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Episcopal Church Women of Hawaii

93rd Annual Convention Meeting

Theme: "Restoring God's Creation to Wholeness."

Date: October 21, 1994.
Place: Tenney Theatre, St.

Andrew's Cathedral. Time: 9:30 a.m. Registration,

Von Holt Room.
Lunch: 12 noon, Davies Hall.

Cost: \$7.50, payable at registration.

Each congregation with a membership of up to 25 women is entitled to 3 delegates to the Annual Meeting.

Churches with memberships of more than 25 women are entitled to 1 additional delegate for every 15 additional women.

A list of delegates and guests should be returned by October 10 to:

Helen Hagemeyer
1136 Kulauala Way
Honolulu, HI 96825-2878.
Include the names of parish
clergy and spouses, as well as clergy guests.

Also include who is attending the luncheon.

This will facilitate getting name tags ready, as well as luncheon planning.

Necrology

A list from each congregation of

those who have died in the past

year (October 1993 to October 1994) is requested, so that names

may be read at the Convention

Lists should be sent directly to:

Diocesan Office (Attn: The

Rev. Norio Sasaki)

Honolulu, HI 96813.

sion is October 3.

229 Queen Emma Square

The deadline for list submis-

Diocesan Convention meets October 21-22 at St. Andrew's

The 26th annual meeting of Diocesan Convention will meet at the Cathedral October 21-22, announced the Rev. Canon Franklin S.H. Chun, convention secretary.

The convention begins Friday at 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer, followed by the first busines session at 7:15 p.m.

It is expected that convention will be called to order by the Rev. John C. Millen, president of the Standing Committee, as it is anticipated that Bishop Hart's resignation will be accepted by the House of Bishops during General Convention (8/24-9/2).

Fr. Millen will serve as convention president until the election of a president pro tem, noted Chun.

Open hearings are scheduled for Friday evening after the initial business session (at about 8:15 p.m.) at the Cathedral and/or the Priory.

Possible guests of convention are:
--- The Rt. Rev. Sir Paul Reeves,
former Archbishop of New Zealand,
former Governor General, and former
Anglican Observer at the United Na-

--- The Rt. Rev. Harold A. Hopkins, Jr., Directing Officer of Pastoral Development, Presiding Bishop's staff.

--- The Crisis Management Team of the Episcopal Church Center.

Resolutions

"This year we will return to a normal convention resolution procedure," an-

nounced the Rev. E. Daniel Smith, chair of the Resolutions Committee.

"Resolutions may be offered by any delegate, deanery, clericus or committee of the diocese," he noted in the letter announcing resolution procedures.

The earlier the better, so that the appropriate diocesan committees can consider them and write their reports to convention.

Resolutions should follow the form included in the August 1 convention mailing, which omits "whereases," but provides opportunity for giving an explanation.

Resolutions, petitions, and memorials must be sent to:

The Rev. John C. Millen (Resolutions)

The Episcopal Church in Hawaii Diocesan Office

229 Queen Emma Square Honolulu, HI 96813.

The deadline for submitting resolutions is Tuesday, September 6.

This deadline (45 days in advance of convention) is stipulated by the diocesan canons.

Resolutions received after the deadline will require majority approval of convention in order to be considered.

For further information concerning resolutions, or if you have any questions, contact Fr. Smith at St. Christopher's Church, Kailua, at 262-8176.

Other members of the Resolutions

Committee are: Bill Beardsley, Elaine Ohlson, and Tessie Quebral.

Nominations

Convention will elect clergy and laity to the Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Cathedral Chapter, as well as a Secretary of Convention.

A nomination form is printed on page 8 of this *Chronicle*.

Diocesan Council -- to be elected at convention: 2 clergy (3-year terms), 5 lay persons (3-year terms), 1 lay person (2-year term).

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Service of Healing & Thanksgiving for the Harts September 11

All members of the diocese are invited to a Holy Eucharist service of healing and thanksgiving for the ministries of the Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart and his wife, Elizabeth, on Sunday, September 11, at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

A reception of cookies and punch will follow on the Cathedral lawn.

The Rev. Norio Sasaki will preach, and the Very Rev. Hollinshead T. Knight will celebrate.

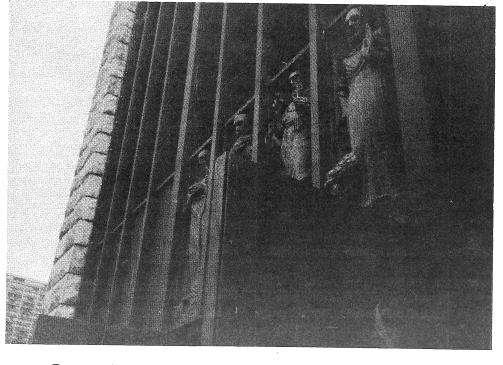
The Standing Committee of the diocese is putting the service together.

Special leis will be presented to Bishop Hart and Elizabeth.

They have requested that persons who might like to present individual leis to them make instead a contribution to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Many people have already written the Harts.

If others would like to pass on notes of thanks, they will be collected at the service for later reading.



Four apostles above the open doors of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu.

Eucharist.

The diocesan council serves as the church's board of directors. It exercises the powers of the convention and does planning and policy-making between the meetings of convention.

The council meets monthly at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month.

Council departments generally meet just prior to the council meeting.

Travel expenses of neighbor island members are paid by the diocese.

Attendance at council and depart-

ment meetings is expected.

The council is comprised of 6 clergy and 15 lay persons, together with one member elected by each of the 7 deaneries -- or 28 members in all.

