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## HAWAII CELEBRATES!

Initially it seemed that the rains falling so heavily that morning, would hamper the celebrations at the consecration of The Rev. Canon Richard Sui On Chang as Bishop of Hawaii. The opposite was the case. For most people attending, the rains were a symbol of the washing away of the past problems, and the beginning of a new clean beginning, because at the end of the service, as the new bishop appeared at the door of St. Andrew's Cathedral, the rains stopped, the clouds parted, and the sun appeared. It was a wonderful day.

The Cathedral filled to capacity before the start of the service, and the sounding of the Conch Shell followed by the Native Hawaiian Chant "*Ka wehe 'ana' I ke ala*" (*Opening the Way*) preceded the procession of the Choir which entered to the magnificent rendering of the hymn "*Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation*". The procession continued to the strains of the anthem "*I was glad when they said unto me*" by C.H.H. Parry as the Presenters, clergy and twenty-seven Bishops from across the U.S.A., Japan and Taiwan entered the Cathedral and took their places.

The Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Edmond Browning was the Chief



*Bishop Chang being greeted by the Mayor of Kauai  
The Honorable Mrs. Maryanne Kusaka*

Consecrator, as Canon Chang knelt in front of him at the Chancel steps. Bishop Browning was joined by four Co-Consecrators, The Rt. Rev. George Hunt, Bishop of Rhode Island (Retired), The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, The Rt. Rev. Harold A. Hopkins, Director of the Office of Pastoral Development, and The Rt. Rev. Charlie F. McNutt, Chief Operations Officer of the Episcopal Church.

A silence fell over the whole congregation as the Presiding Bishop addressed the Bishop-elect: *Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?* and the Bishop-elect replied in a firm voice: *I will.*

It was a moving moment as

the many bishops present moved from their stalls and joined Bishop Browning and the four Co-Consecrators in the laying-on of hands, and the Bishop-elect disappeared from the view of the congregation, as the assembled bishops leaned over him. When the Bishops returned to their stalls, the new Bishop of Hawaii was vested in his episcopal robes, and presented with gifts of his office, including his episcopal ring from his mother, Mrs. Flora Chang, and his pectoral cross from the clergy of the Diocese. To a standing ovation Bishop Chang was presented, with his family, to the assembled congregation.

The rain having stopped, Bishop Chang was greeted outside the Cathedral by

those present, some of whom have travelled many hundreds of miles across the sea to be present. Returning to the Cathedral steps with his family, the Bishop stood as a Chinese Lion Dance was performed as a symbol of Good Luck.

At events such as this, some minor but equally important things take place away from the public view. Before the service commenced, the bishops present streamed into an office on the second floor of the Cathedral Offices, and there each one of those bishops taking part in the service signed a large and dignified parchment document with purple ribbon and red wax seals adorning it. This was the Certificate of Consecration. There are two copies of this document. One is given to the new bishop and the other is kept safely in the archives of the church.

A Reception in the form of an Island Pot Luck organized by the Cathedral, was held after the service. It was a time for people to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. The whole day was one of hope, love and joy for the new chapter in the history of the Diocese of Hawaii.

## Celebration of King Kamehameha IV & Queen Emma Day

Traditions become traditions in churches quicker than in any other place or organization. After three years, it has become a "set" tradition in Christ Memorial Church, Kilauea, and St. Thomas', Hanalei, that the observance of The Feast Day of King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma is transferred to the First Sunday of Advent. This year was no exception!

On December 1st, both churches came together at St. Thomas' in Hanalei for a joint celebration of the Feast Day. The Guest Preacher and Celebrant was The Right Rev. Jackson Gilliam. The Epistle was read by Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, Altar Guild Chair at Christ Memorial, and the psalm was read in Hawaiian by the Senior Warden of Christ Memorial - Mrs. Linda Sproat. During the service, traditional Hawaiian chants and dances were performed by the Hula Halau under the direction of Hula Halau Kumu Puhaku Nishimitsu.

During the service, Bishop Jackson also dedicated two candelabra presented to St. Thomas' Church by Mrs. Nancy Kobayashi in memory of her husband Harold, as well as an Altar Cross purchased by the congregation.

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## Kauai churches to visit S.E. Asia

Members of both Christ Memorial Church, Kilauea, and St. Thomas' Church, Hanalei will make a second visit to South East Asia in 1997.

Two years ago members from both congregations made an extensive tour of China and Hong Kong. This year the travellers will visit Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. They will be leaving on May 17, and will spend seventeen days touring that area. They will be accompanied by The Rev. Donor Macneice.

Anyone who might be interested in joining this group should call 808-826-4510.

## "BONDS OF ENDEARMENT" Formed As Deacons Gather With Bishop Chang

Fifteen deacons gathered for a day with our Bishop recently, at St. Andrew's Cathedral. We spent the day accepting the Bishop's charge to forge and strengthen "bonds of endearment", beginning the closeness that will bring the deacons of Hawai'i nearer to our bishop and to each other.

