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BISHOP-ELECT CHANG'S FIRST ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESE



Addressing the opening session of the 28th Diocesan Convention, the Rev. Canon Richard Chang stressed that he will approach his new office by emphasizing his idea of "shared leadership".

Canon Chang said "I have said to many people in the months since my election that the operative word for ministry in this diocese during my episcopate will be "WE". The operative words will be "WE TOGETHER."

Referring to his first year as Bishop of Hawaii, Canon Chang said he would be spending a large part of his time visiting with people throughout the diocese. "I intend to spend as much time as feasible among you in order to develop better personal communication. I want to be present among you and develop strong personal relationships. I am committed to serve you," Canon Chang said, "not as a 'prince bishop', but as a servant leader."



*The Rev. Canon Richard Chang & Mrs. Chang
greeted by Mr. Robert Husselrath, Vice President - Diocesan Council*

"Brother Lawrence has always been an icon of my ministry," the Bishop-elect said, as he referred to the 17th-century French Carmelite monk from whose letters a famous book on Christian mysticism entitled "Practising the Presence of God" was compiled.

"As you may recall," Canon Chang continued, "Brother Lawrence washed pots in the monastery kitchen providing strong spiritual direction in his community. I will come among you and work with you to develop ministries that proclaim the Good News of God in Christ

by word and deed. And I dedicate the Diocesan Staff to be your servants for ministry."

In a reference to the problems in the Diocese over the past few years, Canon Chang said "I am well aware of the pain, alienation and mistrust that has been experienced within this Diocese over a broad range of issues. But I have also heard the calls of people for healing, and vision. So, tonight my sisters and brothers, I invite you to begin that journey with me. Let us covenant with one another to be at 'unity with each other in Christ' - a unity that began with our baptisms. Let us invite all people, regardless of race, sexual orientation, economic status, or political party, into new relationships with God and each of us. May we be healed and reconciled as the community of the baptized known as the Episcopal Church in Hawaii.

UNITED THANK OFFERING ANNUAL REPORT

Two ingatherings, held in Fall 1995 and Spring 1996, enabled our Diocesan ECW to send more than \$11,000 to the National United Thank Offering. To the parishioners of the churches who participated, we are grateful.

The ECW is pleased to announce that a partial grant of \$20,000 was awarded to our Japanese-American Ministry.

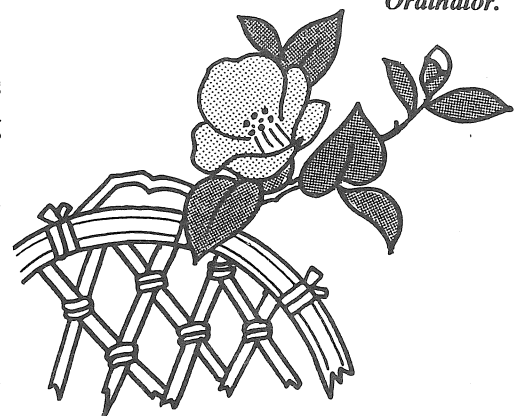
1997 Grant Request Forms are now available from Lucille Tamura in the Diocesan Office. Each diocese may submit two requests and the deadline for submitting completed forms to the Diocesan Office is December 31.

Ingatherings for 1997 are scheduled on May 11 and November 9.

The United Thank Offering is one of many ways of expressing our love and thankfulness to God for blessing us each day. All the funds received are allocated by grants to missions, churches and projects having difficulty funding their urgent needs. God bless you - and again, thank you for

your generous support.

- Doris Fleming, Diocesan UTO Co-Ordinator.



STATEMENT BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REGARDING THE EPISCOPAL HOMES OF HAWAII UPDATE

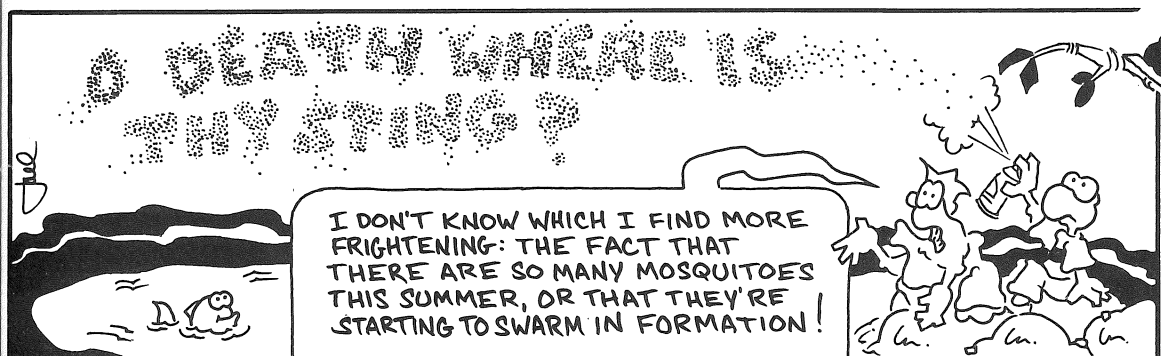
After many months of study, dialogue, and cost analysis, the Diocesan Council has voted to file suit against Michael Porter, former Chancellor, and his former law firm, Cades, Shutte, Fleming and Wright. At the time the Episcopal Homes of Hawaii loan was guaranteed by the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, Mr. Porter represented Episcopal Homes of Hawaii as its attorney while at the same time representing the Diocese as its Chancellor. He and his law firm were direct beneficiaries of the guaranteed loan.

