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## WELCOME TO HAWAII! EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Hawaii is far from New York - the Headquarters of the National Church. That is something that cannot be helped, but it does mean that a great many of the members of the churches here are unaware of the workings of the church. There is communication between the Headquarters in New York and the Diocesan Offices in Honolulu, but often that is as far as it goes.

Now all that will change, as the Diocese prepares to welcome to Hawaii the Members of the Executive Council of the National Church. The Executive Council is the equivalent of the Diocesan Council, except on a national level, and in between the meetings of the General Convention - which only take place every three years - the Executive Council sees to the running of the church, and to any decision-making matters that crop up during the three year period.

This up-coming meeting of the Council is of particular importance, because it is the last before the General Convention meets in Philadelphia in July, and also the last that many of the members will be attending with Bishop Browning as Presiding Bishop. In ad-

dition to all of that, there are many important issues that will be brought before the General Convention, with which the Council has to deal at this meeting.

So, for this important gathering, the Diocese is "laying out the red carpet". Altogether one hundred and two people will be coming to Honolulu for the meeting which will be held at the Prince Kuhio Hotel, Waikiki from April 25 - 29, and the full sessions of the Council are open to all. The Presiding Bishop will be here and also Dr. Pamela Chinnis, President of the House of Deputies. The Opening Eucharist will be held at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church in Waikiki, by kind permission of Bishop Frances X. Di Lorenzo.

The Diocese will host a Diocesan Night for the visitors on Sunday 27, which will take the form of a Luau, and at which there will be entertainment including a dramatic portrayal of Her Majesty Queen Lili'uokalani by the award winning actress Leo Anderson Akana.

One of the reasons for the Council holding its meetings in different dioceses, is to give the members the opportunity of seeing at first hand

the extremely diverse character of the Episcopal Church. Many of the Council members will be arriving in the islands a few days early. Dr. Pamela Chinnis will be paying a visit to Kauai earlier in the week. She will be followed closely by nineteen others. Maui will be host to twenty-three visitors, while another sixteen will be greeted on the big island of Hawaii.

During their visits to the outer islands, the Council Members will visit many of the churches there and meet with parishioners. They will have discussions with the parishes about their programs, and also hear about any problems they

may have. There will be an opportunity at the Council Meetings for the members to report back to the Council on their visitations.

For Hawaii this visit is a great honor. It comes not only at the end of Bishop Browning's tenure as Presiding Bishop, but also at the beginning of the episcopacy of Bishop Chang. It comes at a time when we, the people of Hawaii can show the National Church that we are a forward-looking Diocese with forward-looking programs.

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Ambassador Juan Somavia, representative of Chile to the United Nations, greets Dr. Pamela P. Chinnis, president of the House of Deputies, and Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning. Ambassador Somavia delivered the keynote address at the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Summit in Cincinnati.

(Episcopal News Service photo by James Solheim)

## Sharing the Gifts of Hope and Life in Cambodia and Laos

Helping others through being a nurse, has been my life's work for the past 33 years - 30 of those in the United States Air Force. As a nurse in the military, that role has been carried out in a wide range of situations and places - from war in Vietnam, to a pediatric unit in a stateside hospital, to many years in administration. No experience has been more rewarding than the two recent humanitarian missions I had the opportunity to lead. One was to Cambodia in 1995, and the other to Laos in 1996. Both countries suffer from a lack of supplies, equipment and health expertise. Our teams were made up of Army and Air Force medical personnel, with supplies being donated by the U.S. Government under the Humanitarian Assistance Program-Excess Property.

Both Laos and Cambodia are filled with unexploded mines and other remnants of war, which are the leading causes of trauma for young and old alike. In Laos we cared for a young woman who, while working in a rice field, trig-

gered an unexploded mine. Her family and friends walked for eleven hours carrying her on a makeshift stretcher. Diseases such as malaria, polio, typhoid, dengue fever, leprosy and worms are everyday occurrences.