There was an opportunity for each deacon to share stories of work in the world, in hospitals, prison, parishes, and offices, sharing the joy of helping other Christians live out their baptismal promise, bringing together the work of the Church and the world.

In the Eucharist we shared, in the conversations, at the luncheon, and in our delight at meeting and being together, truly "bonds of endearment" were formed. Our next gathering is planned for Ember Saturday, February 22, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Cathedral. A part of our agenda at that time will be to discuss the possible revision of the diocesan guidelines for deacons, "The Liturgical Role of the Deacon."

Deacons of the Diocese of Hawai'i: The Rev. Dr. Eleanore G. Akina, The Rev. Nancy L. Conley, The Rev. John A. Holmes, The Rev. Dr. Leonard R. Howard, The Rev. Kenneth L. Jackson, The Rev. Helen E. Jennings, The Rev. Paul W. Kath, The Rev. Pat Leo, The Rev. Ricky R. Melchor, The Rev. Robert B. Moore, The Rev. Edith Sewell, The Rev. Linda Sutherland, The Rev. Noriaki Ueda, The Rev. Ernest Uno, The Rev. Hollis Wright (transitional), and the Rev. Daniel Leatherman (transitional). The Letter Dimissory of the Rev. Barbara Coan will soon be received from the Diocese of Maine to the Diocese of Hawai'i.

- Deacon Barbara Coan

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## AN IRISH PRAYER

Oh Jesus, Son of God, who was silent before Pilate...  
Do not let us wag our tongues without thinking of what we are to say and how to say it.

*An Irish Prayer*

## The color purple was everywhere

When nearly thirty bishops are found to be in one place at the same time, there is a definite aura of purple around. This was certainly the case at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday January 4, when bishops flew in from places far and wide for the consecration of the Bishop of Hawaii.

However, during that week-end, the Cathedral did not have a monopoly on the color purple, because on the Sunday, invitations had been extended to some of the bishops to visit island churches. It is not too often that churches have the opportunity of hosting and hearing visiting bishops, so with many bishops visiting Hawaii for the consecration, church took the opportunity of extending invitations.

The Bishop of Okinawa, The Right Rev. Paul Nakamura was the guest of Holy Nativity Church, while The Right Rev. Chester Tarlton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles preached at St. Timothy's, Aiea. The Right Rev. William Swing, Bishop of California preached at The Church of The Good Samaritan. St. Christopher's hosted The Right Rev. Frederick Borsch, Bishop of Los Angeles, and St. Marks's welcomed The Bishop of Idaho, The Rt. Rev. John Thornton.

On the Island of Kauai, All Saints' Church Kapa'a had The Right Rev. Stephen Plummer, Bishop of Navajoland as their guest preacher. The Right Rev. Richard Shimfky, Bishop of El Camino Real preached at both Christ Memorial, Kilauea, and St. Thomas', Hanalei.

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## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON WEST KAUAI WELCOMES DEACON COAN

Deacon Barbara Coan began serving The Episcopal Church on West Kauai in late December 1996. She and her husband, Ed, moved to Kauai six months earlier from Maine.

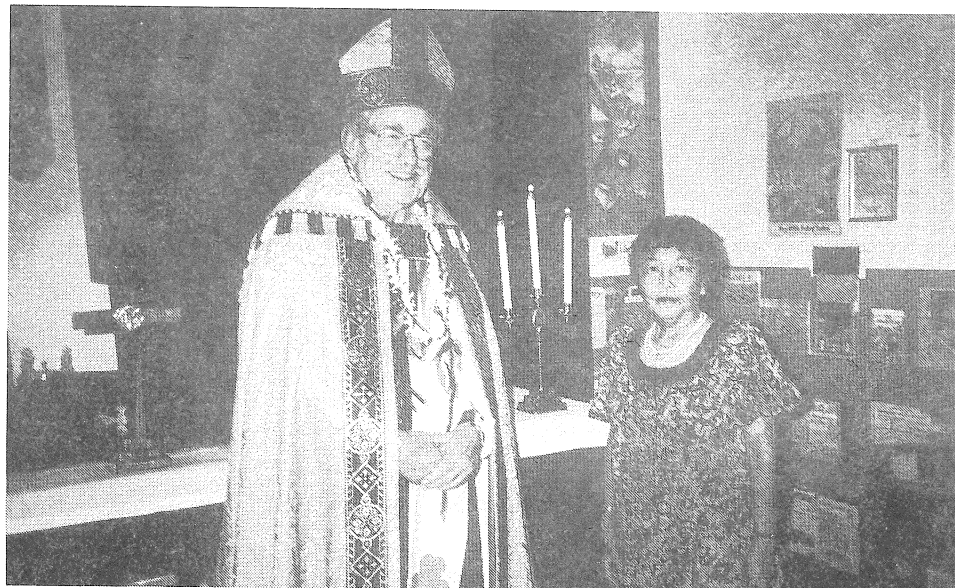
Deacon Coan will be working with Fr. Frank Cowell in a number of ways that will enhance and expand the ministry on West Kauai. Deacon Coan has already participated in Sunday services, preached at all three services one Sunday, assisted at funeral services, and taken communion to those in the nursing home. She will be preaching regularly at all services once a month. Plans are underway for her to teach a Lay Eucharistic Ministers class in late January.

