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CHRONICLE

WE HAVE A NEW
BISHOPTHE REVEREND
CANON RICHARD
CHANG ELECTED
BISHOP

For nearly two years, the Diocese had been looking forward to the election of its new bishop. Finally - June 28 - the time for the election arrived. More than 250 people filed into St. Andrew's Cathedral to attend the opening Eucharist of the Special Meeting of the Convention which was concelebrated by The Right Rev. George Hunt, Interim Bishop of Hawaii, and The Right Rev. Jackson Gilliam, Bishop of Montana, (Retired) and Vicar of St. Jude's on the Big Island of Hawaii.

The singing of the hymns "Praise The Spirit In Creation", "Holy Spirit, Ever Living" and "Come Down, O Love Divine" set the general feeling of the whole Convention.

At the conclusion of the service, the delegates assembled in the Tenney Theater to receive the official nominations. Thirteen nominations were received. They were: The Rev. Canon Richard Chang, The Rev. Canon Franklin Chun, The Rev. Morley Frech, The Rev. Canon Brian Grieves, The Rev. Canon Carolyn Jones, The Rev. Dr. James



Kodera, The Rev. James MacKenzie, The Right Rev. Benoni Y. Ogwal-Abwang, The Rev. Jan Rudinoff, The Rev. Lynette Schaeffer, The Very Rev. Mark Sisk, The Rev. Tom Van Culin, The Rev. Peter Van Horne.

As soon as the nominations were announced, The Revs. Franklin Chun, Morley Frech,

Jan Rudinoff and Peter Van Horne asked for their names to be withdrawn.

On Saturday morning, as the delegates assembled for devotions at the Cathedral at 8.00 a.m., there was a definite air of excitement and a feeling that the Holy Spirit was very much present in their midst.

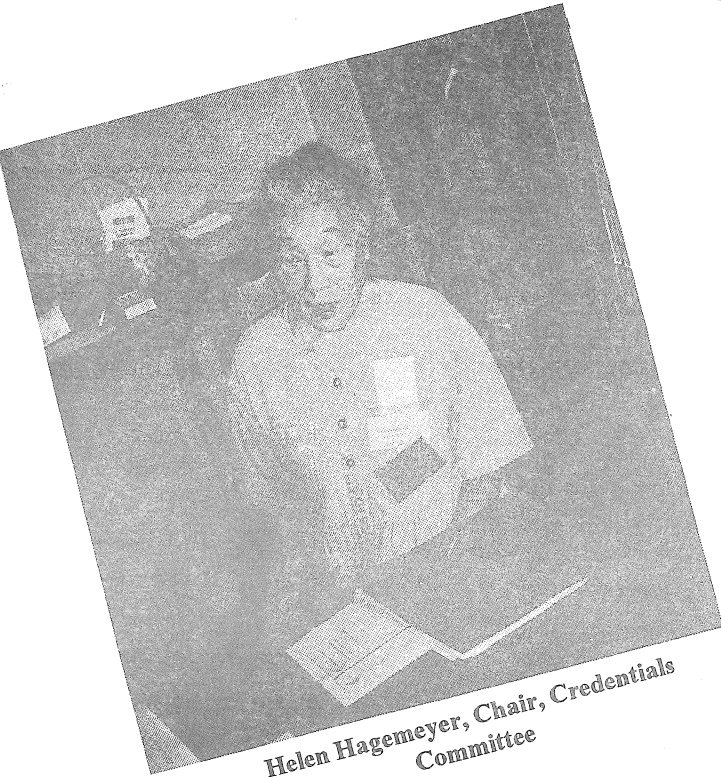
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order by the President of the Standing Committee - The Rev. Morley Frech - who announced that The Very Rev. Mark Sisk had asked to have his name withdrawn from the ballot.

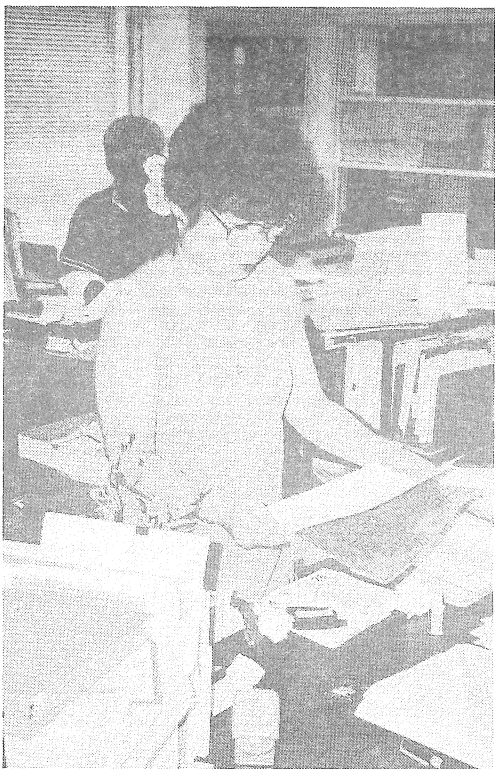
The first ballot showed that The Rev. Canon Richard Chang and The Right Rev. Benoni Y. Ogwal-Abwang were in the lead, with Canon Chang holding the clergy vote, and Bishop Ogwal-Abwang taking the lay vote. The Rev. Lynette Schaeffer withdrew her name from the ballot before the second vote was taken. In the second ballot the same two candidates were in the lead, but neither held a majority with both the clergy and laity. Before the third ballot, The Rev. Tom Van Culin asked for his name to be withdrawn. When the results of the third ballot were brought to the Cathedral, The Rev. Morley Frech, as Chair of the Convention announced that there had been an election, and that The Rev. Canon Richard Chang had received the required majority in both Houses. Fr. Frech then appointed a committee headed by The Rev. Tim Quintero which adjourned immediately to the Diocesan Office to telephone Canon Chang at his home in New Jersey to advise him of the election and to receive his acceptance.