Clergy must be canonically resident in the diocese of Hawaii. Lay persons must be 18 years or older and communicants. Members just completing a three-year term are not eligible for nomination.

Standing Committee -- to be elcted: 1 clergy and 1 lay member each for a 4year term.

The Standing Committee serves as the Bishop's Council of Advice, performing the duties specified by the General and Diocesan Conventions.

It also serves as the ecclesiastical authority when there is no bishop.

Clergy must be canonically resident, and lay persons must be communicants. No one who has just completed a full term on the committee is eligible.

Cathedral Chapter -- to be elected from the diocese at convention: 1 clergy and 1 lay member, each for a 2-year

The chapter is the vestry of St. Andrew's Cathedral parish, and the members elected by convention bring a wider diocesan view.

Members must be communicants. Secretary to Convention -- to be elected by convention: 1 secretary for 1995, who need not be a delegate to the 1994 convention and serves through the 1995 convention.

The secretary records minutes, enters them into the Journal, and -under the supervision of the bishop -attends to the Journal's publication and distribution.

The secretary also serves as chair of the Committee on Convention Plans, which makes the agenda and the many arrangements for convention.

The secretary also maintains various directories of diocesan officers, commissions, departments, etc.

The members of the nominations committee are: the Revs. Tom Van Culin, chair, Charles Hopkins, John Park, and Jan Rudinoff, and Bud Doty and Bettye Jo Harris.

Dinners

"Through the gracious efforts of ECW President Nita Hogue the convention banquet will be held at the Cannon Club on Saturday evening, 6:30 p.m., October 22. Cost: \$20.25.

This dinner is buffet and will allow those who have a vegetarian preference amply to satisfy themselves.

A no-host cocktail hour (5:30-6:30 p.m.) precedes dinner.

Reservations are required. Forms

Diocesan Convention (from page 1)

were included in the convention packet mailed August 1.

The reservation form also provides opportunity to indicate transportation needs and to offer transportation help from the Cathedral to Cannon Club and back.

Reservations are also required for

The 26th Annual Meeting

of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i

October 21 & 22, 1994 St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu

Agenda

Friday, October 21: Session #1 in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Registration (in front of the Diocesan Office). 4-6 p.m. Dinner in Davies Hall (reservations required). 5-6 p.m. Evening Prayer & Address 6-7 p.m. Convention called to order by Standing Committee 7:15-8 p.m. President. Election of President pro tem.

Quorum report of the Credentials Committee. Declaration by chair of readiness of Convention for business.

Introduction of guests. Introduction of new clergy. Report of the Credentials Committee. Announcement of Committee Appointments (by title; full list in delegates' packets).

Report of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business.

Adoption of the Agenda as circulated. Adoption of Special Orders of Business. Report of the Nominations Committee. Report of the Secretary of Convention. Treasurer's Report (by title).

Petitions, Memorials, Motions, & Resolutions as received for referral. List enclosed in delegates' packets. First Ballot on elective positions & confirmation of

appointments. Open Hearings.

8:15 p.m. to conclusion.

Saturday, October 22: Session #2 in Tenney Theatre, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Registration for late arrivals. 7:30 a.m. Opening prayers & Bible study. 8 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Introductions (of those not present Friday).

Report on First Ballot.

Second Ballot.

Adoption of Minimum Annual Compensation Schedule.

Presentation of 1995 Budget.

10:15 a.m. Refreshment break.

Consideration of Resolutions. 10:30 a.m.

Noonday Prayers. 12 noon 12:15 p.m. Recess for lunch. 1:30 p.m. Reconvene.

> Report on Second Ballot. Third Ballot (if necessary). Consideration of Resolutions. Report on Third Ballot.

> > Set date and location of 1996 Diocesan Convention: October 25-27, Oahu. 1995 Convention: October 27-29, Oahu.

Courtesy Resolutions. Eucharist & Necrology.

4 p.m. Adjournment.

Refreshments at Cannon Club. 5:30-6:60 p.m. Dinner at Cannon Club. 6:30 p.m.

the dinner 5-6 p.m., Friday, October 21, in Davies Hall at the Cathedral.

Bob Miller is in charge of preparation of the Davies dinner. Cost: \$7.50.

The meal registration form covers both dinner meals and is due in the Diocesan Office by October 3.

As to luncheon on Saturday, the registration form states, "Lunch plans to be announced."

Open Convention

"The annual meeting of the convention, as well as events, dinner, etc. surrounding it, are open to the entire diocesan family," noted Canon Chun.

"Anyone may attend the proceedings as observers.

"Observers will be limited to a special seating area and will not have speaking or voting privileges, unless specifically requested and granted," Chun added.

In addition to Canon Chun, the Committee on Convention Plans includes:

--- Nancy Napuunoa, Assistant

--- Mary Willson, Approval of

--- John Lockwood, Chancellor.

--- Alfredo Evangelista, Constitution & Canons.

--- Winifred Burgess, Credentials. --- The Rev. Layton Zimmer, Dispatch of Business.

--- Dr. William Foltz, Elections.

--- Nita Hogue, ECW President.

--- The Rev. Norio Sasaki, Necrology.

--- The Rev. Thomas Van Culin.

--- The Rev. E. Daniel Smith. --- Elaine Ohlson, Diocesan Council

Vice-President. --- The Rev. Peter E. Van Horne, Ex-

ecutive Officer.

--- The Rev. John Millen, President, Standing Committee.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, primate of the Anglican Province of Southern Africa, declared his support for a limited right to abortion and for artifical means of contraception. "In the Anglican Church...we would say that we believe that responsible citizens would want to be responsible parents and we believe that planned parenthood is an obligation on those who are Christians."