Deacon Barbara Coan is energetic and enthusiastic about this new ministry and we on West Kauai are excited about having Deacon Coan here.

- Barbara Cowell

## FURNITURE FOR SALE

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church has 35 banquet tables for sale at \$40 per table. They are walnut finish, heavy duty 30"x60". Anyone interested in purchasing all or just one, please contact Kathy at 488-5747. They will be available in approximately 4 to 6 weeks.



*The Rt. Rev. Jackson Gilliam with Mrs. Nancy Kobayashi following the dedication of the Candelabra at St. Thomas' Hanalei*



**A Commentary on  
the Visit to Rome by  
the Archbishop of  
Canterbury**  
- by Lord Deedes  
via Church of Ireland Press office

**Chemistry that could fuse  
the churches**

I was much taken with the thought several people put into my head in Rome, that personal relations between Pope John Paul II and the Archbishop of Canterbury, might have good consequences for both churches.

It is heartening to suppose that chemistry between leaders of church or state can still overcome the virus of modern communications which, as Sir Anthony Eden once observed, corrupt good manners. Faxes go faster, but they eliminate personality.

So whatever may come of the exchanges in Rome, I see virtue in the idea of the Pope and the Archbishop liking each other, and so being able to talk in a way that has been absent in recent encounters between Rome and Canterbury.

In politics, personal affinities between national leaders are suspect and regarded by some as undemocratic, but they can carry weight. It was partly lack of chemistry between Harold Macmillan and President de Gaulle which, in 1962, led to a veto on our entry into Europe and permanently changed that landscape.

Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan plainly hit it off. They enjoyed each other's company and some good and certainly no great harm came of it. We might not have won the last war without the successful - though unlikely - union between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

Perhaps the most bizarre example this century of chemistry failing to work between two leaders was seen in Neville Chamberlain and Adolf Hitler in the run-up to Munich. When I saw Chamberlain set forth on one of his three missions, with his wing collar and tightly furled umbrella, strong doubts entered my mind.

**ARCHBISHOP OF  
CANTERBURY  
RECEIVES WARM  
WELCOME BY  
POPE JOHN PAUL**

A spirit of friendship and co-operation permeated the three meetings between His Holiness the Pope and His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury. The exchanging of greetings, gifts, prayers and good will were all part of this official visit.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was accompanied throughout the visit by Mrs Eileen Carey. Representing the wider Anglican Communion were the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, the Revd Canon John L. Peterson, along with the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Revd Njongonkulu Ndungane; the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Revd Mark Santer, Anglican Chair of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission; the Rt Revd John Hind, Anglican Bishop in Europe; and the Rt Revd Jeffrey

In Rome, after glimpses of the Pope and the Archbishop, my impressions were different. There was warmth in the Pope's greeting of Dr Carey and his wife. The differences between the two churches appear insurmountable, but I sense they are going to be discussed in a gentler tone.

It was a great week for discovering the idiosyncrasies of the Anglican and Catholic Churches. I have always liked the Catholic practice of lighting candles. That was until I stepped into the Church of St Vincenzo and Anastasio by the Trevi Fountain in Rome.

It has installed electric candles, each with a switch. You enter a donation of 30p push the switch down for limited period of illumination. Another casualty, perhaps, of the safety-first generation.

I also detected a strong whiff of incense in my clothes. So it was reassuring to enter the Anglican church in Rome of St Paul's within-the-Walls with the editor of the Church Times. He declared he detected the true scent of Anglicanism - cheese and onion quiche. This emanated from a table of refreshments laid on for Dr Carey's visit to Vespers.

Rowthorne, Bishop in charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe; the Revd Canon Bruce Ruddock, Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome; the Revd Canon Richard Marsh, Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs for the Archbishop of Canterbury and Ms Lesley Perry, Press Officer at Lambeth Palace.

Evensong, with Archbishop Carey preaching an Advent sermon, at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church and a Lecture at the Centro Pro Unione on Ecumenical Work in a Pluralistic World were only a part of a busy schedule that included private meetings with Cardinal Cassidy and Cardinal Ratzinger.

The high point of the visit was a Vespers Service in Saint Gregory's Church, where both Prelates, in full episcopal regalia, prayed for unity and peace in the church where Saint Augustine received his commission to bring Latin Christianity to England. The Archbishop and the Pope signed a Common Declaration at the close of the Service.

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**JERUSALEM: NEW  
PRESIDENT  
BISHOP ELECTED**

The Rt Revd Ghais Malik, Bishop of Egypt and North Africa, has been elected the new President Bishop of the Episcopal Church in of Jerusalem and the Middle East. He succeeds the Most Revd Samir Kafity who is retiring. The election was made on 25th November at a Central Synod of the Province in Cyprus.