The decision to file suit is taken with heavy heart by many. However, it is believed that the fiduciary responsibility of the Council requires this action.

The Council's action should not be construed as a total solution to the debt owed to First Hawaiian Bank and expenses incurred as a result of the loan guarantee. The law suit will take time to come to a conclusion; and there is always the possibility that we will not recover all we believe we are entitled to.

Addressing the remaining debt and taking action to pay it off will require all in the diocese and our friends to seek creative solutions. This process has begun and, as our Bishop-elect assumes his duties, we will together lift the burden off the shoulders of our ministry.

Pontius' Puddle



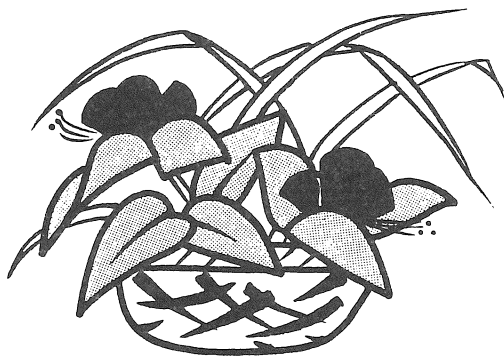
◆Youth Locked In

On Friday afternoon, October 4, more than thirty young people from eight Oahu congregations gathered at St. Andrew's Cathedral to spend some quality overnight time in the cloister precincts.

Highlights of the long evening included a tour of the bell tower (with live spook factor), a perambulation of the labyrinth in the Von Holt Room, a late-night high Gothic organ recital by Canon John McCreary, and a midnight multimedia Mass of St. Francis celebrated by the Rev. Gregory Johnson.

Special thanks are due to chief organizer, the Rev. David Ota, to Jenny Wallace of the Cathedral staff, and to the youth leaders of Emmanuel, Holy Nativity, St. Clement's, St. Mary's, St. Timothy's and St. John's by the Sea.

The Cathedral Lock-in was one in an ongoing series of special youth events sponsored jointly by Oahu congregations. Other congregations on the island wishing to become involved may contact the Rev. Steven Bonsey at St. Clement's.



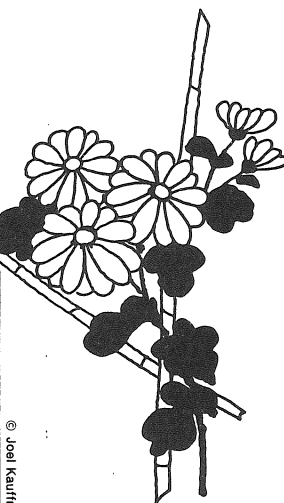
LIVING NATIVITY AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Once again this year, a living nativity will be staged on the lawn in front of the Cathedral at Beretania and Queen Emma Streets. Members of all parishes in the diocese are invited to take part in these presentations which will be held between 6 and 7.30p.m. on December 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st. You may take the part of a shepherd, an angel, a richly garbed wise man or a tiny sheep - sharing a memorable experience. You will also be helping to bring to life for your community a gentle and beautiful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. If anyone is interested in taking part in this living nativity presentation, please call the Cathedral Office at 524-2822.



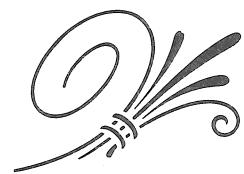
Episcopal College Receives Large Grant

The University of the South, Tennessee, which is owned by 28 Episcopal dioceses in 12 states, will receive an estimated \$7-million in the final bequest from the estate of one of America's foremost writers. Rose Williams, the sister of the late Tennessee Williams, the great writer, died in September. The estate which includes the rights to the plays of Tennessee Williams will go to the University. The writer learned of Sewanee through his grandfather who attended the school of Theology in the late 1890's.



When Tennessee Williams died in 1983, he specified in his will that he wanted to establish a program to promote creative writing to honor his grandfather, who was an influential figure in his life. Mr. Williams left the bulk of his estate to his sister but stipulated that when she died it should go to the University.

- Anglican News Service



"FROM ROYAL GARDEN TO GOTHIC SPLENDOUR"

The History of St. Andrew's
Cathedral

Everyone is invited to help celebrate the publication of "FROM ROYAL GARDEN TO GOTHIC SPLENDOUR" The History of St. Andrew's Cathedral, on Saturday November 30, 1996, from 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. There will be the Book Signing, Cathedral Tours, Music and Refreshments.