In Cambodia, our mission was to take the supplies and equipment donated by the U.S. Government and set up a military hospital in Kompong Cham. This is a city of about 30,000 people located on the Mekong River about 110 kilometers from the capital of Phnom Penh. Although this was a military hospital, there was an agreement between the U.S. and Cambodian governments that the supplies and equipment would be used to treat civilian as well as military people.

The facility at Kompong Cham consisted of a few buildings in varying stages of disrepair, some beds, a small staff and a few patients. The place looked more like an abandoned facility with a few squatters in residence than a hospital. There was no electricity and water was obtained from a well via a bamboo pole with a plastic sleeve attached to hold the water. In less than ten days, working with our Cambodian counterparts, we took our supplies and equipment, and helped them establish a hospital serving both the military and civilian commu-

nities. Now they had the capability to provide a few very simple laboratory tests and the supplies and equipment to perform surgery.

We opened the doors to see new patients on about the ninth day. I asked "How will the people know that the clinic is open, there is no radio, TV or telephone service to spread the word?" I was told not to worry - they would come, and come they did. On opening day, they were lined up outside the compound. We saw about thirty patients that first morning and told the others to return the next day, when we saw about fifty patients, with some travelling from a village thirty kilometers away via ox cart.

During our stay, we were able to reach into the community, sharing some items with an orphanage, a prison and a village for people with leprosy. It was difficult to leave. Our material gifts, along with the gifts of our time, talents and knowledge, seemed like only a tiny drop in the bucket compared to their needs. After we left, there were follow-up visits and further supplies of medical needs.

In Laos, our mission took us to Phonsavan, the new capital of Xieng Khuang Province, just outside of which is the historic Plain of Jars. The jars are thought to be about 2,000 years old, of unknown origin, and weigh from about 600 kilograms up to a ton. While this mission was again the combined efforts of the U.S. military and the State Department, it was different in that it was an established community hospital. However, with the withdrawal of Russian support, the facility's operating budget has dropped sixty per cent. A few medicines are available through the hospital, but more often the patient's family must buy the medicine elsewhere. Electricity is available in the evening from about 6.00p.m. - 10.00p.m. If

surgery is performed outside those hours, the family must provide fuel to run the generator.

In both countries we found a mix of local/traditional healing, together with western-style health care. The people were very eager to learn as we shared ideas about approaches to treating various diseases and injuries. Our goal was to help them take what they have, what we brought, and to use it all more efficiently and effectively.

While our missions were sponsored by the government and the U.S. military, rather than the church, I know in my heart I was doing Christ's work. In Cambodia we found Christians among our counterparts, and those of us who brought bibles left them with our new friends. The situation was not as open in Laos, but I have faith that my work was a witness for God as well as my country.

- Phyllis Easley  
St. Timothy's Church, Aiea

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## MUSIC AT HOLY NATIVITY

A Musical Afternoon with Allan Fisher, well-known Oahu musician and entertainer will be held at The Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Highway on Sunday April 6, at 4.00p.m. A family picnic will follow and beverages will be provided. For more information, please call the church office - 808-373-2131.

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Phyllis Easley with some Cambodian children outside the United States Government Military Hospital in Kompong Cham.



When we returned home there remained the recognition that we are members of a world family in which those who suffer and those who face a future of little real hope are crying out for help. The message we sought to bring from the Church of Ireland was simple: "You are not alone."

The work of The Church Missionary Society in Ireland is but one channel of practical help, the grants from the Bishops' Appeal are greatly valued and the witness of those who have gone out from the Church of Ireland to support the work of the Ugandan and Sudanese Churches is greatly appreciated. Many of the questions defy easy answers. But answers there must be for those whose simple joy in the love of Christ is a challenge to all of us who have so much we take for granted.

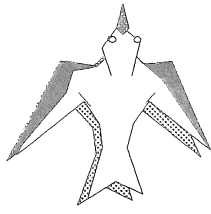
Interest in missionary outreach cannot be left to the enthusiasts or to those who faithfully support missionary causes. What I saw in Uganda and the Sudan is a challenge to all of us. "Bear ye one another's burdens..." I told them they were not alone. We dare not let them believe otherwise.