Bishop Abdel Malik becomes the third President Bishop and Primate of the Province since its inauguration in 1976. Bishop Malik was consecrated to be Bishop in Egypt and North Africa in 1984. In accordance with the Constitution, the President Bishop may serve a maximum of two five year terms of office.

The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East comprises the four dioceses of Jerusalem, Iran, Egypt and North Africa, and Cyprus and the Gulf.

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## The Deacon's Bench

*One deacon's response to our new Bishop's call.*

The invitation came in mid-November - a meeting for deacons on St. Thomas Day, December 21st. (The weekend before Christmas!) How would he, the Bishop find time for us this hectic week. Besides, the deacons haven't met as a body in years. My feelings were exuberant at this point, thinking - wow! This may be a sign of whats to come - a leader who takes action.

As the weeks quickly rolled by, I felt encouraged and uplifted regarding our upcoming gathering and drafted my Ember Day letter which was also requested. The rush of Christmas was everywhere, on that meeting day, the faithful deacons of this diocese were in full force - all fourteen of us. Ricky Melchor was happily excused however, because of his graduation ceremony from U. of H. that day and John Holmes was traveling. Opening the day with Eucharist in Parke Chapel with Bishop Chang as celebrant created a union and communion and filled the sacristy, as we circled the altar that morning. No hymns were sung, yet my heart was singing. Coffee and malasadas awaited us in Van Holt room where many hugs and handshakes brought us together. Meeting Barbara Coan and Linda Sutherland, both flying over from Lawai was especially heartwarming. We sat in a circle and re-introduced ourselves; talked about our particular ministry's and concerns. Once again, I discovered what a diverse groups of servants we are. You name it, we do it!

Deacons are angels, messengers, heralds, hustlers, go-betweens and more. We are "reminders" that we are an Episcopal people and a priestly people dedicated to servanthood. Our Bishop quietly listened to our stories and then he said something very profound. He shared how committed he is to bring us together in "bonds of endearment". What a gentle and sensitive phrase. I was touched and the whole group was touched. The message was so simple but yet said so much. We are to be humbly born anew this Christmas season with a new vision - a coming and bonding together under our uniting source, that gift of human love laying in the manger. The meeting was soon over, the good-byes said until our February meeting, but those three simple words are still ringing in my

ears. What a challenge to hold that tender phrase in our hearts and minds during this era - this new time - this new year.

- Rev. Nancy Conley

## ♦SAME-SEX MARRIAGES in Denmark

Two thousand eighty-three Danish gay/lesbian couples have gotten married since Denmark became the first country to legalize gay marriage on Oct. 1, 1989.

More men have tied the knot than women - 1,149 vs. 634. But lesbians have a higher divorce rate - 23 percent vs. 14 percent for gay men. All but 21 of the marriages that ended in death were among men.

Denmark calls its gay marriage "registered partnership." All the rights of ordinary matrimony are granted except access to adoption, artificial-insemination technology, and church weddings.

Identical laws are in place in Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden - except Iceland lets gays adopt a partner's biological children.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCEPTS BRAZILIAN PARTNERSHIP LAW

Even the Roman Catholic church now admits that Brazil's gay partnership law is going to pass. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops says it will stop fighting the entire measure and work instead merely to prevent homosexual adoption, to set the minimum age for gay partnerships at 25 or 30, and to keep the word "marriage" out of the law.

Among whatever else, the legislation is expected to grant same-sex couples legal status and extend joint-ownership and inheritance rights to same-sex partners.

A spokesman for Brazil's Catholic church, Fr. Leonard Martin, said the church realizes homosexuals have a right to legal protection and need support so they are not isolated or abandoned in old age.

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## PB Fund authorizes release of over \$1.2 million in grants

Members of the board of directors of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief authorized the release of more than \$1.2 million during their recent meeting in New York.

The main focus of the meeting was on how to spend the more than \$750,000 raised by Episcopal churches and dioceses through the fund this summer and fall for burned churches in America.

In June, the fund sent \$33,000 in emergency grants for burned churches and committed \$100,000 through the National Council of Churches to aid in launching the national ecumenical and interfaith response. In the November meeting, the board authorized an additional \$100,000 for reconstruction, and \$250,000 for the increased operational costs of the rebuilt churches and community development. This \$350,000 will be funneled through Church World Service gaining a dollar for dollar match by foundations. The money for operations and community development will flow back through the fund and be granted to projects endorsed by Episcopal bishops and churches in the region.

### Supporting Sabbath of Support

The board authorized the payment of \$150,000 over three years through the dioceses of South Carolina and Upper South Carolina to the South Carolina Christian Action Council (SCCAC) for its Sabbath of Support Project. Initially a one-day observance of prayer for the burned churches, the Sabbath of Support developed into a project to make the "large number of programs in South Carolina working on race relations, on conflict management, on building respect, and on reducing violence are covering the entire state with a carpet of tolerance in which no weeds of racism and hate can grow," said SCCAC executive minister Rev. Wayne Bryan.