The book was researched and written by Rianna M. Williams with assistance from church historian, the Rev. Kenneth D. Perkins. The book documents the rich history of an important and architecturally beautiful church. The church was founded in 1862 at the invitation of King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma.

Full page reproductions of stained glass windows begin each of the thirty-one chapters. The book tells how King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma raised substantial sums of money for the Cathedral as well as St. Andrew's Priory School, and translated the Book of Common Prayer into the Hawaiian Language.

More than two dozen archives photos of church leaders are featured, as well as documents, building plans and restoration accomplishments.

Copies of the book can be ordered through the Queen Emma Bookshop at a 10% discounted price of \$18.00 if payment is received or postmarked by November 15, 1996.

FIRST WOMEN PRIESTS IN WALES TO BE ORDAINED AT EPIPHANY-TIDE

The first women to be ordained priests in the Church in Wales will be so ordered at Epiphanytide with services taking place in all six Welsh cathedrals.

The Church's Governing Body voted in September to accept the ordination of women priests. As many of the 77 of the 78 women deacons in the Church could be priested in January. Two and a half years ago the Governing Body failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority in the Order of Clergy to agree to the priesting of women. This time 85 clergy voted for the bill and 40 against securing the necessary majority. Amongst the laity the voting was 136 for to 47 against and all six bishops voted for the Bill. During the debate the bishops announced their intention to appoint a bishop to undertake the pastoral oversight of those who could not accept women priests and to represent their views to the councils of the Church in Wales. Before debating the Bill, the Governing Body adapted a plan drawn up by the bishops for providing financial assistance in the case of hardship for anyone resigning from the ministry on conscientious grounds.

- Anglican Communion News Service

Anglicans to help renovate Manger Square

The Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) today passed a resolution which endorses a proposal to help create a new town plan for Bethlehem Manger Square. Anglicans were asked by the Palestinian National Authority to take part in this restoration of Bethlehem. The project will focus on reconstructing and replanning Manger Square (the birthplace of Christ) by the year 2000. The first part of the project will study the costs of renovating the Square. It is hoped the study will

Episcopal AIDS Coalition meets during display of Memorial Quilt in Washington

by James Solheim

"We need an opportunity to retreat and refresh and renew our lives--and this is that time," said Jesse Milan, president of the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC), opening a national retreat October 10-12 in Washington, D.C.

Observing that many of the 250 participants gathered in the ballroom at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C., were too busy dealing with the AIDS epidemic to take care of their own needs, Milan added, "Some of us have been waiting 15 years to exhale. We are not here to learn but to care and share." Among the participants were those living with HIV-AIDS and family members, as well as clergy and health-care professionals.

The retreat was co-sponsored by Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning and Pamela P. Chinnis, president of the House of Deputies, and it was held during the display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

- Episcopal News Service



involve the co-operation of other churches. President Bishop Samir Kafity of Jerusalem and the Middle East spoke movingly to the Council about the importance of Christian involvement in this project. The town of Bethlehem is predominantly Christian and is an important centre for pilgrimage and tourism for the world Church. In the forthcoming months, the Anglican Church will be approaching potential donors to support this unique millennium project. An international Church support group will be shortly established to oversee this work.

- Episcopal News Service

Maui Stingrays and Church Team-up for Fund-Raiser

Trinity-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church and the Maui Stingrays of the Hawaii Winter Baseball League, held a joint fund-raiser during the summer, raising nearly \$2,500.

The money will be used for the Church's various ministry projects. It was able to give away more than 300 tickets to young people and their families. The recipients include people at Kamalii Elementary School, Kihei Elementary School and the Lahaina Youth Center.

The fund-raiser involved such groups as Trinity-by-the-Sea selling advance tickets for Stingray baseball games.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

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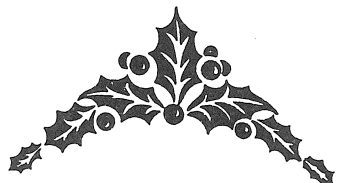
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Christmas Craft Fair at Trinity-by-the- Sea

Trinity-by-the-Sea Church will hold its Annual Christmas Prelude Craft Fair on Saturday, November 23rd from 8:00a.m. until 2:00p.m., on the church grounds in Kihei. The Craft Fair will feature crafters from all over the island of Maui, fresh Christmas trees from Kula, pony rides for the keiki and of course, Santa Ckaus will make a stop over!

There will be something for everyone. For further information please contact the Church Office 808-879-0161.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AND AUCTION AT HOLY NATIVITY

The Church of the Holy Nativity in Honolulu will be holding a "HOLIDAY FAIR AND AUCTION" at the church on Saturday, November 16, from 9:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. There will be plenty of parking and admission is free. There will be a Giant Silent Auction, a Fashion Show, Live Auction Entertainment. There will also be a Clothing and Gift Boutique, Christmas Crafts, Baked Goods, Jams & Jellies, as well as plants and baskets.

