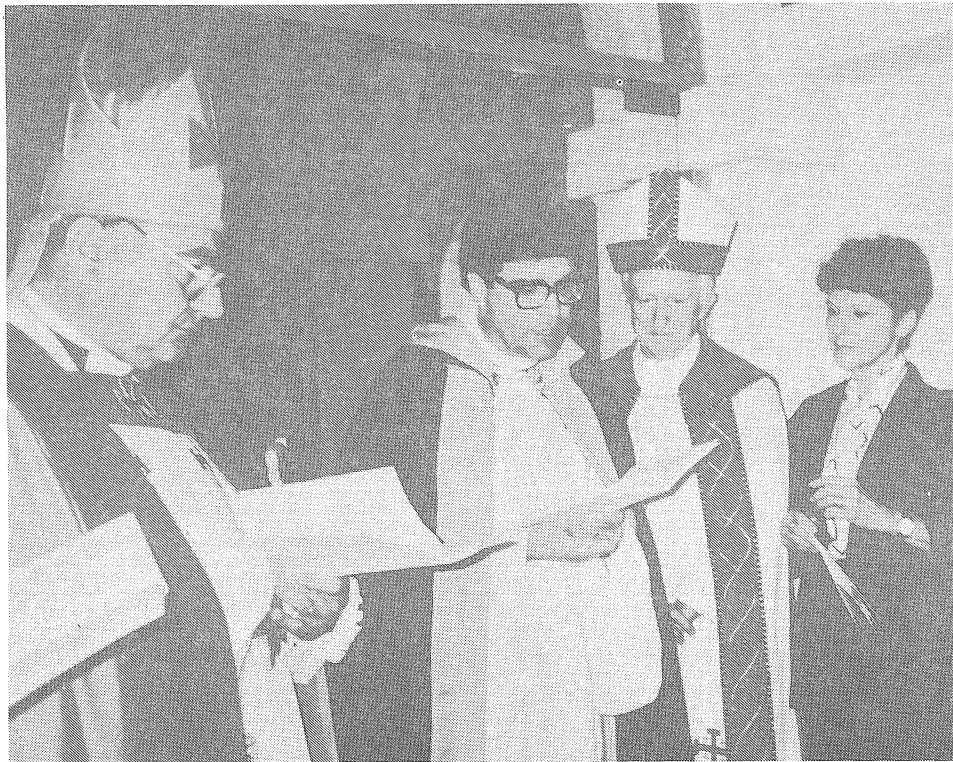
Most of his ministry was spent in Alaska (1964-1983).

He was elected Bishop of Hawaii while serving as rector of St. James', Keene, New Hampshire (1983-1986).

During his eight years in Hawaii, Hart was an outspoken critic of racism. He was one of the bishops selected to draft the recent Pastoral Letter, "The Sin of Racism."

During his episcopate the church in Hawaii gained one new mission, St. Anne's, Mililani, and reopened a dormant one, St. Thomas', Hanalei.

--- JPE.



Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning and Patti Browning (right) at the naming of Jerusalem's St. George's College library in their honor. President-bishop Samir Kafity (left) with Dean John Peterson (center). J.Solheim photo.

This June *Chronicle* comes delayed in order to cover late-breaking news, including

--- the 22 June Pastoral Letter (page 4),

--- Bishop Hart's notice of resignation read in churches on 26 June (page 4),

--- Bishop Hart's newsletter dated 27 June (page 3),

--- *Honolulu Advertiser* editorial of 29 June (page 5).

--- A letter from the Standing Committee, dated 7 July.

\$4 million loan (from page 1)

secretaries and one bookkeeper -- is funded annually at approximately \$391,000 in salary and benefits. Those of the *Chronicle* editor raise that figure to about \$415,000.

Assessment increases to 36 percent have been suggested informally to cover the expected 1995 and 1996 deficit

Planned for the 1995 budget at press time was an assessment increase from the 22 percent of the draft budget (down 1 percent from 1994) to 30 percent.

Loan

At the June 1993 meeting of the Diocesan Council, the church voted to guaranty the \$4 million EHH bank loan.

Reportedly, the guaranty fee to the church was \$1 million.

However, the bonds for the Hale O Malia project have not yet been issued and cannot be issued and sold until 70 percent of the lifecare facility's 320 units are sold, with 35 percent of the purchase price down.

EHH is still short of that percentage, sources indicated.

Also, Hale O Malia has no building permit, as there are yet no final architectural plans, sources also indicate.

Guaranty

As Bishop Hart explained in his July 9 newsletter, "One proposal from a local bank subsidiary was willing to lend this money for what the [EHH] Board thought was an exorbitant cost.

"The Board came to the Diocesan Council with a request for help and a guarantee of a \$4 million portion of the full [\$6.5 million] loan has been arranged between our bank, First Hawaiian, and Episcopal Homes.

"\$2.5 million will be guaranteed by other participants...

"From the conception of this project I have seen it as a ministry to the elderly and one which in years to come will allow us to expand our outreach to low-income elderly and to provide scholarship, or supplemental help, for clergy retirement living."

Concern & Disassociation

EHH's failure to repay the loan as promised on February 28, 1994, raised concern in several church quarters.

At the March meeting of the Diocesan Council, a Special Review Committee (SRC) was established to gather further information and make recommendations for church action.

The Rev. John Millen, president of the Standing Committee, and the Rev. Morley Frech, secretary of that committee, met with Bishop Hart, then on sabbatical in Vancouver, B.C.

The Standing Committee is the ecclesiastical authority in the death, incapacity, or long absence of the bishop.

Bishop Hart had retained his ecclesiastical authority whilst on sabbatical, a planned absence of three and one-half months, with communication with the diocese all that while.

Bishop Hart ended his sabbatical early and returned to the diocese the week of April 4.

At its April meeting, the Diocesan Council unanimously ratified the actions of its SRC, adopted its recommendations, and discharged it.

Also at that meeting, the Diocesan Council passed the motion "that the Episcopal Church in Hawaii shall, with due dispatch, completely disassociate itself from Episcopal Homes of Hawaii, Inc., and all of its projects, including specifically Hale O Malia."

The vote: 21 ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstention.

A Special Committee of the Diocesan Council (SCDC) was then unanimously established "to effectuate the disassociation" and given "exclusively all authority to do so."

Consequently, Bishop Hart, president of the Diocesan Council, no longer also serves as chairman of the EHH board.

Michael Porter resigned as chancellor of the diocese.

Previously, another was elected president of EHH, succeeding Fr. Van Horne.

Jack Lockwood, a former diocesan chancellor, has been selected as the new chancellor and will handle the routine legal matters affecting the diocese.

However, he cannot participate in any matters regarding EHH, as his firm represents both the Roman Catholic Church and First Hawaiian Bank.

(The Roman Catholic Church signed a guaranty for a portion of that \$6.5 mil-

lion loan.)

The lead law firm for the Episcopal Church in Hawaii in EHH matters is Paul, Johnson, Park and Niles.