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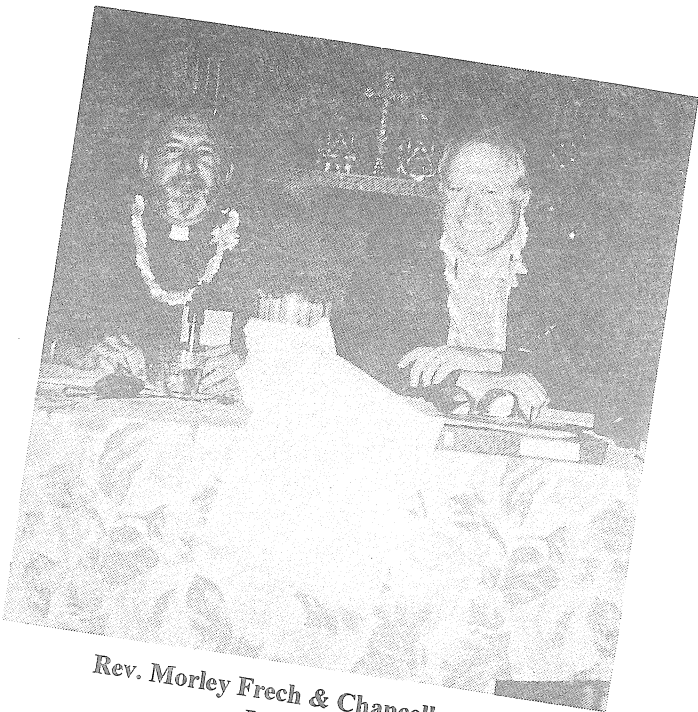
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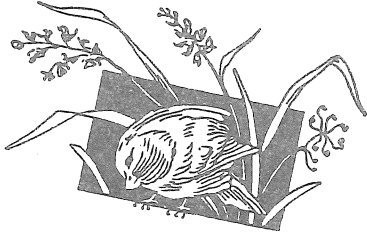
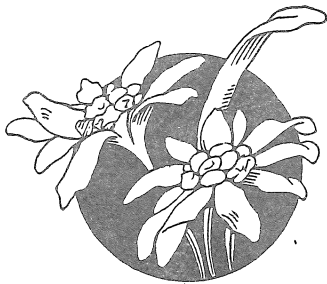
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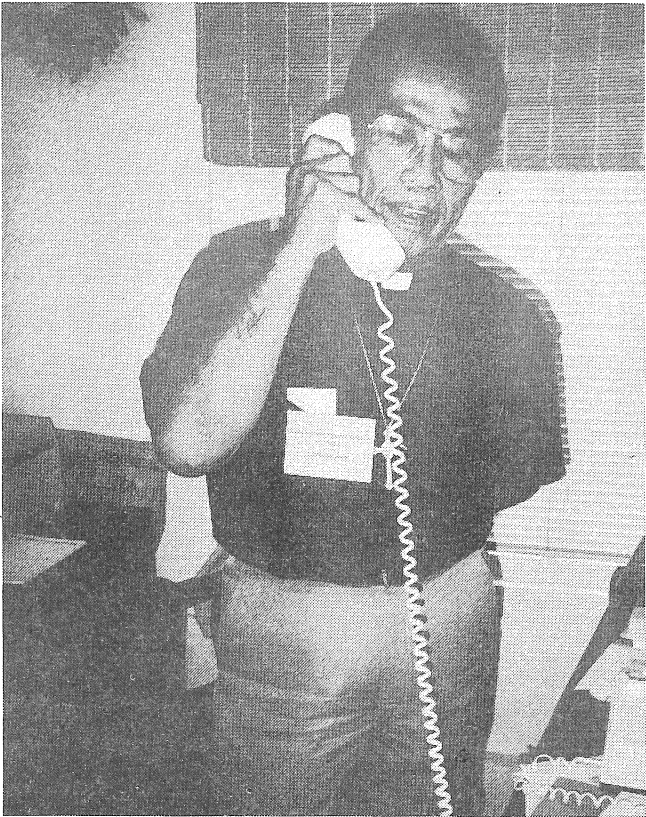
Rev. John Millen & Rev. Lee Kieffer



Rev. Imelda Padasdao, Helen Reigle & Menandro Domingo



Robert Husselrath & John Schamber



Rev. Tim Quintero advising Canon Chang of the election result.