The bishops of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa recently approved the establishment of a Standing Commission on Christianity and African Culture, an initiative to incorporate African culture into Christian practice. The commission will hold a consultation during August and present a final report to the Provincial Synod in

In a statement recently delivered to members of Congress, Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning joined 30 U.S. church leaders in asserting that universal health care coverage is a moral mandate. "Anything short of health care for all is morally flawed," the statement said.

Three Watchwords: Unity, Constancy, Peace

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In all probability this will be the last *Chronicle* in which I will write to you as your bishop.

Elizabeth and I will go to General Convention August 22-September 2.

We will travel briefly on the east coast, catching up with family members, and we will return to Hawaii early in September only to pack up our household and head eastward by the end of the month.

Our destination is still uncertain. The office will have a forwarding address when there is one.

We leave Hawaii with feelings of great thanksgiving for so many wonder-

ful, loving people, and for a calling in ministry which has been exciting and challenging and full of promise.

Except for the last very difficult months, our years among you have been a great joy.

We will miss you tremendously, and what God is doing in your midst.

In the past month we have received a flood of cards and letters from you in the diocese and from many beyond the Islands who have read about the difficulties here.

I am incredibly impressed how quickly people see to the heart of the problem, in spite of the innuendo and spin given to what has happened. That is a sign of great hope to me for the future of the diocese and the church.

My good intentions were to answer each of these notes, because of how deeply Elizabeth and I have appreciated them.

I continue to try, but I realize I have fallen way behind!

This diocese has the resources, both human and spiritual, to be the church and to continue the mission and ministry of Christ.

I believe that firmly.

We have too many good people, with excellent skills and rich faith, for there to be any doubt.

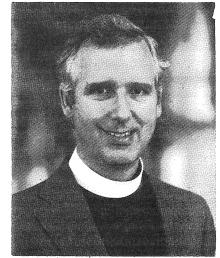
Week after week in the Eucharist, Prayer A, we commit ourselves to serve God "in unity, constancy, and peace."

Those words have come to be symbolic for me of what is needed in the months ahead, as the diocese serves God.

Unity and peace are obvious, though not easy to achieve.

But I am convinced that "constancy," that willingless to be loyal, to continue on, to live through transitions, to trust the future, is of special importance.

To be constant in prayer, in attendance with the community in worship, in giving, in friendship, in love -- that is to be in the image of God in a sig-



Bishop Hart of Hawaii.

nificant way.

It is our way to insure the continuation of Christ's ministry for the future.

I wish you God's blessing and assure you of my love and deep affection.

I will forever give thanks for the ministry you have shared with me and my family.

Faithfully,

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The Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart Bishop

Bishop's Journeying

June

19 We journey up Palolo Valley to Good Samaritan Church this morning and two services, with confirmation. Excellent fellowship and delicious food afterwards.

21-25 A week of many meetings and very hard decisions about the future of the diocese and myself.

I am happy to welcome Noriaki and Ajuko Ueda to the diocese after Ajuko's graduation from seminary.

We celebrate the ordination of Phil Jackson at St. Clement's and then he moves on to the Diocese of Texas.

28-7/2 I take the early service at Parke Chapel to start the week, then the Mokuleia Camp Board and St. Mary's vestry.

On Wednesday, I fly to the Big Island for their clericus meeting.

Thursday Elizabeth and I fly to Los Angeles for the wedding of Heather Mueller's daugher Anne. The rehearsal is that evening and the wedding on Saturday.

We are home again on Sunday.

July

5-9 Except for routine office matters most of this week is spent

in anticipation of our daughter Sarah's wedding on Saturday.

Family and friends arrive toward the end of the week.

Saturday dawns beautifully, in spite of a hurricane flirting off the islands, and the wedding goes well.

I managed to walk her down the aisle, find my vestments and get to the pulpit, and then make it through the prayers.

I have done many weddings but none so special as this!

12-16 The Cathedral Foundation meets.

I make a quick trip to Kauai to meet with the clericus and home again.

The Bakers come by in anticipation of their departure next week for Boise and a new assignment at the cathedral there.

We are able to take visiting friends to a jazz concert on Friday evening.

17 Epiphany Church hosts us today in one joyful and delightful service.

19-23 The Kapolei Christian Center
Board meets, as it continues to
plan the ministry of St. Barnabas' and
the United Congregational Church
partnership in this new community.

We leave for the Big Island, having been brushed, but not damaged, by another hurricane.

We are at St. James' in Waimea for several confirmations and receptions. The hospitality is always good.

The congregation bids the Reynoldses goodbye for their fourmonth sabbatical.

Home to Honolulu in time to meet Bishop Hopkins, who is visiting the diocese on behalf of the Presiding Bishop, as we make the transition to a new episcopal ministry.

25-30 Bishop Hopkins meets with the Standing Committee and numbers of others early in the week.

Elizabeth and I visit St. Matthew's in mid-week for their service in preparation for their food pantry.

We end the week looking forward to St. Clement's on Sunday.

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Please include the writer's name, address, and phone number(s) to facilitate confirmation and checking.

Photos submitted may be either black & white or in color. A glossy finish is preferred. Every effort will be made to return photos, as requested.

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In praise of Ruby

Ruby Nakamura, who has served this diocese for over twenty years, and through three bishops, will be taking September and October as her long overdue vacation time.

No one has served her bishops or her diocese more loyally or professionally than she has.

I am grateful to her beyond words for her ministry to me and my family.

--- Bishop Hart in his August 4 newsletter.