David A. Johnson of that firm is currently most active in advising the church.

He is assisted by Hugh Shearer, another former diocesan chancellor, and James H. Wright, a deputy vice-chancellor.

Some of this legal work is *pro bono* (freely given), but the diocese has already spent most of the authorized \$170,000 and will soon have to authorize further expenditures -- in the amount of \$125,000 -- in order to cover the expected additional 1994 fees for legal and other professional help.

This was done at the Diocesan Council's June 18 meeting.

In all, expenditures not covered by the 1994 budget are expected to total \$465,000.

This sum includes interest-only payments totalling about \$170,000 for the last six months of this year.

The 1995 and 1996 budgets will each have to include previously unanticipated legal and other professional fees, and possible principal and interest payments, totalling \$500,000.

The Diocesan Council is scheduled to meet June 25 to approve a new 1995 budget for submission to the deaneries for review and comment.

David Chung, chair of the Diocesan Council's Finance Department, has led both the SRC and SCDC and served as

"the church's official spokesperson on these matters" (Bishop's letter of May 19).

On or about the Kuhio Day weekend Tony Garcia and EHH parted company.

The EHH board "has taken full charge of completing Hale O Malia," with a new management team, according to its April 29 letter.

The Episcopal Church in Hawaii is still probably out \$4 million.

Knowledgeable sources report that part of this sum may be recovered through the diocese's officers errors and omissions insurance and similar insurance held by others involved.

For additional information on these matters, see other stories in the issue.

A Letter from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Hawaii

July 7, 1994

To: All Clergy of the Diocese
Diocesan Council Members
Senior & Junior Wardens
All Members of The Episcopal Church in Hawaii

From: The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Hawaii

This is the first of what the Standing Committee plans to be regular communications with the clergy and laity of the Diocese in the months ahead.

Sometime during the meeting of the General Convention, the House of Bishops is expected to act upon Bishop Hart's request that he be permitted to resign as Bishop of Hawaii.

Until that action has taken place Bishop Hart remains our Bishop with full ecclesiastical authority.

After the House of Bishops acts, the Standing Committee will assume its canonical role as Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

Between now and then, Bishop Hart is meeting with us to enable a smooth and realistic transition.

The President of the Standing Committee has begun meeting with the Bishop and other Diocesan Staff members on a weekly basis.

The Standing Committee is working in concert with Elaine Ohlson, Vice President of the Diocesan Council, and various members of the Standing Committee have agreed to take on certain responsibilities which will enhance life within our Diocese during this period between bishops.

Working Together

The most important matter to be communicated with each and every

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Bishop James Ottley of Panama (left) has been appointed Anglican Observer at the United Nations, beginning in November. He succeeds Bishop Sir Paul Reeves. The Rev. Canon Sam Van Culin (right). ENS: James Solheim.

For the best interests of Diocese, family, self..."I needed to...resign"

The following letter from Bishop Hart is dated the day after notice of his resignation was read in all Episcopal churches at all services.

June 27, 1994

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

My decision to resign as Bishop of the Diocese has been an extremely difficult one to make.

I have talked to innumerable people to seek the best counsel I could find.

I have said my prayers faithfully and as honestly as I could.

Last Friday, June 24, I met with three available members of the Standing Committee, along with the Chancellor, and told them of my decision.

We then made plans for my informing the Diocesan Council at their meeting the next day and for the word to be disseminated to the churches for announcement on Sunday morning.

The brief printed announcement which went to the Council and was shared with the congregations was short and to the point, but it was also accurate in its simplicity.

Best Interests

In order for me to continue to hold up the best interests of the Diocese and of my family and myself, I needed to make the decision to resign.

I regret having to come to that conclusion.

When I spoke to the Council on Saturday, I underlined what I said in my Pastoral Letter about my profound sorrow for what the Diocese is going through in facing the financial issues before it, and my personal apology for whatever part I may have played in that and especially for any other people hurt by decisions which were made corporately.

I returned from Vancouver and my sabbatical to be with the Diocese in its troubles, to give episcopal leadership and presence, to carry on all the other functions connected to the office.

The invitation to Speed Leas to consult with us in a conflicted time, I believe, was appropriate.

The criticism of his preliminary

report, and the reluctance of others to hear his suggestions, were a clear indication to me that I was not going to be able to be an agent for the healing which must take place in the Diocese in the future.

Someone else will have the joy of seeing that take place and of playing a part in it.

If I could not have a role in that healing process, then the time had come to step aside.

I rejoice that even in doing that, perhaps I have begun to open the door for healing to begin.

Continues as Bishop

My resignation will officially go the the Presiding Bishop to be acted upon by the House of Bishops at the General Convention August 24 - September 2, meeting in Indianapolis this summer.

I remain Bishop of the Diocese until they have acted and I will continue with my duties, as appropriate, until the end of the General Convention.

I will be working closely with the Standing Committee for an orderly transition, both for the Diocese and myself.

We have talked briefly about the immediate need for episcopal leadership and the Standing Committee will be working with Bishop Hopkins, from the Presiding Bishop's staff, on the possibility of an interim bishop being assigned to the Diocese.

Bishop Hopkins will meet with me and them early in July to discuss the transition and the future needs of the Diocese.

If, by chance, no interim bishop is available in September, the Standing Committee will become the ecclesiastical authority, much as they did after Bishop Browning left nine years ago.

Almost to the day, nine years ago, I was elected Bishop of the Diocese.

Because you had been without a bishop for six months following Bishop Browning's installation as Presiding Bishop, I was immediately called on to fill the Bishop's role, even though I was finishing my tenure as rector of a parish.

It was a hit-the-ground running time for me and that has never stopped.

These have been full and exciting years.

They have had difficult moments, but never dull ones!

I feel enormously privileged to have been given the calling to serve this Diocese and to be among you.

Your prayers have sustained Elizabeth and me in normal times and they have been our life blood in these more recent days.

The same is true of friendships which we will always cherish.

In each of my newsletters I have tried to express my gratefulness for your ministries...to me, to the Diocese, to the world.

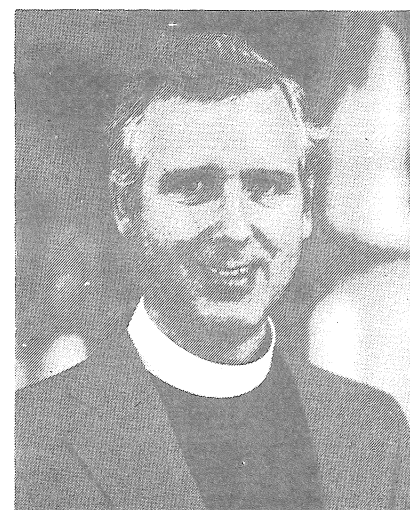
I am glad to do that again with a heart filled with thanksgiving for who you are, and Christ in you.