## THANK YOU - FROM US

The members of the Editorial Board of this paper, would like to thank all those who so kindly supported the work of the Chronicle with subscriptions during 1996. We hope that you will continue to do so during this year of 1997.

It is our intention to have the Chronicle published on our Diocesan Web site (<http://www.dfms.org/hawaii>) starting with this issue. This will ensure that our news and activities are made known throughout the Anglican Communion.

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## Presiding Bishop's Easter Message 1997

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! The glory of Easter is upon us, after the dark and somber days of repentance, of penance. Now, the gift of the glorious resurrection has been given, and it is for everyone. Easter is a celebration for the whole community of those who follow Jesus.

As well, Easter is a profoundly personal celebration, a private victory. Easter morn offers a particular treasure to each of us, each year. There is something in it just for you. Waiting. It is as if there is a secret door to which only you have the key. Jesus didn't go to the cross for the anonymous masses. He died for each of us - particularly.

We each have followed Jesus to the Cross, and then left there all that burdens us, all that makes us less than who God wants us to become. We each left there at the foot of the cross all our fears: of death, of loss, of change, of the unknown, of the inevitable diminishments that make us say: "Hey, I guess I'm not as young as I used to be!"

We each left there at the foot of the cross all our inadequacies, those obvious to all and known only to us, in our secret hearts. We each left there at the foot of the cross all our sins, our pettiness, our treacheries, those things done and those things left undone. It has all been left there. A sorry mess. We left it for the



*Beverley Berrish modeling an outfit in Thai silk and Muriel Ames modeling an outfit for the mature lady who lunches at the Fun and Fashion Show at Christ Memorial Church on Kauai with The Rev. Donor Macneice as Master of Ceremonies*

One who asked us to follow him. And, he has transformed it, all of it, all the sin, inadequacy, fear. All of it. in the power of his glorious resurrection we,

each, have been transformed as well, washed clean, forgiven, and now are ready to begin anew our walk on the pilgrim path.

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## Anglican Bishops in South Africa Apologize to Homosexuals

The bishops of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa (Anglican) have publicly apologized to homosexual people who have been hurt by the "unacceptable prejudice" against gays and lesbians within the church.

The bishops, meeting in synod in Cape Town, said in a press statement released on 6 March: "As a church we have been responsible over the centuries for rejecting many people because of their sexual orientation.

"The harshness and hostility to homosexual people within our church [are] neither acceptable nor ... in accord with our Lord's love of all people. We repent of this attitude and ask forgiveness of many homosexual people who have been hurt, rejected and marginalized because of this deep-seated prejudice," the bishops said.

However, they rejected all forms of promiscuity which, they said, dehumanized many relationships.

"The church's position is that sex is for life-long marriage with a person of the opposite sex for companionship, sexual fulfillment and procreation.

The reality is that divorce and remarriage, polygamy, same-sex unions, single-parent families, and persons living together outside marriage do exist. "As a church, we have to find loving, pastoral and creative ways of dealing with all these situations," the statement continued.

The bishops called for further study within the church on the subject of homosexuality, in particular with regard to the original Greek and Hebrew of the Biblical texts.

"We are unhappy at the tendency in some quarters to attack homosexuals on the basis of simplistic interpretations of certain scriptural texts," the bishops said.

The statement, issued on behalf

of the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, The Most Rev. Njongonkulu Ndungane, conceded there was no consensus on the topic of homosexuality among the bishops and within the church as a whole. The bishops undertook to continue to work towards consensus, pointing out, however, that it would be dishonest to force themselves into an artificial consensus in order to satisfy public pressure.

The synod discussed the issue after its theological commission tabled a report on homosexuality.

- Anglican Communion News Service

## ANGLICAN PRIMATES VISIT GAZA

Buses left St George's Cathedral early Friday morning for the two hour drive to Gaza for the Primates of the Anglican Communion as they continued their meeting in the Holy Land. The Primates entered Palestine by foot as they changed to UN buses at the Erez checkpoint, where they handed over passports to be collected on the way back to Israel.