All proceeds from the Festival will go to support the Institute for Human Services, the Community Clearing House, Immigrant Center, Samaritan Counseling Center as well as numerous other worthwhile community services. For further details please call the Church at 373-2131 or Mrs. Barbara Morlet, Festival Co-Ordinator at 395-1587.



KAUAI CHURCHES CELEBRATE TOGETHER AT LYDGATE PARK

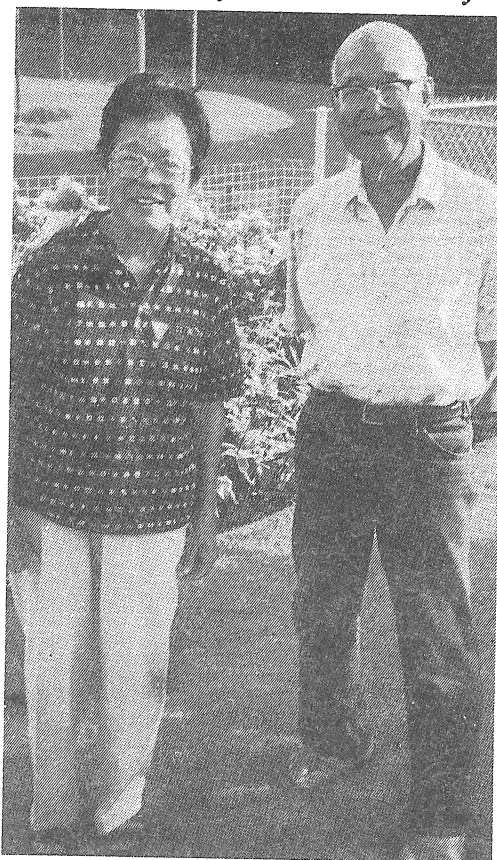
On Sunday, October 13th, the Episcopal Churches on Kauai held a joint service at 10:00a.m. at Lydgate Park in Kapaa. Planned by the Kauai Deanery, the event was well attended, and they hope to make it an annual event.

Stiff tradewinds kept everyone cool, although it prevented the use of candles. The Celebrant was the Rev. Carol Arney, and the guest Preacher was the Rev. Charlie Crane. Rev. Crane was the rector of All Saints Church in Kapaa from 1959 to 1966, when Hawaii was still the Missionary District of Honolulu. During his stay on Kauai, Father. Crane also was instrumental in the opening of St. Michael and All Angels Church in Lihue as a new mission in 1964.

Father Crane divided his homily into two parts. The first part focused on the scripture of the wedding garment, and the second part followed the ancient Judeo-Christian tradition of "telling our story." During the second part of the homily, Father Crane entertained the congregation by answering their questions about being a missionary minister on Kauai in the early '60s. Everyone gained a new insight into our common history through the telling of these stories.

After the Eucharist, the congregation shared a delicious potluck lunch and more stories in the Park Pavilion near the sound of the ocean waves.

-by The Rev. Carol Arney



Mr. & Mrs. Toku Gushiken

THEY WILL NOT SLOW DOWN!!!

Almost fifty-eight years ago, Toku and Kay Gushiken made their marriage vows at a Buddhist ceremony in the Buddhist Temple in Kilauea - the building that is now the Parish Hall of Christ Memorial Church. The years that followed have given them five sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and made them one of the most popular

couples in the area.

Toku and Kay are both now "eighty-something" years of age, but their zest for life as well as their refusal to "slow down", would put to shame many a younger person. Whatever you mention, they seem to have done it or are doing it. Toku - a very keen fisherman frequently went after the salmon in Alaska. Kay is an ardent traveller. Either with her husband, or on her own, She has covered England, Europe, Iran, Japan, Hong Kong, and Taiwan amongst other places in her roving around the world, and both of them still head for the airport whenever they can.

A member of the Senior Softball Team until his late seventies, Toku now plays on the Kilauea Gateball (a game not unlike croquet) Team. Just a few weeks ago he was on the winning team "B" Division at the Hawaiian Gateball Association Tournament on Maui. Kay evens the family score by being on the State Team of the Seniors Bowling. Members of Christ Memorial Church in Kilauea for many years, both Kay and Toku were also members of the Vestry of Christ Memorial until last January. Toku was "Keeper of the Keys" of that church for twelve years. However, their interests and love of life and people make them reach out to those not as fortunate as they are. Toku has a good singing voice and Kay plays the harmonica. Once a month, as an outreach project with other seniors, they entertain senior patients in hospital.

When the Gushikens are at home, you seldom find them sitting still. Toku is invariably working in his garden which is always a profusion of bloom with all his flowers, while Kay - a wonderful cook - is baking up a storm.....with her trademark - a pet cockatiel sitting on her shoulder!