General Convention 1994: Budget, Women's Ordination, Canons...

General Convention 1994 1995 National Church budget \$7.9 million less, programs slashed

"Facing a \$5 million deficit because of diminishing support from local churches, and already in the midst of significant staff cuts for the second time in three years, General Convention must decide in August how it will support itself for another three years," reported Michael Barwell in the July issue of Episcopal Life.

"Responding to dozens of requests to ease the financial burden on dioceses,

General Convention

press as we move closer, will be

Sexual issues, racism, relationships with those who disagree ges, and the election of a new Presiding Bishop three years from now, all will have their airing.

Few will note the outcome...

I do not believe the church will fall apart because of poor decisions made at General Convention...at least not the church over which you or I have influence and authority.

better look to our own spiritual wholeness and not simply com-

Please keep your deputation in your prayers: Bettye Jo Harris, Art Kusumoto, Dick Hagemeyer, Gretchen Jong, the Revs. Tim Quintero, Tom Van Culin, David Ota, Frank Chun, and your

The Convention will be my last official act as the diocesan bishop.

Elizabeth and I will return in September to pack up our house and by the last week in Septemer we'll be on our way.

The office will be able to find us through our daughter.

--- Bishop Hart in his August 4 newsletter.

the Executive Council this January proposed a massive restructuring to trim staff and eliminate or consolidate costly programs," Barwell continued.

The council also proposed a simpler formula for calculating how much support each diocese will provide, reducing national church revenues by more than \$7.9 million in 1995.

If approved by General Convention, 76 of the 99 domestic dioceses will pay less and 23 -- including Hawaii -- will

A certain period of adjustment in stepping up or stepping down diocesan support for the national church has been suggested.

While responding to the money crunch felt by dioceses, these proposals do not have the support of many program leaders and their constituencies.

Among the proposed cuts, which include staff and program dollars to organizations outside the national church offices, are the gradual withdrawal of support for missionaries and curtailment of domestic programs addressing poverty, minority advocacy, work with urban and rural poor, AIDS ministries, and other community activities, Barwell

Groups such as the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition, the Episcopal Urban Caucus, the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries, and the Applachian People's Service Organization have protested the slashing of theirfinancial support.

Reducing the amount of money sent to the national church, it was hoped, would free up dollars that can then support local, diocesan, regional and some national programs.

--- From an article by Michael Barwell (Episcopal Life, July '94)

A recent meeting organized by the Church of the Province of Kenya's Diocese of Kirinyaga and the League of Kenya Women Voters was forced to stop when heavily armed policemen declared the meeting illegal. The theme of the meeting was civic education and the legal rights of women.

General Convention 1994

Traditionalists. **Episcopal Women's** Caucus seek showdown on women's ordination

Both traditionalist opponents and advocates of women's ordination are seeking a once-for-all ruling on the matter at the coming General Convention, reported Jan Nunley in the July issue of Episcopal Life.

"Over the past year, the Episcopal Women's Caucus (EWC) has been building a case against the "conscience clause" -- a statment adopted by the House of Bishops in 1977 -- which allows for "conscientious objection" to women priests and bishops by Episcopalians.

"The caucus has been gathering the stories of women who say they have been blocked from ordination and other significant positions by the invocation of the conscience clause in their dioceses or parishes," reported Nunley.

The caucus and the Executive Council's Committee on the Status of Women plan to push for the rescinding of the conscience provision, as the Anglican Church of Canada did in 1986.

On the other hand, bishops from the traditionalist Episcopal Synod of America (ESA) plan to submit a "Call for a Clear Stand" resolution, which, if approved, would make acceptance of ordained women a requirement of canon law -- in effect, forcing General Convention to accept or reject the traditionalists' position.

"Should the General Convention defeat this resolution, we understand that all persecution of traditionalists will cease...

"Should this resolution be tabled or changed in substance, and the question thereby avoided, the ESA could only understand such actions as a clear move to exclude its members from the Episcopal Church," said the explanation for the resolution "Call to a Clear

Stand."

ESA will meet immediately after General Convention to determine their response.

--- From an article by Jan Nunley (Episcopal Life, July '94)

General Convention 1994

Proposed canons standardize, improve clergy discipline procedures

A major overhaul of church laws dealing with clergy discipline will come before the 1994 General Convention.

Changes in the canons arise from the need to standardize and improve discipline procedures, whose deficiencies were all too apparent in cases of sexual misconduct by clergy.

"The Standing Commission on Constitutions and Canons has proposed changes in 18 canons, known as Title 4, to make them clearer, more uniform, and more balanced in the presentment and prosecution of charges and in the protection of due-process rights," reported David Skidmore in the July issue of Episcopal Life.

Among the major changes proposed

--- Changing the five-year statute of limitations. It is reduced to two years in cases that do not involve a crime or immorality and lengthened to 10 years when the victim does not discover the offense until after it has occurred.

When the victim is a minor, charges can be filed five years after the offense

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To get General Convention information immediately

I.

Quest International Inter-Anglican Information Network, an Ecunet partner network, will upload convention news stories as soon as daily releases are available.

Quest users should join the Episcopal News Service online meeting to receive automatically these releases.

II.

From August 23 to September 3, three-minute reports will be available by calling 1-900-884-8875.

The cost is 90 cents per minute billed to the caller's telephone.

These reports will be updated daily at 6 p.m. Indianapolis time (1 p.m. Hawaii time).

Bishop Hart on

The church press, and the secular picking up stories about what will happen.

with the church, financial challen-

If we are true to form, the debate will be liberal and our final actions fairly conservative.