### Assistance for Haiti

The board authorized the release of \$50,000 for the initial phase of a major initiative in the Diocese of Haiti to develop a series of projects focused on health care and education at the local church level.

### Emergency Relief from Hurricanes etc.

In other business, the board received a report on the release of \$300,000 in grants made since May 12 for emergency relief from hurricanes, tornados, fires, famine and civil unrest. Grants totaling \$375,000 were also made in response to requests in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, Europe, Mexico, the Middle East, South American and the United States for projects involving such issues as health care, job training and aid to the homeless.

### Relief for Zaire

The recent uprising of rebels in Zaire has prompted the fund to prepare for the possibility of further disaster in the Great Lakes Region of Africa, which encompasses Rwanda, Zaire, Burundi and Tanzania. A recent full-page advertisement in USA Today, sponsored by the Presiding Bishop's Fund, Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, United Methodist Committee On Relief, and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance appealed for \$7.9 million emergency funds for needy Rwandans. All five church groups are members of ACT (Action by Churches Together), a Christian aid coalition. To participate in the relief of the enormous suffering of the people of Rwanda and the Great Lakes region, please make your checks payable to The Presiding Bishop's Fund, mark for Rwanda and mail to The Presiding Bishop's Fund, c/o Banker's Trust, P.O. Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101.

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## Good Friday Offering destined for Jerusalem, Middle East.

The Presiding Bishop has asked that all Episcopalians, as part of their Lenten observance, pray and give for the ministries of their sisters and brothers in The Holy Land, in witness to the extraordinary courage and faith of Anglicans in that troubled region of the world. The Episcopal Church's Good Friday Offering will be sent to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle east, ymbolizing unity with and passionate concern for those who witness to Christ throughout that region.

Bishop Browning, in his Epiphany letter to all Episcopal parishes, speaks of the history of this extraordinary collection: *"This is the 75th anniversary of the inauguration of the Good Friday Offering as an institution of the Episcopal Church. The first offering by this name was taken in 1922, near the end of the lifve of Presiding Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle. Bishop Tuttle of Missouri was one of the heroes of our church. He became Presiding Bishop in 1903....and in his time the suffering in Palestine came to the attention of our church. I have no idea whether Bishop Tuttle saw the Good friday Offering as a short-range solution to this tragedy or not, but 75 years later, the need is as great as ever."*

Funds collected are shared by the Diocese of Jerusalem, Egypt and North Africa, Iran, and Cyprus and The Gulf; together these four dioceses comprise a province of the Anglican Communion

- Br. James E. Teets, The Episcopal Church Center

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### Pontius' Puddle



## Calvary and First Presbyterian Youth Team Up for Mission to Mexico

On a hot August day, a group of 30 Hawaii teens boarded a plane for Los Angeles and then took a dusty van ride through poverty stricken Tijuana to Santa Marta, Mexico. We would be serving God at an orphanage for children who have been cruelly abused or abandoned by their parents. In addition to housing homeless children, the Ranch runs the only special education school in Baja California. Around 150 children attend the school from the neighboring towns during the week. Our mission was to finish painting and tiling a boys dorm, and finish digging sewer pipe lines for a septic tank; also known as digging in the leech fields.

The surroundings were awesome. There were pink, orange, purple, and gold colored sunrises and sunsets, birds singing their young to sleep, squirrels that dance from tree to tree, hill tops covered in dirt and desert life, and at night, a clear sky full of stars winking at us; every so often you would see a shooting star fall across the sky. Each morning, we would wake up to a golden sunrise, good breakfast (we had to take turns in the kitchen), and an hour of quiet time to be with God.

When the day just started to become warm, we started our days work. People worked and sweated in the hot sun digging in the dirt, while others tiled, did electrical work, and painted in a stuffy house. Only once in awhile a slight breeze would cool the hot touch of the air. As a group, we really had to help each other not become lazy and have a good time in what we did. We had to forget our aching and tired muscles, and accomplish what we came to do. We bonded together as a group serving God. "We definitely served our purpose. Our group as a whole, bonded. It was *rad* to see people work together," says Eric Tschillard, a First Presbyterian Youth Group member. Other comments from the youth were: I feel that we really reached out to those kids. It was *rockin'!*" exclaimed Floyd Tucker. Emily Naai, from Calvary said, "it strengthened my relationship with Jesus and provided a good opportunity to hang out with other Christians." Leo Rabaino, also from Calvary remarked, "It was an unreal experience! I'd do it again." I do agree that our yiuth groups got to know each other better, but we also got to know the Mexican kids

too. After the day's work was done we would play basketball, tag, swing on swings, climb on the jungle gym, and just sit and talk with the orphans. As many found out, they were a lot like us. The kanguage difference didn't stop friendships from forming, and teasing between boys and girls. Each was genuinely interested in the other.

They found it amusing to watch us struggle with Spanish, trying our hardest to communicate.