CHANG ELECTED BISHOP

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Canon Chang returns to Hawaii after eight years in New York as Assistant to the Presiding Bishop where he also works with the Chief Operations Officer of the Episcopal Church. In these dual roles, he has administrative responsibility for both staff and budgets. He is also a member of the Senior Executive Group.

Canon Chang was ordained in 1966, and his first cure was at the Church of the Holy Nativity in Honolulu, where he served as Headmaster and Chaplain of the Day School from 1966-1970, and concurrently as Assistant Rector for Youth and Education.

In 1970, he was appointed Rector of All Saints' Church, Kapa'a on

Kauai where he served as Archdeacon of Kauai by appointment of Bishop E. Lani Hanchett, as well as Priest-in-Charge for Christ Memorial Church, Kulaea, and St. Thomas' Church, Hanalei.

Bishop Edmund Browning, appointed Canon Chang as Executive Officer for the Diocese of Hawaii in 1979, where he served until moving to New York in 1985 to his present position. In recognition for his ministry among the American churches in Europe, he was made an Honorary Canon of the American Cathedral in Paris in 1993.

Canon Chang and his wife, Delia, have two daughters and one grandchild.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS.

A member of St. Andrew's Cathedral - William Moore, offers a DOWNTOWN HONOLULU TEMPLE WALKING TOUR which starts and concludes at St. Andrew's. Mr. Moore, who is an Instructor at Chaminade University of Honolulu, includes KWAN YIN CHINESE BUDDHIST TEMPLE, LUM SAI HO TONG, IZUMO TAISHA KYO SHINTO TEMPLE, and the CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF PEACE. These tours are scheduled periodically by the Hawai'i Geographical Society; but Mr. Moore can do one just about anytime for a group of 10 or more people. There is a small donation requested at the time of the tour. Telephone 538-3952 for details and information.

Pontius' Puddle



ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Please let us have all articles for the Chronicle by the 15th of each month. Space and time may not permit anything received after that date to be published in the next issue. Items may be sent by e-mail to "chrncle@aloha.net" or sent to or left at the Diocesan office.

LETTER FROM THE REV. CANON BRIAN GRIEVES.

TO: The Episcopal Church in Hawaii

Dear Friends,

I would like to add my voice to all those who are extending congratulations to Dick Chang upon his election as Bishop of Hawaii.

Dick is a highly revered and respected priest of this Church and I know his election signals great days ahead for the diocese. There is a huge task to be done, and Dick has just the right skills to undertake it.

As for me, like all Oscar nominees, it has been a great honor to have been recognized by my home diocese. Being in the process has also been a great learning experience, with its mixture of pain and joy. Many thanks to so many people for your friendship and affirmation of my ministry during the process.

I join with you in prayers of thanksgiving for Dick's election and for the future mission and ministry of the Diocese of Hawaii. And please offer thanksgivings for me, the other nominees, the Search Committee, the Standing Committee and the whole diocese that this process has finally come to a close. Faithfully, Brian Grieves

A BIG "THANK YOU"

The members of the Editorial Board of the "Chronicle" would like to thank all those who so kindly and quickly sent in their increased donation of \$10.00. It was much appreciated. The cost of printing, mailing and postage have increased considerably over the last few months, and in addition, our budget for the coming year has been cut by some \$4,000. The Board hopes to make up the difference of \$4,000 by the increase in subscriptions.

We had hoped the new format of the last few publications would improve matters - financially as well as visually, but this did not happen. As a result, we have returned to the old format, and we will work on improving that as we go along. We are also hoping that more local news will be submitted.

Again, we thank all those who have sent in their subscription, and we ask those who have not yet done so, to help us out by sending you donation to: Hawaiian Church Chronicle, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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♦WOMEN OF
VISION -
EMPOWERING
AND VISIONING
EFFECTIVELY

Women of Vision, Women Empowering and Visioning Effectively, is a program developed by the Episcopal Church Women in cooperation with the Women in Mission and Ministry office of the national church.

Both the ECW and the WIMM have long been aware of the major transitions and changes occurring in women's lives and realize that women are seeking new ways to develop and use their gifts. This program emphasizes the creation of a supportive, loving, nurturing environment where women will be encouraged to acquire the skills that will help them translate their Christian beliefs into the world. It is based upon the belief that women in all their diversity have varieties

of gifts which must be included in the total ministry of the church. This spiritually based program, grounded in scripture, will empower women to choose and carry out their ministries effectively. Revised in March 1996, the program consists of six modules, requiring fourteen hours. Requests for presentations may be made to Janet Goff, Karen Huston and Geri Tom, presenters, through the Diocesan Office.

Parts of Women of Vision have been presented to vestries and other mixed groups of men and women. The program has been "borrowed" by other denominations. Women of Vision has been exported to South Africa and Scotland recently.

A follow-up program called GATES (Gaining Authority Through Education and Service) has also been developed. These six modules may stand alone, after participants have experienced Women of Vision.

Day. She will also preach at that church on Sunday, August 18.

Everyone is invited to participate in these Quiet Days, the format of which usually consists of Morning Prayer, three meditations, a simple lunch, and a closing Eucharist. Silence is asked of all participants between Morning Prayer and the Eucharist.