To talk and be with this couple is a learning experience for they share themselves and their knowledge with people and pass on to all, the wisdom of their years, their experience and their love of life.

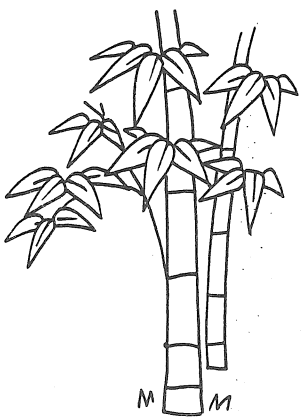
- by Java Sparrow



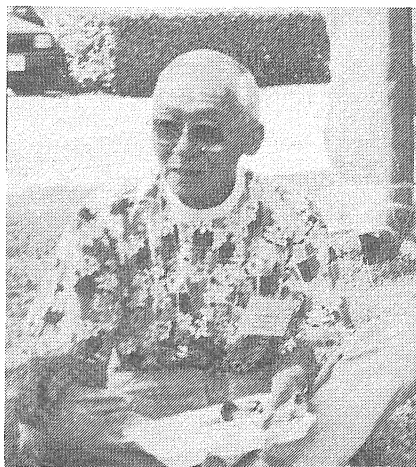
Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning (left) and Pamela P. Chinnis, president of the House of Deputies, joined the Rev. Ted Karpf, executive director of the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition, to view some of the 40,000 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt displayed in Washington, D.C., October 10-12. (Episcopal News Service photo by James Solheim)



*Mrs. Chris Wataya, Mrs. Mary Day Wilson
Mrs. Doris Bienhart & Ms. Mokihana Arce*



The Rev. Edith Sewell



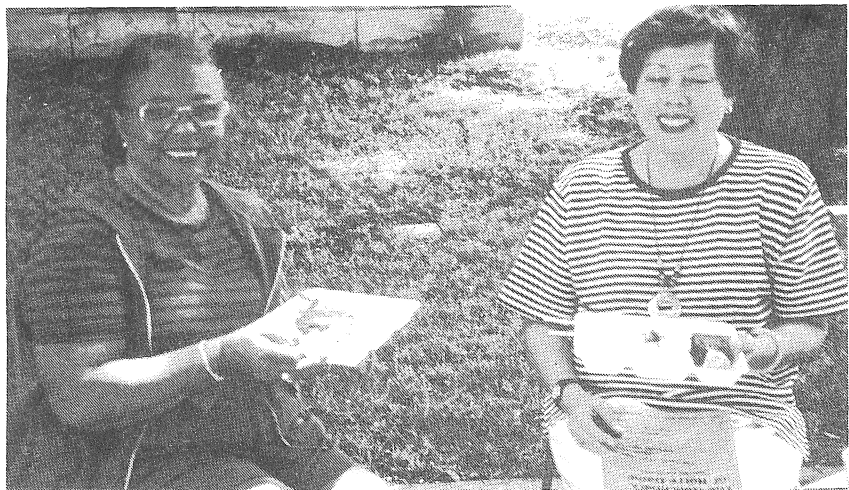
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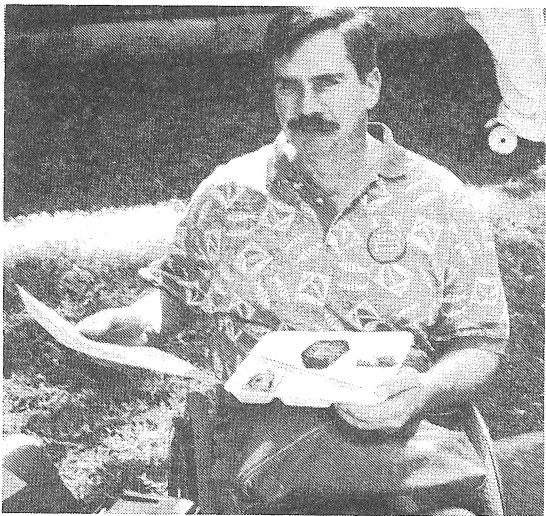
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*The Right Rev. Jackson Gilliam &
Mrs. Gilliam*