I feel that we not only became one as a group, and with the kids, but also with the Lord. Every night after "play time," we would have worship. We sang songs like "Refiner's Fire," "Lord You Are," "As the Deer," "Seek Ye First," and many others. Sometimes we would take guitars and go out into the dark night and sing to the stars. As we worshiped and prayed, you could see that the Lord was in each one of us. Love overflowed in each

heart. This love let us see the Mexican kids as friends, and we loved them more because of who they are. Experiencing Mexico made me feel like I'm being treated like a princess at home. This tip taught me that God is in me and that I can love anyone. For many of us this was our first mission trip. We learned that you can serve God in many places

Even some hardships that we experienced, like not being able to throw toilet paper down the toilet, didn't seem much of a burden after a while. God gave us the strength to work all day in the heat and sun in unfamiliar situations and protected us as well. No one became seriously ill or injured. We didn't even get sunburned. In my book, serving God was our biggest reward of all.

- Malia Anne Lyles

Malia is a senior at St. Andrew's Priory and a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Kaneohe



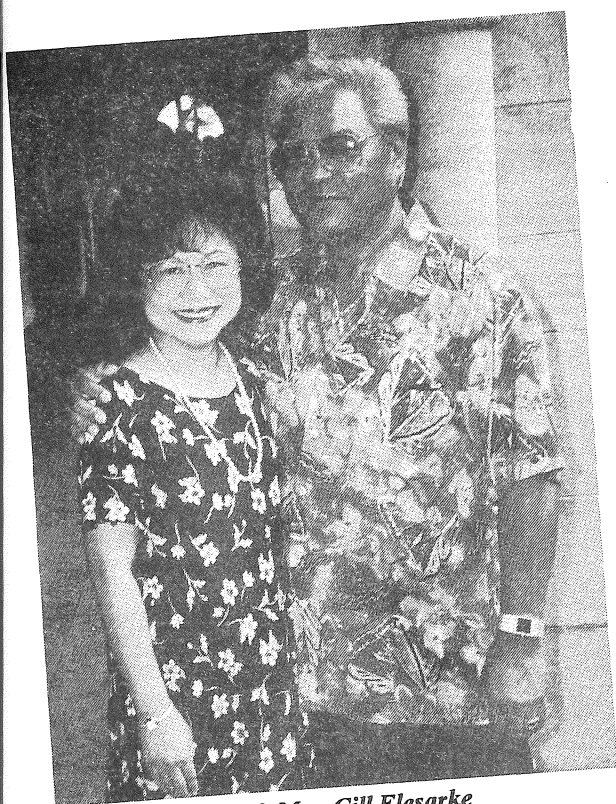
Lael, Jee, Jessica, Lauren, Curt and Debbie  
digging the leach field



Emily Naal and Jessica Chung prepare lunch for the Mission Team



# They were at the Consecration



*Mr. & Mrs. Gill Elesarke*



*Bishop Chang at the door of the Cathedral watching the Chinese Lion Dance*



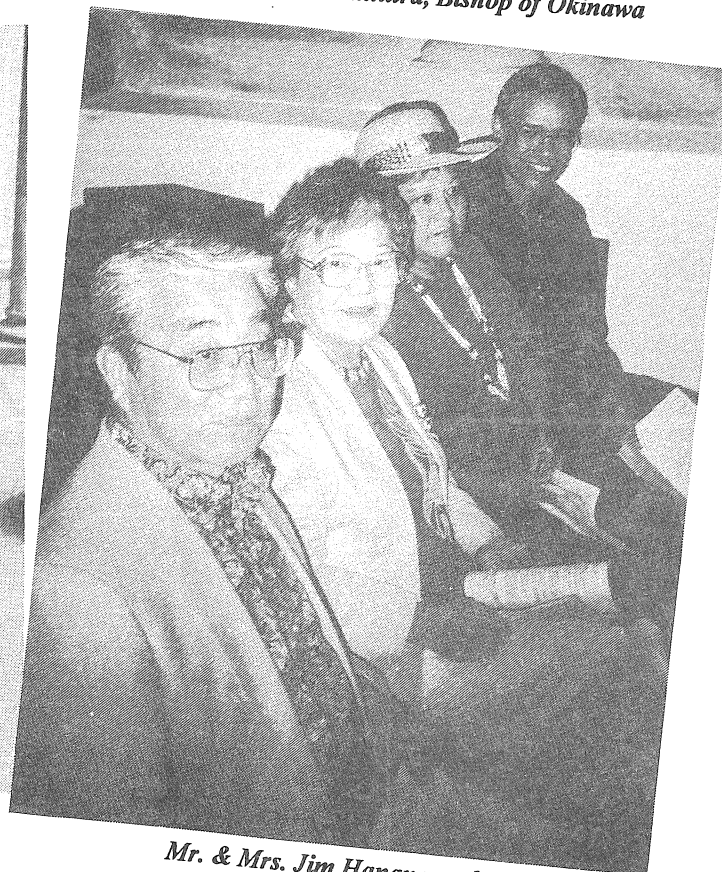
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The Rt. Rev. Paul Nakumura, Bishop of Okinawa*