Nothing has been more important to me than issues of ministry and more especially how we give freedom for ministry to be expressed from every person and ethnic identity in the Diocese.

We are incredibly rich in spiritual gifts when all are sharing them.

To address the ministry needs here, however, inevitably means facing racism in my midst.

We have made a courageous beginning, and that has already given freedom to the Hawaiian Commission's proposal to attract people of Hawaiian ancestry for ordained ministry.



Bishop Hart of Hawaii.

I rejoice in that, and in what will follow from this beginning.

These have been good years for me and I thank God for them...and for each of you.

May God continue to bless us all.

My deep appreciation and thanksgiving for you.

Faithfully

/s/ Donald P. Hart

The Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart
Bishop

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Bishop's Journeying

May

1 On this Lei Day, Elizabeth and I are visiting St. Timothy's for two services. Fr. Vince O'Neill does a wonderful children's sermon, which we all enjoy.

We have a large potluck at our house for local and visiting bell ringers.

3-7 The National Church provides us with an excellent Planned Giving Workshop during the week. The Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee meet.

On Saturday, St. John's-by-the-Sea holds its annual lu'au, and it looks like a tremendous success.

8 We make the trip to mid-island to visit St. Stephen's in Wahiawa. The congregation is nearly full at this single service, and I am delighted to see new faces among the familiar ones.

10-14 This week has many meetings, including some at Iolani School, with the Salvation Army, and with the Cathedral Chapter.

We join the Priory School on Ascension Day for their Founders' Day celebration.

By week's end we fly over to Molokai to be with the Shaefer's.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Our strength is in the name of the Lord."

A year ago, the Diocese guaranteed a \$4 million loan from First Hawaiian Bank to help Episcopal Homes develop the retirement project, Hale O Malia.

When we gave the guarantee, it appeared that the project was moving ahead and would be able to pay off the loan from its sales and other sources, so that the Diocese would never have to honor the guarantee.

However, the project encountered difficulties we had not foreseen, and the Diocese must now prepare to honor its obligation.

The Diocesan Council, at its regular meeting on June 18, took steps to balance the budget for this current year of 1994 to account for a sizeable increase in debt.

Another special meeting will take place on June 25 to work on the 1995 budget.

Our sincere hope is that the project will gain strength and begin to meet its obligations, including this one.

However, we must be prepared for this not to happen.

Responsibility

People throughout the Diocese have naturally asked who is responsible.

I would like to give you a full answer to that question, so that I could satisfy you that there has been no impropriety or wrongdoing by any Church official that led to this problem.

However, I am not free to do so. Legal counsel has advised that it is best for me not to speak to the circumstances surrounding the Episcopal Homes matters.

The Diocesan Council has decided that only the Chair of the Special Committee, David Chung, would speak for the Diocese on these matters.

These are decisions that I respect and I shall follow.

For those of you who have wondered why it is that I have not been more forthcoming and visible in addressing these important issues, I wish you to know that this is the answer.

No Wrongdoing

Some of you may be concerned that my reluctance to speak for the Diocese suggests that I or my staff have done something questionable or improper.

Let me assure you that there has been no wrongdoing by me or any other member of our clergy or staff.

My silence on these matters has resulted from my wish to follow the advice and decisions of the Diocesan Council, and not from any personal unwillingness to discuss the facts or any desire to cover them up.

For the moment I must request your trust and hope I have earned your faith.

The time will come when I will be free to speak, and I look forward to that moment of disclosure and building trust.

While there has been no wrongdoing that led to this crisis, there have certainly been decisions made that have worked out poorly thus far.

A Pastoral Letter
to the
Diocese of Hawaii

To be read and distributed
in all congregations
on the Sunday following receipt
of this Letter

Shared Decisions

I can share with you the fact that decisions concerning financial obligations for the Diocese are made by numbers of people, myself included.

The normal procedure of Finance Department and Council review, and finally their resolution approving the guarantee, was followed in connection with this obligation.

I depend on their expertise in financial and business matters.

They depend on me to determine how this project relates to our Church's mission and ministries.

Together we made the decision that the project was worth supporting and that the guarantee was unlikely to be a difficult burden for the Diocese.

On the second point we were mistaken.

Changes in the management of the project, difficulties in the marketplace, increases in interest rates and other factors combined to make our earlier confidence in the progress of the project misplaced.

While I continue to believe and hope that the project can and will be successful, the need to deal with the guarantee must be confronted today.

Sorrow & Apology

I can speak for myself at least in saying how profoundly sorry I am that we find ourselves facing the financial crisis we do.

My intentions, and I believe the intentions of all who voted for the guarantee, were to act in the best interest of the Diocese and our mission to support ministry in many different ways in the community.

I make sincere apology to anyone who is hurt by this decision, and I am sure the others will join me in saying this.

Creative ministry, ministry which reaches out beyond the walls of our churches into the community, ministry which is put in the hands of others, as this was from the beginning when a separate board of directors for Episcopal Homes was established -- that kind of ministry is risky.

It is especially risky when an aspect of it involves the development of real property.

This is not the first time an attempt to do good, or, as in this case, for others to do good, has brought serious consequences.

The magnitude of those consequences is frightening and maddening to many people.

This is all the more reason for us to support one another and strengthen our community of faith.

No Recrimination

I do not believe we will serve ourselves or our Lord Jesus Christ in any positive way if we heap abuse on the past, or search for what or whom to blame.

Energy can so easily be wasted in recrimination, in blaming, in anger.

How much stronger we will be if we exercise the Christian gifts of reconciliation, forgiveness, love, and the building of the future on God's compassion and not on retribution.

We will only be strong again when "our strength is in the name of the Lord," when we are in communion with God and with one another.

Jesus was in a lonely place once and night was coming on.

Many people had followed him there. He turned to his disciples and said for them to feed the crowd.

"All we have with us is five loaves and two fishes", they replied.

It was enough because of Jesus! (Matthew 14:15-21).

This Diocese is a lonely place at this moment, and people are spiritually hungry and we have bills to pay and work to be done.

We have limited resources...not nearly enough to face the debt which is before us.

Are we willing to let the love of God strengthen us for the future?

Will a spirit of thanksgiving for God's blessings move us into the days ahead?

I believe a positive answer proclaims the bigger and more important truth which we need now.

Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and we must proclaim that and believe it, in this time of our need.

Prayer

How will we meet our financial obligations?

Please let us start with prayer...prayer for this Diocese and the Church we love, for each other and for the leadership of the Diocese, for wisdom to guide us in this time, for a Spirit only God can give, a Spirit for "and inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the

gift of joy and wonder in all your works" (BCP, page 308).

To start in prayer is essential for whatever else happens.

Steps Taken

The Council on June 18 outlined the first steps we should take.

The steps demand sacrifice, and none more than from those who work in the diocesan office.

Spending on diocesan programs has been frozen except for any current outstanding bills.

We will defer our assessment to the National Church for the second half of this year, and freeze payments to Provincial organizations.