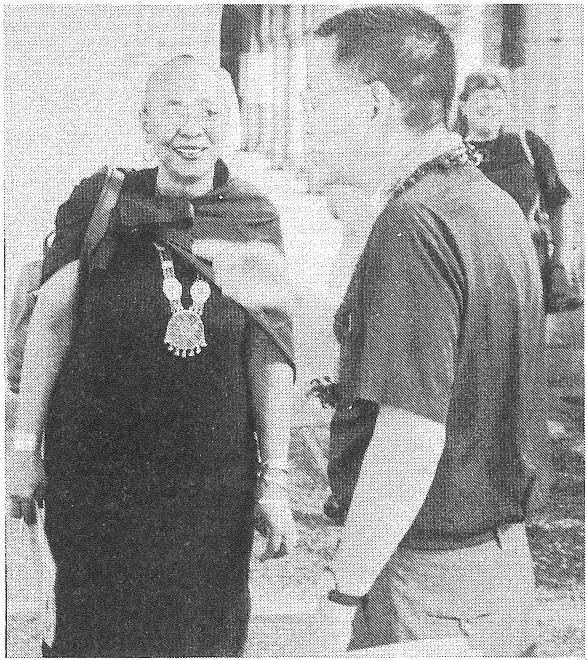
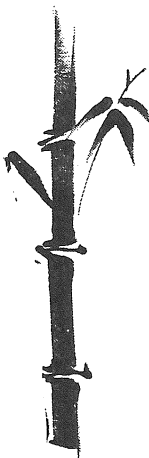
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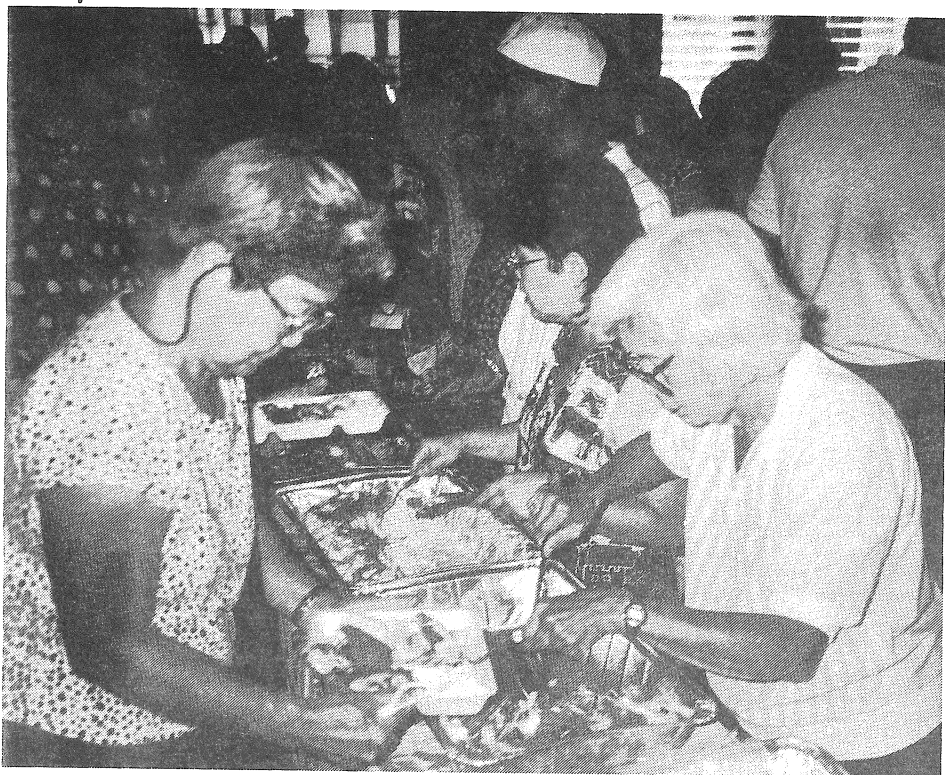


Mrs. BettyJo Harris & The Rev. Canon Chang





Convention meals prepared by members of Christ Memorial Church and St. Thomas' Church, Kauai



Mrs. Helen Mitsui & Mrs. Joy Au - Christ Memorial (right)
serving lunch



Jay-R Padua & Mrs. Judy Wakumoto - St. Thomas
taking a break after helping with lunch

At the Airport to greet The Bishop-elect and Mrs. Chang



Mrs. Flora Chang



The Rev. Karen Swanson and
a "shy young man"



Mr. Tom Sekimura

Photos by: "Golden Plover"



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The Episcopal Church Women of Hawaii took on an active role in the May Fellowship Day held at the Church of the Nativity on May 4, 1996. Relda Loomis of the Church of the Holy Nativity and Betty Flom of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's Women's Cluster were the co-chairs of the event.

The Theme was "Loving Our Neighbor In A Broken World" with participation by women of different denominations. The women wove scraps of colored cloth into a heart to show their unity. There was much singing, dancing and fellowship among the women.

Church Women United is a national ecumenical movement that brings together Protestant, Orthodox, Roman Catholic and other Christian women for prayer and advocacy and service. The CWU functions through a national network including 52 state and affiliated units and 1650 local units throughout the U.S., the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

- Hatsune Sekimura
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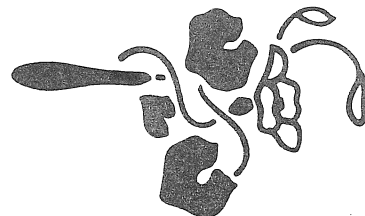
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at 5:30p.m.