For more information about these Quiet Days, please contact The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch at St. John's (878-1485) or The Rev. Jan Rudinoff at St. Michael & All Angels', (245-3796). For further information about the Community of the Holy Spirit, please contact The Rev. Marilyn Watts, who is an Associate of the Order at 941-6283.

available and the committee is currently anxious to spread the word about this fund throughout the Diocese for two main reasons: First, donations are solicited, and they would be gladly received from Parishes, parish groups, or from individuals. Checks may be made out and sent to the Episcopal Church in Hawaii, earmarked for Episcopal Charities.

Second, grant requests for projects which need funds are being solicited. In order to receive funds from the committee, the grant requests must meet the following criteria:

* The project must not be funded by other outreach funds.

CAMP
PECUSA

by - Robert Durand

Two week-long sessions and a three-day hike through Haleakala Crater are being offered to young people at Camp Pecusa on Maui in the summer of 1996.

Camp Pecusa, under the stewardship of Holy Innocents' Church in Lahaina, is located on the water at Olowalu, about 10 miles south of Lahaina. The summer church camp program is planned and operated under the guidance of St. John's Church in Kula.

The first session, for campers entering grades 3, 4 & 5, will begin this year on Sunday July 14, and close on Saturday, July 20. The second session for campers entering grades 6 and up, will open on Saturday, July 21, and close on Sunday, July 28.

The crater hike is limited to campers 12 years of age or older and will take place from July 28 through July 30, using cabins inside the crater as overnight rest spots.

Themes of the two weekly sessions in 1996 will be "Exploring the Gifts of Friendship". Each session has a daily schedule which includes program, chapel services, swimming and recreation, hiking and field trips, crafts and evening campfires. A highlight of each session is usually the snorkeling trip by boat to the famous Coral Gardens off the Pali Coast of Maui.

The cost per camper per week is \$100.00, which includes room and board, hiking and snorkeling trips, and all program and craft materials. The crater hike cost per camper is \$30.00.

Neighbour Island campers are welcome, and arrangements will be made for airport pick-up and delivery. To obtain a brochure or more information about the 1996 Camp Pecusa sessions, please contact St. John's Church at RR#2, Box 212, Kula, Maui HI. 96790. Tel: 808-878-1485.

* The requesting organization must be prepared to write a follow-up description and evaluation of how grant funds were utilized at about six months after the grant is awarded.

For more information about Episcopal Charities, donations and grant requests, please contact any of the following committee members: The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch, Patricia Osgood, Adrienne King and Robert Perry.

YOUTH CHOIR
CONCERTS - National
Youth Choir of Great
Britain

by - Robert Durand

The people of Hawaii will be the beneficiary of 150 teenage voices from abroad during August when the National Youth Choir of Great Britain stops in the islands for two concerts, as part of their 1996 world tour.

Arriving on August 13 from New Zealand, the young travellers will go directly to Maui for several days of rest and relaxation, prior to an August 17 concert at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center. After the performance they will island hop to Oahu for a concert on August 19 at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

We are seeking housing for choir members during their stay on Maui. There will be activities and some touring which will involve members of host families.

If you are willing to be a host family, please contact The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch at 808-876-0503 or 808-878-1485, or Mrs. Shirley Cannon at 808-661-3818.

The National Youth Choir of Great Britain is now in its 16th year of existence, having given their first concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London on December 22 1983. Since then, the choir has performed all over the world on summer holiday tours and has released two CD's - one a Christmas Concert from the Royal Albert Hall and the other from one of their world tours.

Members of the Choir travel from all over the United Kingdom to meet on residential courses two or three times each year, usually over school holidays.

The Choir is under the direction of Michael Brewer, Director of Music at the Chetham School of Music in Manchester, England. The Executive Director is Carl Browning, who is the retired Latymer Madrigal Group in London.

For further information on the visit of the Choir, please contact The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch on Maui, or John McCreary, Music Director at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu.

►August
Quiet Days

Two Quiet Days will be offered within the Diocese of Hawaii during the August visit of Mother Madeleine Mary CHS, the Prioress of the Community of the Holy Spirit - an Episcopal Convent in New York City.

On Thursday, August 15, the Feast Day of St. Mary the Virgin, Mother Madeleine Mary will lead a Quiet Day at St. John's Church in Kula, Maui, where she has previously visited twice for the same reason.

On Saturday, August 17, she will be at St. Michael and All Angels' Church in Lihue, Kauai for a Quiet

■The Church
in Society

Several years ago, the Episcopal Church in Hawaii established a procedure for collecting funds which would become available for outreach projects outside the scope of the already budgeted needs in the community.

Called "Episcopal Charities", this process comes under the guidance of the Church in Society Committee of the diocesan Council, chaired by The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch. The Episcopal Charities Fund currently has over \$6,000.00

WORK/LEARNING
EXPERIENCE FOR
LIHUE YOUTH

Nine members (ages 14-15) of the St. Michael and All Angels' (Lihue) Youth Group began a 6-week work/learning experience on June 17. Eight employers are providing the opportunities for these children to work thirty hours a week. The young people are required to maintain a journal of each day's events and their feelings about them. They meet each Friday to reflect together on the week's experience, have worship, share a meal and play.