We will have to use a portion of our reserve cash, while still retaining a prudent amount.

These are a few of the first steps the Council felt had to be taken in this year.

They are continuing work on the 1995 budget.

The National Church assessment will most probably come back into our budget, but suggestions have been made to cut the diocesan office expenses by \$50,000 and to raise the assessment to our congregations.

These are very difficult decisions and I share the pain with you in having to make them.

1995 is the year in which I had hoped we could cut the assessment to congregations, and the diocesan staff had worked hard to achieve that.

It does not appear now that this will be possible.

Important Areas

Several areas in our corporate life are of primary importance to me.

The first is maintenance of our support to mission congregations.

The next, in no particular priority of order, is our ability to continue enabling ministry, with the training of laity and those moving toward ordination.

Then we should continue our support of retirees.

We also must maintain the possibility for the Diocese to meet in order to support one another.

The importance of the deaneries will increase as a way of networking to be effective, and while programmatic money will not be available, programs can still take place with local initiative.

This has been true in the past here, and is still true in other dioceses.

"Our strength is in the name of the Lord," and no price tags are attached to that.

Own Goals

My own goals are to continue working with the Council and Standing Committee and others in leadership positions to resolve our difficulties, and to give the spiritual leadership needed in this time.

What has developed is a terrible setback for the Diocese, one that I could never have foreseen, nor, I believe, could others.

We must now come together in a new spirit of cooperation and dedication.

We must claim a renewed faith in

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Briefly Noted

The Anglican Church of Canada restructured its national staff and laid off 15 employees as a result of declining income.

Canadian Anglicans and Lutherans have issued a call for the two churches to work toward "full communion" by 2001.

Bishop Stephen Sykes of Ely (England) told a meeting of church leaders in Vienna that the "historic episcopate" is a "precondition for the true unity of the church." European Lutheran, Reformed and United Churches insist that there are only two conditions for mutual recognition: "right teaching of the Gospel" and "right administration of the sacraments."

In response to Pope John Paul II's letter against the ordination of women to the priesthood, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey said that the "arguments it advances have been fully considered during discussion within the Church of England and within other Christian churches and were not found to be convincing."

"It is the full humanity of Christ, rather than his maleness, which the priesthood is called to represent," he added.

In response to the assertion that "the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women," Cary noted that it is "the Church's continuing responsibility to discern the mind of Christ in relation to matters of faith, doctrine and order."

Carey spoke of Anglicanism's good will to the Roman Catholic Church and looked forward to continuing "dialogue...about those matters on which we continue to differ."

Pastoral Letter (from page 4)

God to give us strength and determination to continue the ministry of Christ.

We may think our resources are too few.

Let us claim the resources of our faith in God and begin to know they will be enough.

You are in my prayers and in my thanksgiving for your prayers and your magnificent witness to the Gospel.

My deep affection.

Faithfully

/s/ Donald P. Hart

The Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart
Bishop

June 22, 1994

Standing Committee Letter (from page 2)

member of our Diocesan Family at this time is that the Diocese is in good hands and *together* we will get through the months ahead!

It is our intention to keep all of you informed.

It is critical that we all recognize and make use of the structure of our Church on all levels.

In a time of crisis, it is so easy to overlook channels of authority and even communication.

The Episcopal Church has been established to operate in a unique way and, though it may not always be the best in each and every case, it is after all that with which we have to work.

With the coming budgetary cuts and other financial constraints facing us, deaneries are going to become integral parts of our Diocesan structure.

Within these subgroups of Diocesan life, the local grassroots voice of the Church can be heard and then communicated to the Diocesan Council.

Diocesan Council & Standing Committee

Please keep in mind the distinction between duties and responsibilities of the Standing Committee and those of Diocesan Council.

The Diocesan Council remains the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

It is the program planning and policy-making body of the Diocese.

It is also reasonable for all questions and concerns involving our finances.

Together with the Standing Committee, it makes the necessary arrangements for the continuing management of the Diocese." (*Art. V, Sec. 5.3(9) Diocesan By-Laws*).

The Standing Committee continues to make these decisions regarding consents to episcopal elections, the alienation of property, and so forth; however, adds to its work those matters which are deemed to fall under the provision of "The Ecclesiastical Authority" as cited in *Art. X, Diocesan Constitution*.

When in doubt as to which body you need to check with, simply ask our Chancellor, John Lockwood, or the heads of either Diocesan Council, Elaine Ohlson, or Standing Committee, the Rev. John Millen.

Interim-Bishop

A number of people have asked what we are planning to do with regards to an interim-bishop.

The Standing Committee is looking at this matter now.

No firm decision has been made as we are exploring all possible alternatives.

The Presiding Bishop will play a role in determining what will be helpful for us as a diocese.

Among the options available to us are:

(1) to hire a retired or assistant bishop to come and serve here in Hawaii as our Interim-Bishop for an unspecified period of time;

(2) to go with an Interim-Management Team, like during the last period between Bishop Browning and Bishop Hart.

This team to be composed of the

President of the Standing Committee, Acting-President of the Diocesan Council, and the Chancellor of the Diocese, who would then call upon a bishop to perform episcopal functions as necessary.

Or, (3) possible variations of these.

It is important to note that the present thinking of the Standing Committee is that we do not jump into an immediate search and election process.

This decision is based upon our sense of needing to clear up a number of concerns within the Diocese before we can even think of inviting a new bishop into our midst.

So, we are looking at an indefinite interim period, with the search process not commencing until the later part of this time.

The attention of the Diocese needs to focus upon the matters before us and not upon an election.

Two Actions

When officially called upon by the Presiding Bishop to assume the ecclesiastical authority role for this Diocese, the Standing Committee will take two very intentional actions.

First, we will be led in a "Quiet Day" by Bishop Hopkins, who serves on the Presiding Bishop's Staff for Pastoral Concerns, for our own desire to come together as a body in meditation, prayer and spiritual healing.

And, second, we will be calling upon each and every member of our Diocesan Family to do the same, perhaps on a deanery basis prior to coming to Diocesan Convention.

Intentional prayer is greatly needed, now more than ever.

Last but not least, we call upon everyone to work toward eliminating any unnecessary and often times hurtful communication of unsubstantiated statements.

The Standing Committee has asked one of our members, Betty Jo Harris (235-4450) to act as a communications clearing center for all of us.

If you hear something which you feel needs to be checked out, please call here.

She will get back to you within 24 hours with verification of authenticity.

As stated at the outset of this letter, this is the first of many such communications.

We apologize for its length and trust future ones will be shorter.

Please know that the lines of communication work best when they are two-way.

Let us hear from you when a concern arises or if you feel that somehow you are being "left out."

We are in this together!

In closing, we ask you for your prayers, and we hope that in the days ahead we will earn your faith and trust, as we pull our Family back together and begin to concentrate once again on the ministry of this Diocese.

Aloha and God bless!