The debate will grab the headlines and will scandalize some.

I commend this important time to your prayers and to your generosity of spirit.

It will not fall apart unless you and I fall apart, and then we had plain.

We have no forwarding address.



Bishop Sir Paul Reeves (left), guest of Diocesan Convention, with Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey in the chapel of the Episcopal Church Center, New York. (Episcopal News Service photo by Tom McDonald).

General Convention 1994: Sexism, Pastoral Teaching on Sexuality

or until the victim turns 23.

--- Allowing bishops temporarily to inhibit clergy in their duties while a charge is being investigated.

--- Appointing an ombudsman as counsel for the victim and a church advocate to serve as prosecutor, instead of the bishop or diocesan chancellor, and

--- Changing the type of evidence required for an ecclesiastical court to convict from "beyond a reasonable doubt" to the less demanding "clear and convincing evidence."

The changes on the whole are reasonable and appropriate, said Bishop Harold Hopkins, who -- as the presiding bishop's pastoral development officer -- steps in when allegations of misconduct surface.

The due-process additions "make it clearer that a clergy person is innocent until proven guilty, and put some strictures on precipitous action on the part of the diocese, action that might make the clergy person look guilty before evidence is brought forward and reviewed," said Hopkins.

Hopkins also favors the provision for temporary inhibition, because it allows bishops to act without presuming guilt or innocence before there is a formal charge, or presentment.

He also gives high marks to removing

TV presentation of joint ECW Triennial, General Convention meeting on overcoming sexism at St. Andrew's, August 26

St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Episcopal Church Women of Hawaii will offer a panel presentation, via national satellite television from General Convention, entitled "A Vision of Wholeness: Overcoming Sexism," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., August 26, in the cathedral's Von Holt Room.

The last hour of the presentation will feature a live call-in seg-

This broadcast is a joint session of the ECW Triennial Meeting and the Houses of Deputies and Bishops.

Event co-sponsors of the program originating in Indianapolis are the Committee on the Status of Women, the Episcopal Women's Caucus, and the Episcopal Women's History Project.

The broadcast comes to Hawaii through the good offices of St. Andrew's Program and Education Committee and the Episcopal Cathedral Teleconference Network (ECTN).

For reservations and further information, call the cathedral office (524-2822).

The admission fee is \$5.

bishops from the role of prosecutor, since it emphasizes bishops' primary function -- pastoral direction.

The National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations has so far remained neutral on the proposal.

"We neither endorse it nor condemn it," said the Rev. Wayne Wright, the network's president.

In their present form, the canons leave presentment procedures up to the dioceses, resulting in a welter of rules, from overly simple to overly complex.

--- From an article by David Skidmore (*Episcopal Life*, July '94).

General Convention 1994

Vision of Wholeness: Overcoming Sexism

In Indianapolis this summer, General Convention will include an historic first: a women-sponsored joint meeting on a topic long neglected -- overcoming sexism within the church.

Even as the highly successful racism panel at the last Triennial Meeting in Phoenix was being planned, discussion was underway about what the topic for a succeeding panel might be.

Sexism kept coming up, and every time the response was favorable.

With the encouragement of the Council for Women's Ministries, the national board of the Episcopal Church Women agreed to plan and implement a panel, with the understanding that any women's group in the church could share sponsorship if they wished.

National Episcopal Church Women President Ginger Paul presented to the Planning and Arrangements Committee of the General Convention a proposal for a program on sexism within the church -- to be held as a joint meeting.

The idea was unaimously accepted.
Since that time, the focus of the
Social Justice committee of the national
board has been to bring about this program.

As envisioned by its sponsors, the goal of the presentation -- entitled A Vision of Wholeness: Overcoming

Sexism -- is to move the entire church along a path toward healing by discussing this painful subject in a prayerful environment.

Triennial delegates, bishops, and deputies, seated by diocese, will have

an opportunity to identify where sexism exists in their dioceses and consider what steps they might take to eliminate it.

A video of the meeting (with study guide) is being produced for those who cannot be at General Convention.

Pamela Chinnis, president of the House of Deputies, will moderate a panel of participants who will share their stories of encountering sexism within the church:

--- Alison Cheek, director of Feminist Liberation Theology Studies at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and one of the women ordained in Philadelphia in 1974.

--- Carmen Guerrero, coordinator of Hispanic Ministries for the Diocese of Los Angeles.

--- Ginny Doctor, a missionary in the Diocese of Alaska.

--- Robert Johnson, bishop of Western North Carolina.

--- Byron Rushing, Massachusetts state representative.

Asked to comment on the issue of sexism within the church, Mrs. Chinnis noted that:

In 1976 the *Convention Daily* headed a story about my appearance on a panel sponsored by *The Witness*, "Church Sexist, Chinnis Says."

Many people were shocked and offended at the time, but in the years since then our collective consciousness has been raised about all the -isms.

We must...commmit to a long, often painful process of:

(1) hearing each other's experiences and acknowledging our diverse roles in maintaining destructive systems;

(2) identifying the individual and structural elements that perpetuate fear, divisions and discrimination; and

(3) marshalling the resources -- personal, political, legal, moral, spiritual -- to bring about reconciliation and justice.

The panel...is another step in living out our Baptismal Covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

--- Virginia Rowe Starkis.

Pastoral Teaching on Sexuality not law, but study document

Episcopalians United (EU) has announced that it is sending copies of the fifth and final draft of the proposed House of Bishops' pastoral teaching on sexuality to all General Convention deputies, and offers it to anyone who requests a copy.