Employers make a financial contribution to St. Michael's on the Youth Group's behalf and these are shared with the young people. At the conclusion of the six weeks a report is written by the participants on the experience. Sponsors for the Youth Group are Henry and Terry Lange, Linda Burnz, and for this work program, Jamie Law.

NEW PRIMATE OF THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Right Reverend James Ayong, Bishop of Aipo Rongo, has been elected the new Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (PNG) by the Provincial Council. He will succeed the Most Reverend Bevan Meredith who has retired.

Bishop James Ayong has been the Bishop of Aipo Rongo for a year. He was formerly a parish priest of Gerehu parish in the Diocese of Port Moresby, before he succeeded Bishop Paul Richardson as Bishop last May. Bishop James was born in a cave in Kumbun, West New Britain in 1944, as bombs were falling nearby during the time when the Allies were trying to recover the area from the Japanese. His first employment was as a Local Government Officer. In 1976 he became Purchasing Officer and Radio Operator for the Anglican Diocesan Office in Lae, where he also assisted with translation of the Bible into Pidgin. In 1980 he started his ordination training at Newton College and graduated from there in 1982. After his ordination to the priesthood in 1984, he was posted to the cathedral in Popondetta. In 1993 he went to England with his wife Gawali, to study for his M.A. at Chichester Theological College.

- Anglican Communion News Service

The First
Aloha Clergy
Shirt

(Every person mentioned in this story is guilty -- of aloha. Consequently, no "names have been changed to protect the innocent.")

When Sue and I arrived in the Overseas Missionary District of Honolulu in the summer of 1967, we were assigned to St. Luke's in Nuuanu Valley. Since I was a newly ordained deacon, Bishop Kennedy recruited the Rev. E. Lani Hanchett, then the Rector of St. Peter's, to be my supervising priest.

Not long after I began work at St. Luke's, a parishioner wanted to give me a gift that I thought was well beyond his means. I thought the loving thing to do would be to politely refuse the gift, but before doing so I called Lani to ask his advice. He said, "Jerry, I understand your concern, but there would be nothing loving about refusing a gift offered in love. You must accept it with aloha." And so I did.

A few years later, when Lani was serving us as Bishop of Hawaii, several priests were gathered in conversation at a post-Convention party at the Hanchett home next to the Waialae Golf Course. It was a warm evening, and The Rev. Charles Crane asked Bishop Hanchett what he thought of putting a clerical collar on top of an aloha shirt (up to that time, everyone, without exception, wore black clerical shirts). About this time the business community had opted for aloha shirts on Fridays and Charlie's suggestion seemed to make a lot of sense. After some thought, Bishop Hanchett told us that he didn't think it was a good idea. (Later I learned that Bishop Hanchett's concern was the "formalizing" of the aloha shirt, not the trivializing of the clergy collar.) Although we continued to toss it round for a bit, the Bishop had spoken, and in those days the word of a bishop was law.

Some years later, while assisting the Rev. Burton Linscott at The Church of the Epiphany, I became good friends with Eddie and Edith Hanohano. When they were married money was tight, and Edith had never received a wedding ring. Twenty-five years later they asked

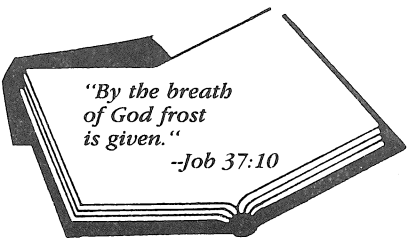
me to officiate at the Renewal of their Marriage Vows, and Eddie gave Edith a beautiful ring. They knew I would not accept anything for having the honor of participating, so Edith asked Sue if she could sew me a shirt, and asked for a shirt from my closet to use as a pattern. Sue and I went to Otaheite and purchased a nice grey and white fern print for the aloha shirt we anticipated that Edith was going to sew. You can imagine our surprise when the shirt was delivered with a clerical collar (Edith had never seen me in anything but a black clergy shirt). Of course I could not tell her that the Bishop had declared such things inappropriate and not to be countenanced, so the shirt hung unworn in my closet.

In the early seventies I was appointed Chaplain of St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls. After some months there I decided that it might be acceptable to wear the fern print shirt in that non-parochial setting. And the students, of course, loved the change from "clergy black". As Chaplain, I conducted noonday services each day in the Cathedral. One day as I was crossing Queen Emma Square on my way to the Cathedral, I noticed Bishop Hanchett walking in my direction. Since I was wearing the forbidden shirt, I veered away from his path, but he corrected his course and headed straight for me. I veered further away; he changed course again. I was trapped!

The Bishop wasted little time in small talk, but simply said, "Jerry, of all the priests in this diocese, you are the one I would have least suspected of directly violating a request of mine." Eyes downcast, I apologized to him, and asked if I could tell him a story. He said "Yes". I told him of a young deacon who almost refused a gift of aloha once, but was advised by a wiser and older priest to accept it in the spirit in which it was given. The Bishop - my friend Lani - first looked a bit puzzled, then put two and two together, smiled his winsome smile and said, "Nice shirt!