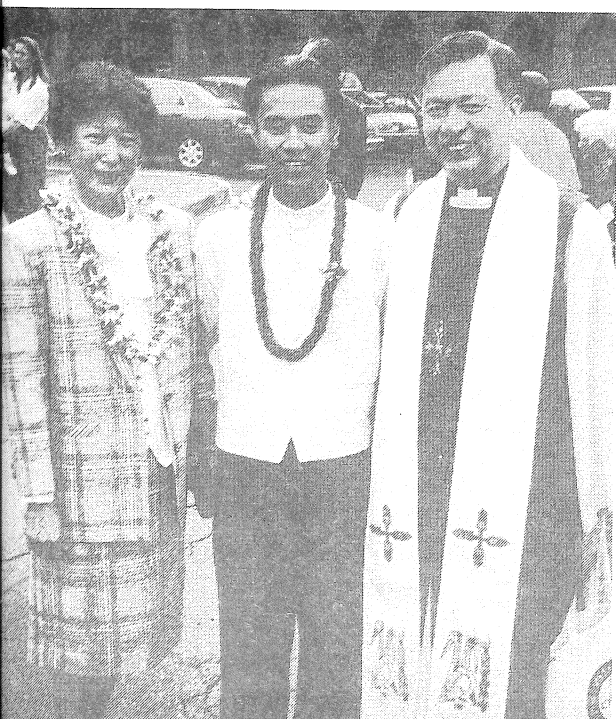
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*Mrs. Jane Tonokawa and her daughter*



*Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hanano and  
Mr. & Mrs. David Sproat*



*The Rt. Rev. John Chien, Bishop of Taiwan & Mrs. Chien  
and Mr. Jay-R Padua, Aide to The Mayor of Kauai*



*Mrs. Flora Chang, Bishop Chang's mother  
and his sister Mrs. Charlotte Tomita*



*The Rev. Dr. Eleanor Akina*





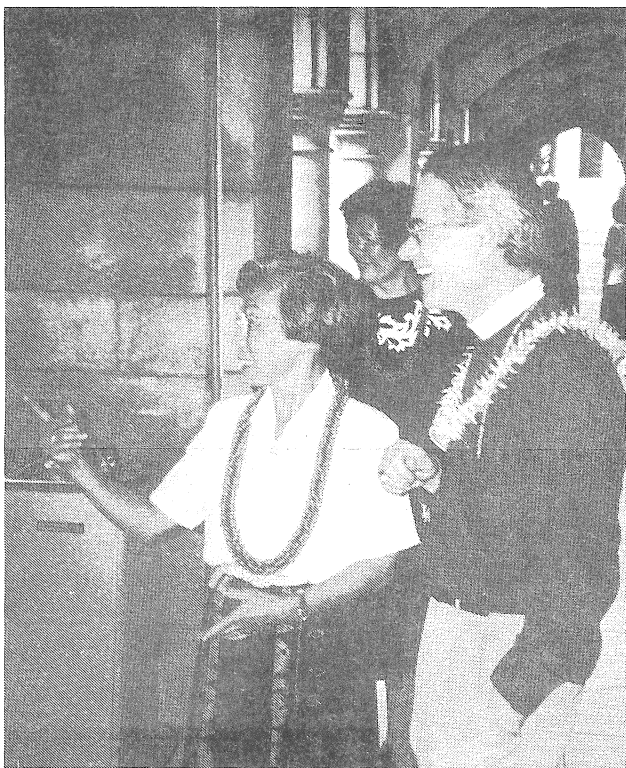
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signing the Certificate of Consecration before The Rev. Don Nickerson*



*Mrs. Ojuka Ueda, Mr. Jay Peralta  
and The Rev. Imelda Padasdao*



*Mrs. Adrienne King & Mr. Scott McCoy*



*Mrs. Lucille Tamura &  
The Rt. Rev. Richard Shimsky, Bishop of  
El Camino Real*



*Mrs. Annette Jim &  
Mrs. Betty Jo Harris*



*The Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Edmond Browning with  
Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, Mrs. Helen Mitsui & Mr. & Mrs. Toku Gushiken*



*Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ono*



## Anniversary of World War II prompts apology by Japanese church

Fifty years after the close of World War II, a statement by the General Synod of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan) admits the church's "responsibility and confesses its sin" for supporting Japan's "war of aggression," and the country's colonial rule over its neighbors.

Instead of being able to "stand beside those who are oppressed and suffering," the church made compromises with the militarism that drove the war effort, the statement acknowledges. *"The Nippon Sei Ko Kai confesses to God and apologizes to the people in Asia and the Pacific that we did not admit our fault immediately after the end of the war, were unaware of our responsibility for the past 50 years, and have not actively called for reconciliation and compensation until today."*

Last year, in the same vein, Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning shared in a corporate apology to Japan by signing a statement expressing "profound sorrow to the Japanese people" for "the suffering and death left in the wake of the destruction" of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by atomic bombs.