The day included a visit to Ahli Arab Hospital, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, where a new medical library was unveiled by President Arafat and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rt. Revd Samir Kafity, Bishop in Jerusalem was celebrant and preacher at a Eucharist which included the re-dedication of the church after extensive refurbishment. The Church of St. Philip is adjacent to the hospital. An Orthodox priest sang the gospel at the service which overflowed with worshippers. Mrs. Arafat, a practicing Christian, attended the service but the President was escorted to his Moslem noonday prayers for Friday mid-way through the service.

Prior to a lunch given by President and Mrs. Arafat, Bishop Kafity and Coadjutor Bishop Riah Hanna Abu El Assal were given the highest presidential decoration for service to the Palestinian community. The local indigenous Anglican Christian population is Palestinian. Moved by the honor, Bishop

Kafity spoke emotionally on the need for the three faiths, Jewish, Christian and Islam, to live together as equals and in peace. Bishop Riah made a pledge to Palestinian children that their future would be better than in the past.

On the return trip the Anglican prelates made a brief stop at one of the most overcrowded and poverty ridden refugee camps in the area. Young children gathered around the coaches waving to the Primates as they toured the area.

The Primates ended their day in tranquillity and prayer in the irenic setting of Abu Gosh Monastery, a French speaking Benedictine order, that offered the Anglicans generous hospitality. This was preceded by Vespers sung by the monks and nuns in the historic Crusader Church, said to be the

site of Jesus' walk on the way to Emmaus after his resurrection. The Archbishop of Canterbury led prayers for peace during Vespers and gave a blessing to the Roman Catholic community.

## St. Christopher's Fellowship Committee

The goal of the Fellowship Committee of St. Christopher's Church is to welcome visitors and to receive the stranger in our midst. It is also to have fun through education and an ongoing search for stronger Christian depth.

Members, friends and all are invited to come and share the excitement, joy and awe that will be available in the many activities that are being offered. The Fellowship's current schedule of events are:

April 19th, 10.00a.m.-2.00p.m.: "Leadership in our Church Family System" presentation by The Rev. Lee Kiefer, Rector of The Church of the Epiphany. The subject matter of this meeting is how we work together. Lunch will be served for a modest price. Please call the church office (262-8176) by April 17 at the latest, so we can have a head-count for the lunch.

"St. Christopher's Travelers" June 7, 8.30a.m.-11.00a.m.: Breakfast. Come one and all for

an incredible morning! Parishioners will share their experiences in Europe, Asia and North Africa. There will be opportunities to hear about future journeys. The object of this activity is to share what we know about the places and any information that may be of help to those intending to travel. Don and Doris Huddleston are the Co-Chairs for this event. Please let us know if you are able to come. "Parishwide Breakfast"

June 29, at 8.15a.m.: This is a Breakfast for all St. Christopher's members and community friends. You can be refreshed from attending the early service, or energized for the later one. Friends of Kailua, drop in and "have a bite", kabitz with friends and be on your way for the day. There will be a small charge for the breakfast. The reservation deadline is June 27, so please call the office early.

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## HAPPENING # 9

HAPPENING is a special weekend opportunity for high schoolers to deepen their relationship with God and have a great time doing it. Under the capable leadership of Vanessa Convard, a senior at Campbell High School and member of St. Barnabas' Church, fourteen Happeners from three islands learned what it means to "Follow the Way of Jesus Christ." Vanessa was assisted by a team of six youth and eight adults. HAPPENING #9 was held at Pu'ukahea Conference Center in Waianae February 21-23, 1997. Bishop Chang joined the group for the closing celebration.

Happeners were: Chad Aguilana, St. Paul's; Althea Bankston, St. Barnabas'; Travis Easter, St. Barnabas'; Terri Halloran, St. Andrew's Cathedral; Maile Johnson, St. Mark's; Joni Konishi, All Saints'; Melissa Renee Lange, St. Michael's; Jewel McDonald, St. Mark's; Ryan Pang, St. Michael's; Erin Parsons-Wright, Holy Nativity; Kristi Sato, All Saints'; Masi Schaefer, Grace Church; Nina Whitehill, St. Michael's; Cheryl Yoro, St. Paul's.