And that was that.

by- The Rev. Dr. Elsberry W. (Jerry)
Reynolds



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 10
East Honolulu-Budget Area; Von Holt Room 7:30 p.m.

July 11
Commission on Ministry
Bishop's Office, 3:00 p.m.

Windward-Budget Area Meeting
St. Matthew's, 7:30 p.m.

JAMC - Good Samaritan
7:30 p.m.

July 13
Maui-Budget Area Meeting
Trinity By-the-Sea, 2:00 p.m.

July 14
Hawaii-Budget Area Meeting
St. James, 2:00 p.m.

July 16
Finance & Real Estate
Cathedral Room 8, 2:00 p.m.

July 17
Btewardship Committee
Cathedral Room 8, Noon

July 19
IMT Bishop's Office, 8:00 a.m.

Standing Committee
Cathedral Library, 10:00 a.m.

July 20
Council Department Meeting
9:00 a.m.

Diocesan Council
Von Holt Room, 10:00 a.m.

July 21
Kauai Deanery
St. John's, 1:30 p.m.

July 27
CONHM Meeting
Lili'uokalani Trust, 9:00 a.m.

July 30-August 4
Episcopal Youth Event
Indiana State University

July 31
CONHM; Evensong,
Cathedral, 5:30 p.m.

August 1
Commission on Ministry
Bishop's Office, 2:00 p.m.

August 5-10
Episcopal Asiamerica
Ministries (EAM) '96
National Consultation

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1997 Council Draft Budget
(Dated 6/15/96)

	1995 Actual	1996 Budget	1997 Council Draft Budget
Income:			
Assessments	\$ 1,201,902	\$1,169,668	\$ 1,226,807
Investments	400,805	401,500	411,500
Other	136,372	138,724	144,340
Total Income	1,739,079	1,709,892	1,782,647
Expenses:			
Congregational Development	223,083	231,200	236,800
Ministry to Church in Society	0	500	0
Ministry of Nurture & Education	12,883	22,400	21,000
Ministry of Communications	18,632	26,000	22,500
Ministry to Nation & World	86,500	176,900	198,048
Ministry to Retirees	51,823	54,189	59,073
Ministry Development	24,735	39,150	40,000
Ministry of Episcopate	125,024	148,292	132,974
Ministry of Administration	267,007	261,917	321,514
General Diocesan Expenses	256,171	283,618	254,444
Capital Budget	0	0	0
Debt Reduction	580,210	465,726	496,294
Total Expenses	1,646,068	1,709,892	1,782,647
NET INCOME	\$ 93,011	\$ 0	\$ 0

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August 11
Aloha to Bishop and Mrs. Hunt
Cathedral, 4:00 p.m.
Potluck

August 10-14
EAM Youth Event
Hawaii Pacific University
Hawaii Loa Campus

August 15-18
ABIL, Scottsdale, Arizona

August 15
Bishop Hunt's last day at the
Diocesan Office

August 16
Admission Day
Diocesan Office Closed

ECW Fun(d) Day

August 17
Council Department Meetings

Diocesan Council
Von Holt Room, 10:00 a.m.

homosexual, the struggle to resolve the issue of homosexuality and holy orders in the Episcopal Church has moved out of the legal arena to the legislative.

COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET

The Diocesan Council is proposing the above budget for 1997. Deanery meetings are being scheduled to review the budget. (Note: By the time you receive this publication, one or more meetings may have already taken place). Please consult your clergy or lay delegates to the October 1996 meeting of the Convention for additional details and descriptions.

Several items in the budget warrant highlighting:

1. **Congregational Planning Program** - Aside from the mission subsidies, the Congregational Development budget includes a \$36,800 proposed expense for the start of a funded program aimed at making the most effective use of talents and limited funds within the Diocese. The general purpose of the use of these funds would be to devise a long range plan to aid the ailing congregations (parishes or missions). It is *not* a "clergy deployment fund." Proposed objec-

tives include identifying and taking action with respect to situations in which the current level of ministry is not optimum and identifying and implementing new models of ministry.

2. **New Administrative Positions** The Ministry of Administration budget includes salaries for two new positions, a half-time planned giving officer and additional staff support. Not having a planned giving officer in the Diocese is

short-sighted and a disservice to the Church given the untapped potential of resources. We are all aware that the office is currently short-staffed and the seated Bishop will likely require additional support; hence, the proposed additional expense. It is also anticipated that the Bishop will hire an executive officer subsequent to the end of the current diocesan administrator's two-year contract; therefore, this is not an incremental expense.

3. **Capital Campaign Expense** - The Ministry of Debt Reduction budget includes a \$10,000 proposed expense for the start-up of a diocesan-wide capital fund drive. The benefit is anticipated to be debt reduction, *as well as* support for other major programs within the diocese. Initial thoughts are to bring in an "expert" in this area, who will retain a percentage of the donations/pledges solicited.

The new expenditures the Diocesan Council felt were necessary, regrettably, had to be funded from reductions in other departments' budgets. Your prayerful consideration and comments can be submitted to the diocesan office to my attention.