--- The Standing Committee

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The following is an editorial in the Honolulu Advertiser (6/29) and is reprinted with permission.

Bishop quits

Church got in over its head

It seemed like such a good idea.

The Episcopal Church in Hawaii would use its financial resources and its moral authority to launch a badly-needed upscale retirement home for Honolulu called Hale O Malia.

Unfortunately, it appears, the church fell victim to a poor economy, a misjudged market and a failure to recognize financial problems in the background of the project's developer.

The immediate victim of this unfortunate mess is the Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart, bishop of the Episcopal Church in Honolulu.

Hart, clearly sensing a loss of confidence among his parishioners, says he is stepping down in the "best interests of the diocese."

Hart was also an officer of the non-profit company (Episcopal Homes of Hawaii, Inc.), which was to develop Hale O Malia.

He quit after an in-house review found potential conflicts of interest and a failure to recognize the project's financial liabilities.

Hart denies doing anything wrong. But within the church some clearly feel that he led his parishioners into a bad business deal.

This has given some prospective buyers the jitters. Almost one-third have bailed out in the wake of bad publicity, putting the entire project in even greater jeopardy.

But the big losers at the moment are the members of the church, who may have to make good on a \$4 million advance loan on the \$150 million project.

While there are legal questions about the church's obligation, repayment plans are already being studied.

At a minimum there is a moral obligation on the part of the church, which used its good name to promote the project.

If the money must be repaid, it will seriously hurt other church programs.

Hawaii badly needs more retirement options.

While the Hale O Malia experience has turned into a shambles, this incident should not dissuade other community groups from stepping forward to meet that need.

U.S. Senator John C. Danforth (R-Mo) announced that he will donate his leftover campaign funds, which could amount to more than \$600,000, to the Diocese of Missouri on his retirement from the Senate next year. An Episcopal priest, Danforth will be involved in the to-be-funded Office of Interfaith and Community Affairs in the diocesan offices.

Bishop James Takashi Yashiro of Kita Kanto was recently elected 14th primate of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, Japan's Anglican Church, at its 46th regular General Synod in Tokyo.

St. Mary's Church splits

Departees form
Church of the Risen Lord
in communion with
Charismatic Episcopal Church

The Bishop has received notice that a number of parishioners from St. Mary's Church, including the rector, are planning to leave the Episcopal Church and form a new congregation.

The new congregation will be called the Church of the Risen Lord, and it will be in affiliation with the Charismatic Episcopal Church, a group which formed in 1992 from Old Catholics and Continuing Anglicans.

It is not in communion with PECUSA (Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America).

Fr. Rich Lipka, the rector, reported that about one hundred people would leave St. Mary's.

Last month the vestry resigned; and, at a canonically-called special meeting of the parish, a new vestry was elected.

Mr. Bill Mok is the new senior warden; and Mr. John Afong, the new junior warden.

Sixty or seventy persons will remain to make up the congregation.

Fr. Burt Linscott has been asked to supply, and the bishop asked the Rev. Mori Kaneshiro to talk to the vestry about continuing clergy coverage for

the immediate future.

Their pledged income will be substantially reduced with the departure of many strong contributors.

The church is able to augment their income with rental agreements, and the vestry hopes not to be asking the diocese for any subsidy in the next year.

Reasons

The reason for leaving the Episcopal Church, according to Fr. Lipka, centers in the feeling that they are "out of communion" with much that is happening in the Episcopal Church nationally.

Issues surrounding gays in the church, and, what ministry to and with them should be, appear to be primary.

This is not an angry split in the St. Mary's congregation.

Those who are leaving and those who stay have good will for each other.

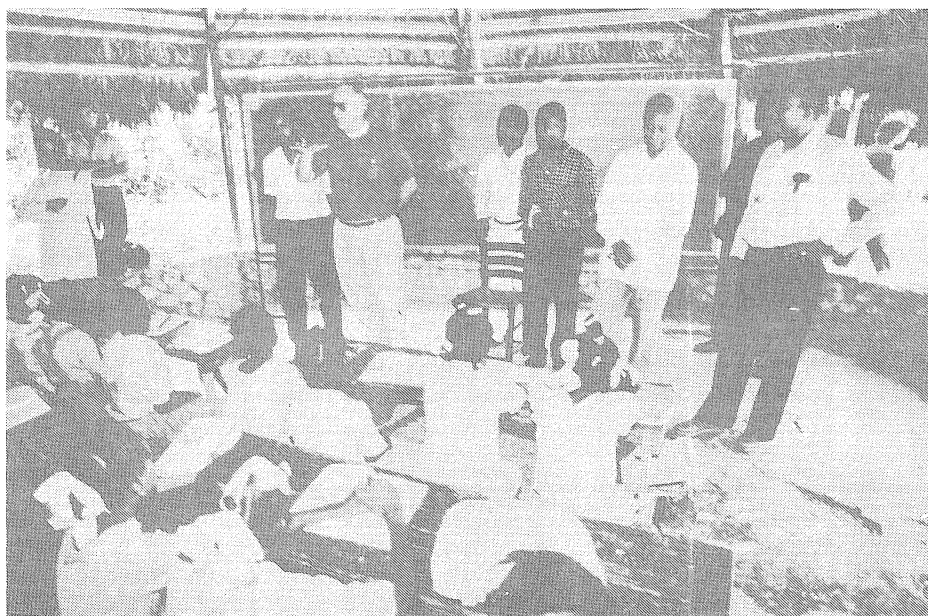
It is regrettable that such a thing should happen, but it is being worked out in as supportive a way as possible.

The bishop is asking that congregations near St. Mary's, or in fact anywhere in the diocese, show our solidarity with those who remain by arranging for a family or two to visit St. Mary's for one Sunday service throughout this next year.

Please identify yourself on the Sunday you attend and express the love and caring, not only of your own congregation, but of the diocese as a whole.

--- Bishop Donald P. Hart.

Leaders of the organization that sponsored the August 1993 symposium on church structure in St. Louis have formed a new mission society aimed at starting new congregations within the Episcopal Church -- the North American Mission Society (NAMS).



Bishop Roger White of Milwaukee (left center) and former New York mayor David Dinkins (right center), with children at St. Paul's School in Haiti, during a visit with church, government and business leaders. ENS photo: Daniel Morel.

Briefly Noted

Indigenous Anglicans in Canada are asking from "a new, self-determining community." The Anglican Church of Canada has 210 aboriginal congregations, 70 aboriginal clergy, and two aboriginal bishops. Bishop Steven Charleston of Alaska was chaplain to the April 23-26 conference of native leaders in Winnipeg.

Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey ordained 22 women to the priesthood on May 8 in Canterbury Cathedral.

The Rev. Sipo Mzimela, who was priest associate of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Atlanta since 1986, has been elected to the new parliament of the Republic of South Africa. He has been chosen as a member of the cabinet to head the ministry of corrections. "He is looking forward to trying to humanize the prison system of South Africa," said the Rev. John Westerhoff, interim rector of St. Bartholomew's.