EU's action drew the ire of Bishop Richard Grein of New York, who chairs the drafting committee on the pastoral.

It is "improper" for us or anyone "to release any of our drafts until the bishops had voted to make our work their own," Grein said.

It is "an evolving document and we did not want it to be judged and debated prematurely." Certainly not in the media.

Eighteen bishops of Province VII (Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and parts of Missouri and Louisiana) said that the fifth draft still does not resolve the critical issues we raised in our previous paper," which objected to the guidelines of the fourth draft.

They contend that adoption of the draft "would signal a substantive change in the teaching of the church -- a position which we find unacceptable."

Grein called attention to what he called "some misunderstanding about the nature of the 'Pastoral Teaching on Human Sexuality'" and the process that produced it.

He said that there are those within the church whose intention may be "to use the press as a tool to derail much of the benefits intended from such a pastoral teaching."

Grein said, "This is not a legal document, which will change canon law or the church's ordination policy.

"Nor is it an attempt to teach a new kind of morality."

Instead, he added, "a pastoral teaching is meant to instruct the church on important matters.

"Thus they are meant to be studied and discussed."

The foreward to the draft pastoral teaching says that, as the church "seeks a common mind

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Madeleine L'Engle on a visit to Hawaii. She was honored at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine by a Sunday evening "Tribute...In Her 75th Year" June 5.

Deaneries voice desires re: 1995 Diocesan Budget

While considering the proposed 1995 diocesan budget in the wake of the church's \$4 million indebtedness from her guaranty of a bank loan to Episcopal Homes of Hawaii, Inc. (see June *Chronicle*), the diocese's deaneries made the following resolutions for consideration by Diocesan Council.

At its August 13 meeting, the Council is scheduled to approve a 1995 budget for submission to the Diocesan Convention. It will be published in the September *Chronicle*.

West Oahu Deanery June 30

- 1. The Diocese seek permanent exemption from the new national church quota formula which is to be considered at the General Convention and which penalizes dioceses with endowment income.
- 2. Any savings that are the difference between the negotiated national assessment and the budgeted \$228,250 be applied to the reduction of the \$4 million debt.

East Honolulu Deanery July 25

- 1. The Council adopt the lesser of the 1994 revised budget figures and the lesser of the 1995 Council draft.
- 2. The Council cut the proposed Communications budget by 50%.
- 3. Any increase in assessments be declared a "special assessment"; further, that this special assessment be specifically dedicated to the Ministry of Debt Reduction as outlined in the Council draft of the budget; and further, that the income and expenses of the Ministry of Debt Reduction be kept separate from the general diocesan operating budget.
- 4. The office of Ministry Development Officer be retained.
- 5. A special fund drive begin.6. Mr. David Chung accept the
- thanks and deep gratitude of the deanery for his outstanding assistance.

Biography of Father Bray to be published this fall

A biography of Father Kenneth Augustine Bray, *The Ole Man*, by Don Johnson and Ron Oba will be published this fall.

Cost: \$14.95, with \$4 additional for postage and handling.

Checks should be payable to The Iolani Raiders' Boosters Club, c/o Iolani Bookstore, 563 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

The first printing is only 5,000 copies.

This biography of a much-loved priest and sports figure is the joint venture of Iolani School and the Iolani Raiders' Boosters Club.

Windward Deanery July 23 & 30

- 1. Establish and implement a procedure to review the diocesan assessment on a regular basis, reducing the assessment percentage in accordance with any reductions in the EHH loan liability (e.g., from recovery of insurance coverage, donations, etc.)
- 2. Delete funding for the Hawaii Council of Churches from the budget for Ministry of Church in Society.
- 3. Delete the line item for the Committee on Racism from the budget for Ministry of Nurture and Education.
- 4. Eliminate funding for the following items in the budget for Ministry of Nurture and Education: Campus Ministries, Christian Education, Ministry to the Aging, AIDS Advisory Committee, Alcohol & Substance Abuse, and Child Abuse Detection/Prevention.

(Note: The rationale for eliminating funding for these items was that these areas are currently being addressed by the State of Hawaii.)

- 5. Eliminate the position of *Chronicle* editor in the budget for Ministry of Communications by April 1, 1995.
- 6. Modify expenditures in the budget for Ministry to Nation and World as follows:

- --- Defer \$181,000 of the national church quota.
- --- Defer \$2,000 of the provincial quota.
- --- Increase the Lambeth travel budget by \$500.
- --- Increase the synod budget by \$2,000.
- --- Increase the Inter-Cultural Ministry budget by \$2,000.
- 7. Delete funding for Clergy Spouse Conference in the budget for Ministry Development.
- 8. Decrease by 25% the following items in the budget for General Diocesan Expenses: office expenses; meeting costs -- travel; and eliminate the following items from the budget for General Diocesan Expenses: meeting costs: other; staff travel; and treasurer's conferences.

Central Oahu Deanery July 23

- 1. The designation "ministry" to be deleted from the caption "Ministry of Debt Reduction."
- 2. In view of expected diocesan staff cuts, the deaneries (notably the regional deans) take a larger part in the ongoing administrative work of the diocese.
 - 3. The proposed \$50,000 reduction

- in staff salaries be doubled to \$100,000.
- 4. The Department of Communications be "overhauled" and restructured; that we explore alternatives to the format of the present *Chronicle*; and that the *Chronicle* be made financially self-supporting.
- 5. We negotiate with "815" [Episcopal Church Center in New York] a reduction in our 1995-1997 payments of our national church quota.
- 6. We combine the positions of Ministry Development Officer, Executive Officer, and possibly Development Officer, with appropriate clerical supprt.
- 7. We separate the special assessment (to pay for legal and professional fees and Hale O Malia debt service) from the regular diocesan assessment.