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Australia's churches apologize for 'white is superior' policy

The Uniting Church in Australia has joined the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches in apologizing to Aboriginal people for its role in separating children from their parents, a practice common until the 1960s under the Government's policy of assimilation.

Although no exact figures are available, more than 100,000 Aboriginal children are thought to have been taken from their families. Between 1903 and 1930 more than a third of Aboriginal children were taken from their families.

The apology was made as the Uniting Church gave its final submission to the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families. The inquiry - into the generations of Aborigines and of islanders from the Torres Strait (between the Australian mainland and New Guinea) who were removed from their families by government authorities - is setting up a framework to pay compensation to the victims. The policy of assimilating Aborigines into white society has been discarded and is now a cause of embarrassment to all who were responsible for it.

"Now, as we look back on that time, we realize we were wrong to be involved in the assimilation policies of the day," the general secretary of the Uniting Church's national assembly, Gregory Henderson, told *Episcopal News International*.

The Uniting Church, now one of Australia's biggest and most influential churches, was formed in 1977, drawing on membership from the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches housed Aboriginal children taken from their parents by governments between 1890 and the 1960s.

Mr. Henderson said that as well as a general apology for the harm caused by splitting up families, the church specifically apologized

to the Minjilang people, traditional owners of Croker Island (150 kilometres north of Darwin, off the country's northern coast) for accepting land from the government taken from the Minjilang without permission.

He promised that church community service organisations would provide counselling and care for those separated from their families in church missions. The church would also open up its records to those wanting to trace their families, and would lobby the government "to be more generous than they currently are to the Aboriginal community".

Leaders of the church's Aboriginal arm, the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, with a membership of 15,000, were very pleased with the apology, Mr. Henderson said.

In its submission the Uniting Church calls on the Australian government to compensate separated indigenous people for lost land rights. It says the effects of separation are "traumatic, disastrous and ongoing", and that its admissions are an attempt to begin full reconciliation with indigenous people.

But it also says that the church's role in breaking up families was done with good intent. "The church thought it was acting in a loving way ... but was blind to the racist assumptions that underlay the policy and practice."

The Anglican and Catholic churches have already told the inquiry of their involvement in the assimilation policy. In July the Anglican Church "confessed its complicity" in the separations. The national director of the Anglican Board of Missions, Bishop Brian Kyme, said at a hearing in Sydney that the church had to confess its complicity with the government of the state of New South Wales in the separation of children from their families, which dated back to 1814, just 26 years after the beginning of white settlement in 1788. "Certainly the church has to accept its complicity in carrying out a policy that was

obviously not in the interest of Aboriginal people," he said.

Two weeks after the Anglican submission, at the inquiry's hearings in Canberra, the Roman Catholic Church apologized to families and children it had helped to separate, expressing deep regret over its role in the "abhorrent" and racist government policies and practices. The chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Social Welfare, Bishop Patrick Power, told the inquiry that the church accepted that its missionaries had separated children from their families in the belief that white society was superior.

He said the church's earliest missions had sought to keep all Aborigines away from the "evils" of white society, rather than separate families. However, it accepted that from the late 19th century there had been an "underlying view that conversion to Christianity required the weakening of the spiritual influence of Aboriginal elders and culture on the younger generation".

"This led almost inevitably to accepting the idea that the physical separation of Aboriginal children from those families who were not in reserves or missions was necessary for their ultimate spiritual and material well-being."

- *Episcopal News International*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN HAWAII NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT.

The new officers for the ECW for 1996-1997 are:

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The Rev. Gregory Johnson

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION:

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Thousands Celebrate Anglican Communion in Panama

City traffic was brought to a standstill in Panama City, 13 October, when 2,500 members of the local Anglican Church joined delegates to the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) in a kilometre long procession through the streets to the Gimnasio Nuevo sports hall. The procession was accompanied by police and youth bands and the 27 parishes all carried banners to mark their participation. Once inside the hall, they joined together in a three hour service of witness in a variety of languages typical of the international nature of the Anglican Communion.

WOMEN HAWAII ANNUAL MEETING

The ECW held their 95th Annual Meeting on Friday, October 25th in the Von Holt Room at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Seventy-five members registered.

The Holy Eucharist, with the United Thank Offering ingathering took place in the Cathedral at 9:00 a.m. It was a lovely service arranged by Harriette Kaleiopua, Devotions Chairman. The Very Rev. Peter Courtney was the Celebrant and Preacher for the morning. The First Lesson was read by Laura Jacks, St. Clement's; the Psalm by Hatsune Sekimura, Good Samaritan; the Second Lesson by Priscilla Akana Ho, St. Andrew's Cathedral; the Crucifer, Mary Day Wilson, All Saints Kauai; Torch Bearers, Elsie Ching, Holy Nativity and Gina Perkins, St. Timothy's. The Organist was Mary Miller of St. Luke's and the ushers were Eva Kum, St. Philips; Soonhe Sung, St. Luke; Jeanne Perry, Trinity-by-the-Sea, Maui; Jacque Smith, All Saints' and Harriette Kaleiupu, Epiphany.