*"On behalf of those peace-loving people of our country who grieve over the decision of our government to drop the bombs and the unimaginable pain inflicted upon the families and survivors of the doomed cities, we extend a heartfelt apology,"* said Browning and the other signers of the statement sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

*"I think the two statements represent an incredible witness towards healing and reconciliation,"* said the Rev. Canon Brian Grieves, the Episcopal Church's peace and justice ministries officer. *"I hope the whole church will be moved by the courage of these acts so that we can all participate in the process of healing."*

Apologies communicated The General Synod's statement was adopted in May, and Primate James Takashi Yashiro of Japan sent a copy of it to Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning this fall, requesting that it be distributed throughout the Episcopal Church.

Referring to the length of time since the war, Yashiro said, *"While it may seem to have taken a long time for this statement of apology to appear, it has finally come to the surface after much prayer, reflection, discussion, and heart-felt concern. We offer it as a sign of our love to all those who suffered and were oppressed."*

In addition to confessing the church's war responsibility and apologizing to the churches in the countries that Japan invaded, the statement indicates that Nippon Sei Ko Kai will "start and continue a program in each diocese and parish, to review the historical facts and to deepen our understanding of the Gospel."

The statement on Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the Fellowship of Reconciliation underscores that *"this apology does not ignore the atrocities committed by Japanese forces in their march across Asia, not does it forget the suffering and death of those in the occupied countries, among the Allies, and those in the armed forces."* Still, the statement stressed, *"We reject mass killing and obliteration bombing as acceptable policies, then or now."*

The signers added, *"We feel it necessary to acknowledge and atone for the decision of our nation to introduce the use of atomic weapons and for the subsequent nuclear arms race which still hangs over the head of civilization."*

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### Pontius' Puddle



THOUGH FRANK LAGGED FAR BEHIND HIS TEAMMATES IN SACKS AND TACKLES, HE HAD NO EQUAL WHEN IT CAME TIME TO ATTEMPT A THIRD-DOWN CONVERSION.

## February Summit will focus on justice, peace and integrity of creation

Episcopal concerns about racism, the environment and economic justice will be among the topics addressed at The Summit, a broad-based consultation called by the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Committee in Cincinnati, February 27-March 1. The Summit is intended to help chart a course for social justice action by the church while celebrating "the interconnectedness and diversity of JPIC ministries."

JPIC, a committee of Executive Council, is a convergence of committees and networks concerned with environmental, anti-racism, economic justice and global issues, as well as the church's Jubilee Ministries.

Ambassador Juan Somavia of Chile, assistant secretary general to the United Nations Summit on Social Development, will present the keynote address. Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning and Pamela Chinnis, President of the House of Deputies, will also offer challenges to participants to "commit to living and acting for peace, justice and the creation, personally and corporately."

Bishop Steven Charleston, former Bishop of Alaska, will lead Bible study and the daily offices. Author and theologian Verna J. Dozier will preach at the concluding Eucharist. Workshops will address such topics as "Environmental Stewardship," "Peacemaking and Peace Education," and "Simplicity as Compassion: Voluntary Simplicity from a Christian Perspective." Work sessions to develop strategies on various topics or concerns will culminate in a full "town meeting" plenary moderated by Bishop Arthur B. Williams, Jr., of Ohio, chair of the JPIC committee and vice president of the House of Bishops.

"Kids for Peace and Justice," a program for children in conjunction with The Summit, is open to children of all ages. For registration information, write the Peace and Justice Ministries Cluster, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017 or telephone 800-334-7626, ext. 5213 (800-321-2231, New York State residents), or 212-922-5213.

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## Ugandan Christians join Aids campaign

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Thousands of volunteers from the Anglican diocese of Namirembe, central Uganda, have joined a campaign to boost Aids awareness in the region.

Since the virus was first identified in Uganda in 1982, more than 100,000 people have died from Aids related diseases. It is estimated that about 1.5 million Ugandans - in a total population of 20 million are HIV-positive. Uganda is one of Africa's worst affected countries.

However, according to research, Uganda's concerted efforts for Aids prevention have made many Ugandans aware of the disease, and many have changed their sexual behaviour.

The Anglican volunteers will also give moral and material support to people living with HIV/Aids and to their families. A team of 10 000 "Good Samaritan Volunteers" was officially commissioned by Samuel Balagadde Ssekkadde, Bishop of Namirembe diocese, during an evening service held at Namirembe Cathedral, near Kampala.

Bishop Ssekkadde said that the Good Samaritan Volunteers - divided into youth, home-care and occupational therapy departments - would provide food, clothing and medical care for the sick in their community. The team will also help raise awareness of HIV/Aids prevention and Aids care at the local level.

The three-year project, which will cost US\$300 000, will be partly supported with help from the United Kingdom.

The team will assist families of people suffering with Aids to set up income-generating projects to support their families.

Bishop Ssekkadde said the HIV/Aids virus was no longer merely an individual or family problem. The high impact of the virus had been caused by the failure of the community to participate in Uganda's prevention campaign, he said.