Demanding that full reproductive choice for women be part of any health care reform, the Rev. Kathy Ragsdale, an Episcopal priest and president of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, said at an April 28 press conference, "Anything less -- anything that compromises a woman's right to comprehensive health care -- is unconscionable and morally repugnant."

Disturbed by the rise of racism, xenophobia, and anti-Semitism throughout Europe, church leaders -- including the Archbishop of Canterbury -- called racism a sin and called on all faith communities to "work to eradicate racism from ourselves, our churches, our countries and our continent."

The Church of the Holy Apostles is the largest soup kitchen in New York City and in the Episcopal Church. The renovation of the church -- destroyed by fire four years ago -- included flexible seating, which allows the incorporation of the dining area into the church's worship space. The poor and homeless eat where worshippers share the Bread and the Wine each Sunday morning.

Most Recent Church Statistics

The most recently tabulated and published statistics for the Episcopal Church are for 1992 and indicate:

--- 7,391 parishes and missions, up 24 from 1991.

--- 2,491,996 baptized members, up approximately 17,000.

--- 1,758,197 communicants, or 71% of baptized membership. Confirmed communicants in good standing totalled 1,615,395.

--- 824,571 average Sunday attendance, up 1,200.

--- \$9.3 billion in assets, up about \$800,000 million from 1991.

--- \$1.243 billion in total revenues, up \$37 million.

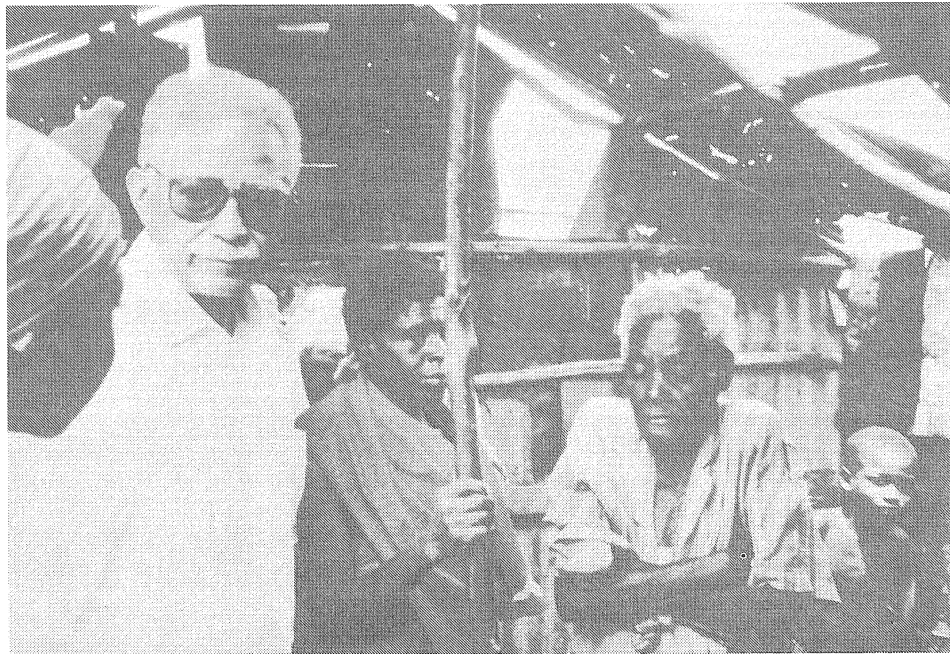
Sunday attendance was 33 percent of baptized members.

Easter attendance was 1.9 million, or 75 percent of baptized members, an increase of 3 percent over Easter 1991.

The 1992 parochial reports indicate 649,669 pledging units for 1993 (26 percent of baptized membership as of January 1, 1993), totalling \$652,773,000.

The average weekly giving per pledging unit is \$22.08. It was \$20.94 per week in 1991.

Source: *Budget Handbook for Bishops & Deputies at the 71st General Convention.*



Former mayor of New York, David Dinkins, visits Haitians in an aluminum shack in a slum area of Port au Prince during the visit of an Episcopal Church delegation to Haiti. Episcopal News Service photo: Daniel Morel.

Crystal Cathedral Choir to sing at St. Andrew's Cathedral Evensong

The Crystal Cathedral Choir will sing at Evensong on Sunday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m., under the direction of Fred Swan.

This choir is seen Sunday mornings on TV as part of the Rev. Dr. Robert Shuller's Hour of Power.

This event is sponsored by the St. Andrew's Cathedral Music Associates. --- FWM.

Keep It Simple

In the past couple of weeks I have had the opportunity to attend two half-day seminars on estate planning.

The seminars were given by two different attorneys, both highly respected in their field of law.

I thought it interesting that both

General Convention meets Aug. 24- Sep. 2 in Indianapolis

Among the controversial issues challenging the church and confronting this year's General Convention in Indianapolis are church finances, restructuring, the continuing dialogue on sexuality, racism, the environment, and the role of women in the church.

Several educational forums are to be held evenings at convention. Among those slated are forums by Fr. Henri Nouwen, Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund, and Vice-President Albert Gore on the environment.

The ten-day convention brings the bishops of the Episcopal Church (about 190) together as the House of Bishops, and brings together four clergy and four lay delegates from each diocese as the House of Deputies (860 members).

Together the houses form the church's bicameral legislature, with resolutions becoming decisions of convention when passed by both houses.

Certification, orientation, and committee meetings begin Aug. 21.

Deputies to General Convention from Hawaii are:

Clergy: the Rev. Canon Franklin S.H. Chun, St. Andrew's Cathedral; the Rev. David Y. Ota, Good Samaritan; the Rev. Canon Timoteo P. Quintero, St. Paul's, Honolulu; and the Rev. Thomas M. Van Culin, St. Matthew's.

Laity: Mrs. Bettye Jo Harris, St. Christopher's; Mr. Arthur Kusumoto, Good Shepherd; Mrs. Gretchen Jong, St. Elizabeth's; and Mr. Richard Hagemeyer, Holy Nativity.

General Conventions meet every three years and legislate for the ensuing triennium. This is the church's 71st.

The Triennial of Episcopal Church Women meets concurrently.

There is a joint meeting 4-6 p.m., Aug. 26, of Episcopal Church Women, the House of Deputies, and the House of Bishops on the topic "A Vision of Wholeness: Overcoming Sexism."

seminars dedicated some time to charitable giving, but towards the end of the seminar, I might add.

The description of the various charitable giving plans and how they could be used in estate planning was complicated.

In one case it was entitled "Sophisticated Charitable Giving Techniques."

There is no doubt that many, if not most, of the gift plans available are highly complicated and very technical, definitely requiring the services of an attorney skilled in the field of estate planning and charitable gifts.

However, as I sat in traffic on Ala Moana Blvd. on my way home, I thought, So what?

Is this what people who are considering a gift to the church as part of their estate really care about?