Following the service and after a short break for refreshments, the annual meeting was called to order by Barbara Vlachos, 1st Vice President. The President, Nita Hogue was called away to Canada as her mother had passed away.

Janet Goff introduced the guests - Bishop-elect Canon Richard Chang and his wife, and thanked the clergy who joined the meeting. They included the Right Rev. Jackson Gilliam, the Revs. John Millen, Tim Quintero, Hollis Wright, Tom Van Culin, Imelda Padasdao, Karen Swanson, Marilyn Watts and Nancy Conley.

Everyone was anxious to hear the results of the four "Specials" that Grace Iwami, as Chairman of Christian Social Relations Committee announced. The ECW pledged \$3,757.50 to the Bishop elect's Discretionary Fund, \$1,802.50 to the Prison Ministry, \$1,751.50 to the Spiritual Life Center and \$1,862.50 to St. Andrew's Geriatrics Day Care Center.

The Rev. Nancy Conley led the noon day prayers with a brief history of Saint Anne, Patron Saint of Christian Mothers and Housewives. Saint Anne was the grandmother of Jesus.

Delicious lunch followed in the Davies Hall. The keynote speaker was MarKy Gilliam, from St. Jude's Hawaii who gave a talk on her road to becoming a Christian.

Bishops study unity with Lutherans

Episcopalians and Lutherans moved closer to possible unity as their bishops gathered in early October to discuss the Concordat of Agreement.

If approved in 1997 by the governing bodies of both churches, the Concordat would lay the foundation for "full communion" between the two churches. Full communion is not a merger. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Episcopal Church U.S.A. (ECUSA) would remain separate entities, but they would "recognize in each other the essentials of the one catholic and apostolic faith," and would work toward full "pulpit and altar fellowship."

With the approval of the affected bishops, an Episcopal parish could call an ELCA pastor as its leader, or an ELCA parish could call an Episcopal priest.

During joint sessions on Oct. 3-8, the bishops heard from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Anglican scholar John Booty and Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning; from Lutheran scholars Martin Marty, Eric W. Gritsch and Gunther Gassman; and from H. George Anderson, Presiding Bishop of ELCA.

In his opening remarks, Anderson referred to ELCA's discussions of homosexuality under the heading of "Policies previously addressed but not settled."

No plenary address mentioned the doctrinal hearings against either church. Instead, the bishops proposed the wording "No consecrations will take place with less than three bishops, at least one of which shall be from the other church."

In one example, the ELCA bishops proposed changing a reference to the diaconate's "place within the threefold ministerial office" to the diaconate's "relationships with other ministries."

"One of the real questions I've heard from Lutheran bishops is, 'Am I going to be a first-class citizen or a second-class citizen?'" Bishop Browning said in a discussion with reporters at the end of the joint conference.

Bishop Browning said he assured ELCA bishops that they were first-class citizens already, and would continue as such within the Concordat.

The changes will go to the Lutheran/Episcopal Coordinating Committee. Members of that committee said they would discuss the proposals in late October, and offered no assurances on how many of the changes will be incorporated into the Concordat.

Bishop Steven L. Ullestad of Waverly, Iowa, suggested some of those changes when in August he circulated a paper proposing a "Revised Concordat." "I'm very excited about the possibility of full communion, but I've had serious concerns about the Concordat. I think we're all trying to find a way that affirms all our ministries. I don't think the Concordat gets us there," Bishop Ullestad told United Voice as his fellow bishops still discussed proposed changes.

"My desire is not to get the changes made as I wrote them. If the statements can be changed in any way, then not only will I support full communion, but I'll support this document," he said. "My role in this was to be a catalyst in shaping the discussions."

Episcopal concerns:

During their sessions, the ECUSA bishops discussed such ongoing concerns as racism, the election of a new presiding bishop and how bishops will be held accountable for possible misconduct.

They also heard words of encouragement from The Most Rev. George L. Carey, the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury.

"Don't be disappointed if you don't quite pull [the Concordat] off as you want to do this time," Carey said early in the conference. "I don't say that to slow it down, but I am picking up on a lot of hesitation among the Lutherans."

Archbishop Carey told ECUSA bishops that there are limits to Anglican comprehensiveness. "The limits are there because of our commitment to Scripture and to a creedal faith," he said. Nevertheless, "we have learnt the value of internalizing dissent," rather than considering any dissent to be considered a matter of self-excommunication, the Archbishop said.

In discussing the proposed changes affecting doctrinal cases, Doss repeatedly used the hypothetical example of Bishop James B. Brown, who lives in New Orleans, "eating crawfish on Sunday."