Submitted by:
Jane M. Tonokawa,
Chair, Finance & Real Estate

NO APPEAL SOUGHT IN
BISHOP RIGHTER CASE

In the aftermath of an ecclesiastical court decision dismissing charges brought against Bishop Walter Righter for ordaining a non-celibate

The ten bishops who in January 1995, charged Bishop Righter with holding and teaching false doctrine under the so-called "heresy" canon, and with violating his ordination vows, announced that they would not appeal the court's decision, but would propose a resolution to the 1997 General Convention that would bar clergy from "sexual relations outside of holy matrimony." The General Convention, which meets every three years, is the church's chief legislative body.

The ten bishops have stated that they will "refuse to ordain, admit or license clergy" who do not subscribe to the requirements of their proposed canon, no matter what General Convention decides. They also proclaimed that they would be creating a "fellowship of Episcopal parishes and diocese which uphold scriptural authority" to support congregations where "the bishop has departed from the standards and norms set forth by the church's teachings."



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PROBES RASH OF CHURCH FIRES

The Rev. Dr. Mac Charles Jones of the National Council of Churches (NCC) task force investigating the string of arson attacks that has destroyed black churches throughout the South, examines the site of one fire. Diane Porter, senior executive for program of the Episcopal Church, co-chairs the task force with Jones. The NCC has established a Burned Churches Fund to help rebuild the churches. The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief also has begun a fund-raising drive. (Episcopal News Service photo by Mel Lehman/NCC)

PASTORS PUSH ISSUE OF BURNED BLACK CHURCHES IN WASHINGTON MEETING

Thirty-eight pastors of burned black churches gathered in Washington D.C. last month to wake up their nation. They told stories of loss, intimidation, of terrorism plaguing their communities. They spoke of anger and frustration at the ways investigations are being conducted.

Accompanied by advocates from a coalition of religious and justice organizations, including Diane Porter, the Episcopal Church's senior executive for programs, the pastors met with Attorney General Janet Reno, Davel Patrick, her assistant for civil rights, and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who oversees the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). The ATF and the FBI have been investigating the church

burnings.

The reported number of churches damaged or destroyed by fire varies, but any of the totals represents a scandalous situation, the pastors said. At the very least, more than three dozen black churches have been burned or fire-bombed since 1995, and most organizations put the figure even higher.

Diane Porter, who led an eight-member investigating team from the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCC) that travelled through Alabama this spring, attended the meetings with the Attorney General and the Treasury Secretary. Most moving for her, she said, "was seeing these pastors who were unhappy with how they have been treated by their government, sitting down with people at the highest levels and being heard." Ms. Porter added, "I know that Secretary Rubin clearly got the message, and we were able to sensitize people in

the FBI and the ATF." She said she hopes that new sensitivity will spread to local agents as well.

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TRINITY CHURCH, WALL STREET MARKS 300TH ANNIVERSARY

One of the oldest churches in the United States, where George Washington held his inaugural services and Alexander Hamilton was buried following his fatal duel with Aaron Burr, kicked off a year-long celebration of its 300 years of history in May.

A festival Eucharist on Ascension Day for parishioners and guests filled every seat of Trinity Parish, Wall Street's neo-Gothic church building, as the congregation also marked the structure's 150th anniversary. The current building, designed by Richard Upjohn, is the third Trinity Church to stand on the

same site since the parish was founded in 1697.

Following the service, Trinity Church's rector, The Rev. Dr. Daniel Paul Matthews, welcomed worshippers and guests to a Colonial Faere on the church grounds. Jugglers, musicians and stilt walkers circulated among food booths and flower vendors to recreate the atmosphere of New York City at the time of Trinity's founding. Two large tents protected parishioners - and a number of Wall Street passersby who joined in the festivities - from a cold, driving rain that failed to dampen spirits.

At an afternoon inter-faith service attended by leaders of New York City's religious, political and financial communities, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani proclaimed May 16th, 1996 as Trinity Church 300th Anniversary Day,

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ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY GIVES AWARD TO BISHOP TUTU

The Archbishop of Canterbury has announced that he is introducing a new award. It will be a personal one from him, for those people who are considered to have made outstanding contribution to the life of the Anglican Communion throughout their ministry. The award is likely to be made only very occasionally and may be awarded to anyone, lay or ordained.

The Archbishop was delighted to announce that the first recipient of this award would be The Most Reverend Desmond Mpilo Tutu, Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of the Province of Southern Africa, who retired on June 30, 1996. Archbishop Tutu's prophetic witness for justice in South Africa is known world-wide, and was recognized by the award of the Nobel Prize in 1984. His vision of the new people of South Africa as a glorious rainbow people of God has been adopted as a vision of hope and renewal all over the world. It is particularly apt as an image of the Anglican Communion world-wide. He is an outstanding ambassador for Anglicanism.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presented the award to Archbishop Tutu during the celebrations to mark Archbishop Tutu's retirement on 22 and 23 June.

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PRESIDING BISHOP'S FUND APPROVES OVER \$1-MILLION IN GRANTS

The Board of Directors of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World

Daniel Leatherman and Hollis Wright graduate

Daniel Leatherman is a recent graduate of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest.

He received the Master of Divinity degree during the seminary's May 21 commencement, where he was among twenty-six Episcopalian and five Lutheran students to be graduated at the seminary's forty-third commencement.