With plenty of time to think about it, as traffic crept along, I realized that what people cared most about is making a gift to their church.

For some that is as simple as making a will and including their church, or adding a codicil to their existing will -- either one being a rather simple and inexpensive step to take.

For others it could involve the complexities of various types of trust, annuity contracts and life estate arrangements.

Regardless of the type of gift, it would seem that the donor is interested, first, in making the gift, and then being sure it is the best gift for them in terms of taxes, life income, ease of asset management, etc.

So, it occurred to me that the idea when talking about making a planned gift is Keep It Simple (KIS).

Never mind rattling off the esoteric jargon and giving involved descriptions of the legal complexities.

That can be taken care of later.

Just provide the good news of planned giving.

Simply stated, the good news is this. By making a gift to your church in any amount from \$2,500 to millions, you may get

- Reduced estate taxes,
- An income for life,
- An income tax deduction,

--- An avoidance of capital gains tax,
--- Freedom from the stress of managing assets, and/or

--- The opportunity to pass wealth to heirs and avoid estate taxes.

There may even be other advantages depending on your circumstances.

If you would like to have a simple explanation of how you can make a gift that benefits both of you and your church, please contact me through your pastor or the diocesan office.

--- Don McKenne, Diocesan
Planned Giving Officer.

1998 Lambeth themes set

A group of bishops from eight provinces of the Anglican Communion recently announced the four themes set for the 1998 conference of Anglican bishops.

They are:

- Being truly human,
- Holding and sharing the faith,
- Living as Anglicans in a pluralistic world, and
- Seeking full visible unity.

Archbishop Keith Rayner of Australia chaired the group, which consulted with Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey.

The Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops meets each decade.

This conference, like the last, will be at the University of Kent at Canterbury.

The *Chronicle* is sent to each Episcopal household on lists submitted by each church. Suggested annual donation is \$6. Readers are asked, if they can, to help defray *Chronicle* costs by contributing that amount, or more, to the Episcopal Church in Hawaii (designated for the *Chronicle*), 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813. Mahalo.

Hawaii defers remaining 1994 National Church, Province assessments to meet financial crisis

Mission, retirees' support untouched

In the face of the expected June 30 default by Episcopal Homes of Hawaii, Inc., of its \$4 million bank loan guaranteed by the Episcopal Church in Hawaii, the Diocesan Council adopted a revised 1994 budget at its regular monthly meeting June 18.

Hawaii cannot keep its solvency without deferring one-half its national assessment to a later year, noted Finance Department member Richard H. Hagemeyer, who presented the recommended revisions to the 1994 budget.

"Our intent is to repay as expeditiously as possible," he reported to Diocesan Council.

Payments to Province Eight took a similar hit.

In addition, the Council curtailed expenditures generally and re-allocated funds for the last half of 1994 in order to meet expected unbudgeted costs estimated at \$465,000.

That sum represents \$170,000 for interest-only payments for six months on \$4 million, and \$295,000 for legal and other professional expenses.

Mission support and support for retirees went untouched, and economies were slight in Communications and Ministry Development, but Church in Society, and Nurture and Education took major hits, with an immediate freeze on just about all program items.

In addition, the diocese's Lambeth Fund -- to defray the costs of the bishop's attendance at these conferences of Anglican bishops held each decade -- was transferred to meet diocesan expenses.

The Diocesan Council met next at a special meeting June 25 to approve the 1995 budget for submission to diocesan-wide discussion by the deaneries.

A diocesan assessment rise to 30 percent is included.

The Finance Department's recommended "boundry conditions" for the 1995 budget are:

(1) No staff salary increases. (Those clergy salaries handled by the Compensation Review Committee may be expected to follow suit, according to some sources.)

(2) Reduction of diocesan staff payroll by \$50,000 -- nominally, one position.

(3) Restoration of national church and provincial assessment payments.

(4) Retention of reduced 1994 budget levels in the program portion of all ministries. The exception: uncontrollable increases such as taxes and health insurance. ---JPE.



Patti Browning (center) on a visit to the Jabalia Refugee Camp in Gaza. She helped secure the release of the woman's son after two years' confinement. Episcopal News Service photo: James Solheim.

THE CALENDAR

July			
3	6th Sunday after Pentecost. Proper 9.	8	meet, Room 8, Cathedral. Standing Committee, 11 a.m.
4	Independence Day. Diocesan Office closed.	8-9	"Dreamworks," sponsored by Diocesan Racism Com- mittee. 8th: 5:30-9 p.m. 9th: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
6	Compensation Review, noon.	10	7th Sunday after Pentecost. Proper 10.
7	Commission on Ministry, 3 p.m. General Convention deputies	13	Stewardship Committee, noon.

Bishop's Journeying
(from page 3)

15 Grace Church has confir-
mations, including Lynette and Scotty's
son, Masai.
We also read the House of Bishops'
Pastoral on the Sin of Racism and
share with churches across the nation
on this day in trying to confront this per-
sistent evil.

17-21 Numbers of people come to see
me, as our concerns for the
Diocese increase, because of the pos-
sible repayment of debt.
Standing Committee and Council
meet.
HEPAM has a multi-cultural service
in the Cathedral at which I preach, as
we look forward to Pentecost.

22 My annual visitation to the
Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday
brings out many baptisms and the
largest confirmation class seen in many
years.
I celebrate and preach, and do the
same in the late afternoon at the AIDS
service for the community.
We end the day by participating in
the retirement dinner for the Rev. Jack
Shoemaker and Roxanne. They have
served long and well at Emmanuel
Church and they will be missed.

24-28 The week is filled with school
activities. The Priory officially
accepts a wonderful gift from the Harry
and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation to
help with the gymnasium and their out-
reach to disadvantaged youngsters.
The Board of Trustees also meets.
On Friday we fly to Maui and
Seabury Hall School for their Bac-
calaureate and Commencement.

29 We are at St. John's, Kula,
today for two services, with
confirmations and great fellowship.
Home late on Sunday.

Standing Committee
Letter
(from page 5)

(Note: The members of the Standing
Committee are: the Revs. John Millen,
Morley Frech, Karen Swanson, and
David Kennedy; and Nelson Secretario,
Bud Doty, Bettye Jo Harris, and Art
Kusumoto).

June

5/31-6/4 Clyde Elledge is ordained priest
at 8 a.m. in the Cathedral with
the entire Priory School present
to uphold their lower school chaplain.
It is a great sight to see the Cathedral
so full.
Seabury School's board meets, so an
early morning trip to Maui again.
The Church Pension Fund conducts
a helpful conference on retirement for
the clergy family.
Iolani School graduation finishes up
on Saturday evening.

5 St. Paul's, Honolulu, has con-
firmations this morning and a
packed church. Wonderful food after-
wards!
The Priory graduation is at the
Cathedral in the late afternoon and, as
always, it is beautiful.
Mrs. Lynne Waihee, the Governor's
wife, speaks. She has been a great
friend to the school.