Maui Deanery July 17

- 1. The Diocesan Center is neither economically feasible nor appropriate for the diocese to continue exploring at this time. Therefore, the project should be stopped.
- 2. Until the loss of \$4 million is settled, no new projects be approved unless they are guaranteed self-sustaining.
- 3. After the loss of \$4 million is settled, the diocesan assessment will decrease to a level of 18%.
- 4. The work performance of all individual diocesan staff members be evaluated annually by the Bishop and Standing Committee; and that salary increases will depend on favorable reviews.
- 5. The work performance of the Bishop be evaluated annually by the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council, and that such evaluation be stipulated in the working agreement with every candidate for bishop of the diocese before she or he accepts the nomination.

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Resignation & Renuciation of Ministry

In accordance with the Canons and Constitution of the Episcopal Church, and with the advice and consent of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, Bishop Hart accepted on August 1, 1994, "the resignation and renunciation of the ministry of this Church as made to me in writing by Richard Walter Lipka...

"This action is taken for cause not affecting his moral character."

Formerly rector of St. Mary's, Moiliili, Honolulu, Fr. Lipka left the Episcopal Church for the Charismatic Episcopal Church, together with a group of parishioners. See story in June Chronicle.



Bishop Richard Grein of New York (left) with Russian Ortodox Patriarch Aleksy II. Bishop Grien chairs the committee drafting the Pastoral Teaching on Sexuality (see page 5 of this issue). (Episcopal News Service photo).

Letter to the Editor

Don't cripple ministries, sell Mokuleia

I am very concerned, as we all are, about the effects on our diocese from this heavy cloud of debt hanging over us.

I feel the direction which we appear to be taking, of crippling the heart of our church by curtailing all diocesan ministries and laying an additional burden on each parish throughout the state is dangerous and damaging to our future.

We can speak idealistically of starting the healing process, but I feel this is premature, as the true bleeding has not yet begun.

In Camp Mokuleia we have an asset which, if sold, would take care of the entire obligation.

True, many have an emotional attachment to that camp from happy memories of past outings there, but the nature of the camp has changed to that of a conference center for the community and camp largely for the more fortunate.

No longer is it a casual spot to take the youth group for a weekend camp outing.

Parting with it would hardly impact the average church member.

Divesting ourselves of property and institutions is not new to this diocese when the situation calls for it; I say this situation that now confonts us calls for it urgently.

Our most important assets are not our properties, but our members and ministries.

Let's not put them in jeopardy.

Kate C. Roberts.

New mission on Maui in September

"There will soon be a new Episcopal mission church in the Islands," writes the Rev. Kate Nesbit, chaplain at Seabury Hall.

"Beginning in September, services will be held every Sunday at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Chapel on the campus of Seabury Hall School in Makawao, Maui.

"The new chapel was consecrated in January, and plans have been underway ever since to start a mission for the Makawao/ Olinda/Haiku area in upcountry Maui....

"The first Eucharist is set for September 4.

"Your prayers for this new ministry would be most appreciated!"

U.S. Supreme Court rejects appeal in Colorado misconduct case

The United States Supreme Court declined May 31 to consider an appeal by the Diocese of Colorado and its former bishop, William Frey, in a sexual misconduct suit.

Suit was brought by a parishioner against the diocese, Bishop Frey, and her pastor in 1990. The pastor subsequently filed bankruptcy and was dropped from the suit.

The jury in the district court decided against the diocese and Frey on three counts, in that the diocese and Frey were liable:

--- for a breach of fiduciary duty,

--- for negligence in hiring and supervision, and were

--- vicariously liable for the pastor's "breach of fiduciary duty, which exists when one person assumes the responsibility to act in another person's interest."

The plaintiff was awarded \$1.2 million in damages.

Upon appeal, the Colorado Supreme Court upheld two parts of the lower court's findings, but reversed the decision about vicarious liability, thus lowering the award to \$728,100.

Since 1990 Bishop Frey has been dean and president of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Pennsylvania.

In light of this highly publicized case, church authorities are implementing changes in hiring and supervision of clergy.

"We have come a long way in recognizing the problem," said William Fischer, vice president in charge of claims for the Church Insurance-Company which paid damages in the Colorado case.

"We do not believe that the diocese should be held liable for the acts of other corporations' employees," said assistant diocesan chancellor Scot Peterson.

Prince Charles questions role as church head

Prince Charles is considering ending the monarch's role as head of the Church of England when he becomes king, according to a recent report in England's Sunday Times.

The heir to the throne thinks the church should be disestablished because Britain is a multiracial, multifaith society in which the Church of England has become a minority voice, the *Times* said.

The report stated that, although the prince does not mention disestablishing the church in the interview, "it is clear he wishes to provoke a debate on the roles of the church and monarchy."

The prince said he would like his coronation oath to be changed from "defender of the faith" to "defender of the divine."

Bishop Michael Baughen of Chester said that he thought the prince's role "is to be defender of the Christian faith."

Baughen said that the prince "seems to echo the popular view that all religions lead to God.

"I am not sure that the prince believes that, and I would like to sit down and discuss the matter with him."

Archbishop of York John Habgood said that it "would be a difficult and dangerous thing to start tampering with [the coronation oath], because in the process of picking out some threads, you do not know what else will unravel."

Habgood later told the Church of England's General Synod that Prince Charles denied in a private conversation that he had any wish to change church-state relations or disestablish the church.