The Rev. Daniel Leatherman came to the seminary three years ago from Epiphany Church in Honolulu, and was ordained to the Diaconate at Park Chapel, Honolulu on June 25, 1996.

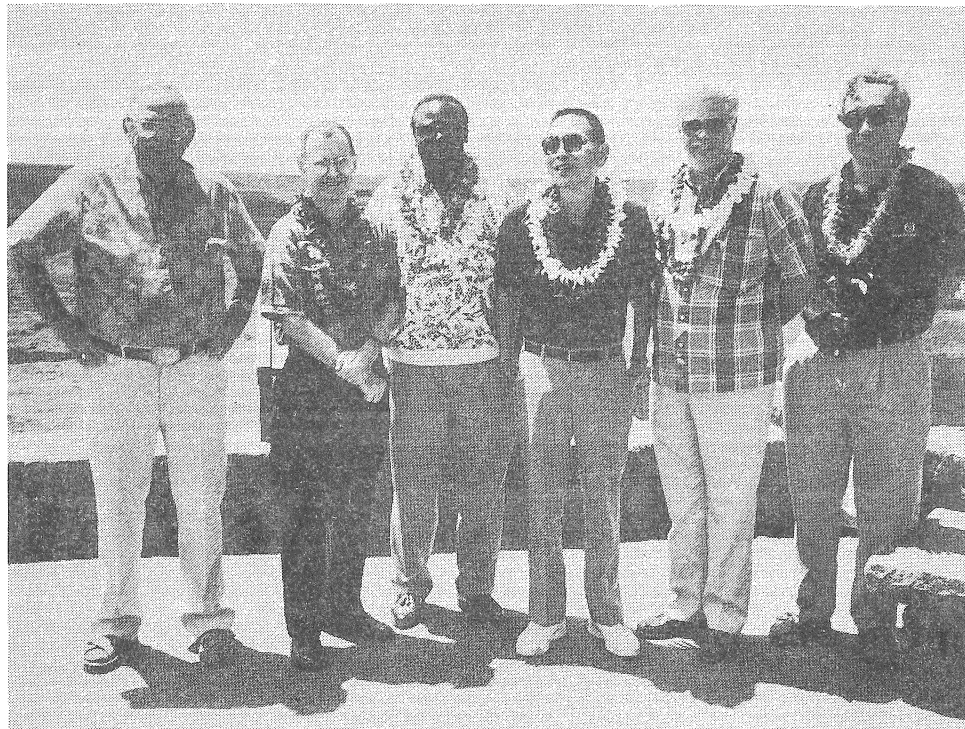
Hollis Wright of Honolulu received a Master of Divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific on May 24, 1996, in Berkeley, California

The Rev. Hollis Wright, a former Vice President with the Bank of Hawaii, was ordained to the Diaconate of the Episcopal Church on June 22, at St. Christopher's Church in Kailua. After her ordination, she joined the Church of the Holy Nativity in Aina Haina as Associate Rector. The Rev. Hollis Wright also attended the University of Hawaii where she obtained a B.A. and an M.B.A.

Relief awarded \$1,037,729 in relief and development grants during its semi-annual meeting in New York, June 5 & 6. The Board also approved the release of \$340,500 in emergency and special grants made during the time between board meetings.

In civil war-devastated Liberia, the fund made an emergency grant of \$40,000 for food supplies sent to Liberian families who had been evacuated to places outside of the country and who were living as refugees. Archbishop Robert Okine of West Africa received a grant of \$15,000 to assist Liberian refugees who were displaced in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Ghana and the Ivory Coast.

In Myanmar, the fund granted \$25,000 for a water supply project



Pictured above (from left to right) are The Rt. Rev. Jackson Gilliam (who accompanied the five) Rev. Canon Brian Gieves, Rt. Rev. Benoni Ogwal-Abwang, Rev. Canon Richard Chang, Rev. James MacKenzie, Rev. Dr. James Kodera.

HAWAII DEANERIES HOST BISHOP CANDIDATES

The Bishop's Search Committee introduced the five finalists for bishop at island-wide Deaneries. They were hosted at receptions at Hilo, Kona, Lihue, Maui, and Honolulu. They were: The Rev. Canon Brian Gieves of New York, The Rev. Canon Richard Chang of New York, The Rev. James MacKenzie of Oregon, The Rev. Dr. James T. Kodera of Boston, and The Rt. Rev. Benoni Y. Ogwal-Abwang of Pennsylvania.

The Search Committee would like to thank all the congregations for their wonderful aloha!

that would deliver clean drinking water to people in six dioceses. The largest single grant was \$62,000 made to the Diocese of Jerusalem to aid in a number of ongoing diocesan relief and rehabilitation efforts, including a crisis and peace building fund, a Beirut extension for the Palestinian Refugee Community Center, and St. Luke's Center for the mentally handicapped in Beirut.

The largest grants made in the United States were \$20,000 to rebuild a homeless shelter in Minnesota which had been destroyed by fire and \$20,000 to the Grace Training Foundation Life/Work Planning Project in the Diocese of Olympia, a program dedicated to moving its clients from welfare to work.

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