7-11 On Wednesday, I fly to San
Francisco to chair the Inter-
cultural Ministry Development Commit-
tee of the Province.
This committee, like others, will be
de-funded in the next triennium. Its
good work, we hope, will continue in
another form.
I am home again on Friday.
The regional deans have one of their
quarterly meetings, and we have Satur-
day evening with the Bishop's Commit-
tee of St. Barnabas'.

12 My visit to St. Barnabas' is in
their new location at Makakilo
School, which they share with the UCC
congregation on Sunday mornings.
New faces turn up here and a good
spirit.
I also preach for the UCC congrega-
tion to give them our greetings and en-
couragement.

14-18 Speed Leas of the Alban
Institute comes to help us
during this week, as we focus on
problems concerning the finances of
the Diocese.
I attend the Governor's AIDS Com-
mittee meeting along with John Brough.
The Diocesan Council meets and
tackles the difficult task of forming a
revised budget for the rest of the year
and plans for 1995.
I preach and celebrate at a regional
confirmation at St. Timothy's, which
brings the West Oahu Deanery
together.

14 Finance Department, 3 p.m.
15 Deadline for August *Chronicle*.
16 Diocesan Council (10 a.m.-
2 p.m.) and Departments
meet.

17 8th Sunday after Pentecost.
Proper 11.
Big Island Cursillo Ultreya,
2 p.m.
Maui Deanery meets, Good
Shepherd, 2 p.m.
General Convention delegates
meet, 4 p.m., Library.

18 Kaua'i Deanery meets, St.
Michael & All Angels',
6 p.m.

22 St. Mary Magdalene.
23 O'ahu Deaneries meet (except
West Oahu), St. Clement's,
9a.m.-noon.

24 9th Sunday after Pentecost.
Proper 12.
Hawai'i Deanery meets, Christ
Church, 2 p.m.

26 St. James the Apostle.
General Convention deputies
meet, 4 p.m., Von Holt
Room.

31 10th Sunday after Pentecost.
Proper 13.

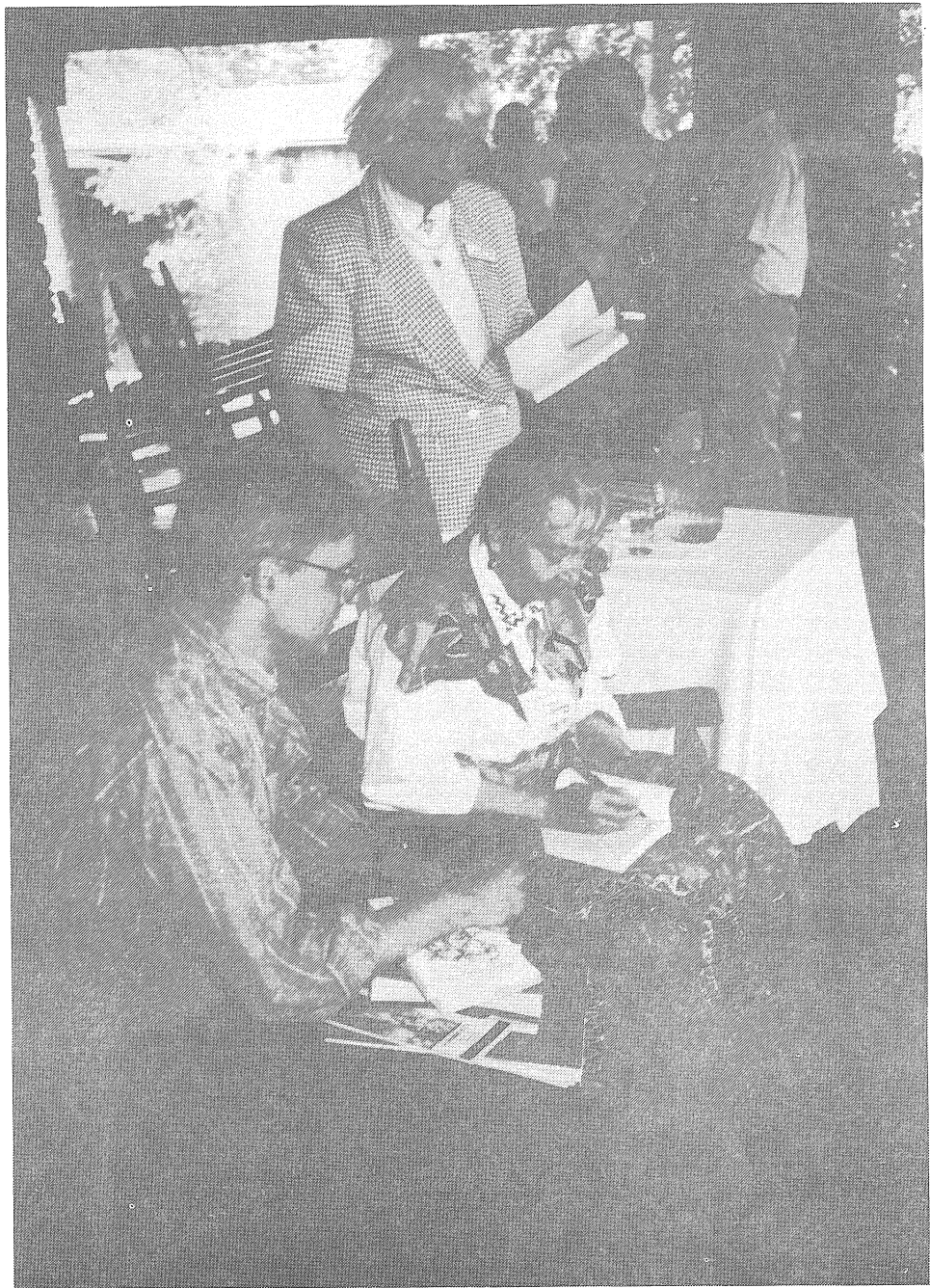
August

4 Commission on Ministry, 3 p.m.
5 Standing Committee, 11 a.m.
5-7 Episcopal Asiamerican (EAM)
Youth meet, San Diego.

7 11th Sunday after Pentecost.
Proper 14.
8-12 Episcopal Asiamerican (EAM)
Consultation, San Diego.
10 Compensation Review, noon.
11 Episcopal Church Women
(ECW)board meets, St.
Clement's.

14 12th Sunday after Pentecost.
Proper 15.
15 Deadline for September
Chronicle.
17 Stewardship Committeee, noon.
18 Finance Department, 3 p.m.
19 Admission Day.
Diocesan Office closed.
Episcopal Church Women
(ECW) Fun(d) Day,
luncheon and fashion show,
St. Timothy's.

20 Diocesan Council (10 a.m.-
2 p.m.) and Departments
meet.



Author Madeleine L'Engle signs copies of her books for Jim Thrall, president
of Episcopal Communicators, who met for the first time in joint convention
with Associated Church Press. Episcopal News Service photo: James Solheim.