Describing the conflict in Rwanda as evidence of "the power of the devil," Archbishop Augustin Nshamihigo, primate of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda, condemned the killings and called on the international community to intervene "for the restoration of peace in our country."

More than a million Anglicans lived in Rwanda before the recent violence



broke out.

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief sent an initial emergency grant for \$25,000 and the continuing response by the Anglican Communion is currently coordinated by the Anglican Church of Canada.

By the required two-thirds margin, the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church approved legislation on June 16 clearing the way tor the ordination of women to the priesthood.

Churches must be "the engine and not the caboose" in "the movement to stop the killing, the abuse, and the violence" against children, one of the nation's top advocates for children told the-Episcopal Church's Urban Bishops Coalition meeting in Boston June 9-10.

Cursillo Highlights

The regular meeting of the Cursillo secretariat was held on July 9, 1994, at St. James' in Kamuela on the Big Island.

Following the meditation given by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Gilliam, the group shared their thoughts on the meditation.

The treasurer's report elicited a discussion on paying for the copyright of the songs in the *Cursillo Songbook* and the use being made of the songbooks.

The new Rector and Rectora Handbook was accepted and copies provided for the rectors and rectoras of the up-coming Cursillo Weekends on Oahu and the Big Island.

The Oahu Weekend is scheduled for September 29-October 2 at St. Anthony's Retreat,

Rector and rectora will be Kua Apple and Dev Convard.

The Big Island Weekend is scheduled for October 6-9 at Mauna Kea State Park.

Rector and rectora will be Braley Pasterino and Janice Gail Naiditch.

It was reported that Fr. John Connell has been in contact with Cursillistas on Guam.

They are willing to send people to Hawaii to receive training in Cursillo leadership, and in return, we would send people to Guam to help put on a Cursillo Weekend.

Ultreyas are held on Oahu on the second Sunday of every month at St. Timothy's, Aiea, and the fourth Sunday at St. Christopher's, Kailua.

On the Big Island, Ultreyas are held every third Sunday at various locations around the Island.

Contact Jeanette Hensell for further information on the Big Island Ultreyas.

--- Lyn McKinney.



Peter Ogilby with St. Andrew's young in the cathedral's Von Holt Room.

THE CALENDAR

August 2 p.m. Proper 18. Department meetings. St. Bartholomew the Apostle. 24 5 Labor Day. 12th Sunday after Pentecost. "A Vision of Wholeness: 14 Diocesan Office closed. 18 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Proper 15. Overcoming Sexism," Von Commission on Ministry, Big Island Cursillo Ultreya, Bishop visits St. Mark's. Holt Room, St. Andrew's, 2 p.m. 15 September Chronicle deadline. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Admission: ECW board meeting, 21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Compensation Review, noon. 17 St. Luke's. \$5. Evangelist. Steering Committee, 4 p.m. 24-9/2 ECW Triennial Meeting. Standing Committee, 11 a.m. Oahu Clericus, noon. Admission Day. 19 General Convention. 23 Diocesan Institute, 6 p.m. Diocesan Office closed. 11 16th Sunday after Pentecost. Diocesan Institute, 8:30 a.m. ECW Fun(d) Day, St. 28 14th Sunday after Pentecost. Proper 19. Timothy's. Proper 17. 14 Holy Cross Day. 24 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Stewardship Committee, noon. 29 St. Michael and All Angels. 21 13th Sunday after Pentecost. September 15 Finance Department, 3 p.m. 29-10/2 Cursillo Weekend, St. Proper 16. October Chronicle deadline. Anthony's. Big Island Cursillo Ultreya, 16th Sunday after Pentecost. 17 Diocesan Council &

Too many Christians are playing down their belief that Jesus Christ is God in the false notion that it will aid interfaith dialogue, said Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey in a recent interview at the opening of the Canadian Christian Festival. "That will be the end of Christianity if we say that Jesus Christ is just the Western face of God," Carey said. The leaders of Islam and other faiths won't respect that approach, he added.

Deaneries (from page 6)

Big Island Deanery July 3

- 1. Any plans for future building projects are to be put on hold unless 100% funded,
- 2. All staff severance packages should cover the same length of time as the bishop's, that is, if bishop's severance is one year, everyone's severance should be one year.

Pastoral Teaching (from page 5)

under the guidance of the Holy Spirit," the teaching helps by trying "objectively to provide a history of our church's discussions on human sexuality and marriage, differing perspectives by biblical theologians on key Scripture references, and a description of what the 1991 General Convention called 'discontinuties.'"

Grein and two members of the drafting committee -- Bishop Frank Allan of Atlanta and Bishop Rogers Harris of Southwest Florida -- will meet the press at General Convention to interpret the draft.

NOMINATION FORM 26th ANNUAL CONVENTION, DIOCESE OF HAWAII OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 1994 (SUBMIT NOMINATION TO DIOCESEAN OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 7, 1994 AND PROVIDE EITHER A BLACK & WHITE OR COLOR PHOTOGRAPH, IF AVAILABLE, SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION) Office for which being nominated _____ Nominee_ Initial Is the nominee _____lay or ____clergy? Please check the one that applies Address City and zip code_____ Business phone_____ Residence phone____ Communicant of:_____Church Island____ Occupation: Church and Community Service Positions in this or any other Diocese. (LIST FOUR (4) ONLY, ONE (1) PER LINE) Statement of Nominee indicating WHY HE/SHE WISHES TO SERVE? (50 word maximum). PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE STATEMENT. Signature of Nominee Date (Indication of consent is required) Nominator Residence phone_____ Business phone Parish or Mission Membership Signature of Nominator _____ Date