Team Members were: Ikaika Akiona, St. Philip's; Loea Akiona, St. Philip's; Kua Apple, Calvary; Mary-Elizabeth Burnz,



St. Michael's; David Caldwell, St. Timothy's; Vanessa Convard, St. Barnabas'; Joshua Dela Cruz, St. Paul's; Joane Infante, St. Barnabas'; Jeana Nakamura, All Saints'; Pat Osgood, Calvary; Jenelyn Peralta, St. Paul's; Teresa Powell, St. Barnabas'; Lucille Tamura, St. Timothy's.

Spiritual Director: The Rev. Lynette Schaefer, Grace Episcopal Church.

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## Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief News

Hawaii's diocesan team for the Fund is growing. The Bishop and Mrs. Chang are strong supporters of the Fund. Bishop Chang contributed to the Fund one-half of the offering received at his Consecration Service.

Mrs. Chang has graciously consented to serve as our Honorary Diocesan Fund Coordinator. Gretchen Jong and Lois Lucas serve as Diocesan Fund Co-coordinators. Our list of Parish Fund Representatives has grown to twenty-seven PFRs. Our goal is to have a PFR for each congregation who will help promote the Fund, participate in the "annual appeal," serve as a resource to the parish and participate in diocesan training.

Our current PFRs are Pat Osgood, Brenda Lee, Marilyn Johnson, Harriette Kaleiupu, Calvin Fukuhara, Eviline Fogg, John Engelcke, Gail Skillman, Frances Babin, Scott McCoy, Sylvia Rowland, Susan Hilleary, Dennis Sturdavant, Catherine Burton, Penny Chu, MarKy Gilliam, Eugenia Park, Mark Newman, Brenda Wiley, Gretchen Jong, Helen Sternthal, Pat Raines, Janice Fukuda, Phyllis Easley, Sue Macklin, and Bob Poole.

A PFR training was conducted in January. The PFRs present heard ways to conduct an annual appeal, viewed videos on the Fund, and shared what they were doing or intended to do for the Fund. Everyone enjoyed the chicken salad prepared by Lois Lucas and the whipped gelatin molded by Nancy Au.

## GIFTS TO THE FUND UP \$1 MILLION IN 1996

The Fund received close to five million dollars in contribution in 1996, almost one million dollars more than in 1995. A total of 74 dioceses increased their giving in 1996, and HAWAII is one of those dioceses.

The preliminary financial report for 1996 shows that the Diocese of Hawaii contributed \$24,337.50. In 1995, the diocese contributed \$20,739.86 which means that the hard work of our PFRs and clergy is producing wonderful results among their congregations.

A special salute is given to the Diocese of Los Angeles which contributed \$263,874.28, more than double the amount given in 1995.

## THE MARTHA AND MARY CENTER IS A GRANT RECIPIENT

The Martha and Mary Center, a project to assist women and children and sponsored by St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church on Kauai, received a \$3,000.00 grant from the Board in November.

## BREAKING NEWS -PB'S FUND ISSUES DISASTER APPEAL

The House of Bishops met in Kanuga in early March. Bishop Charlie McNutt (CEO of the Episcopal Church and Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Fund) spoke of the horror and devastation caused by the tornadoes which hit Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky. They were also told of the ravages of the flood waters in Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Mississippi. The bishops had been asked to go home to their own dioceses and launch a special appeal for the Fund. People may send contributions marked for Disaster Response. Checks should be made out to The Presiding Bishop's Fund and mailed to Presiding Bishop's Fund, c/o Banker's Trust, Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101. If you wish to contribute by credit card, please call 1-800-334-7626 extension 5129.

- Gretchen Y.Y. Jong

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## The Diocesan Institute

The Diocesan Institute is the educational arm of the Commission on Ministry, and is responsible to The Bishop and the Commission. At the monthly meeting of the Institute Board in February, it was decided to share the mission work of the Institute in each issue of the Chronicle.

The Mission Statement of the Institute says that it exists to stimulate a desire for Continuing Education and Spiritual Development in the people of this Diocese, as well as to organize events that will provide these things.

In the past several years, the Institute has lived up to this Mission Statement by providing conferences and workshops on such topics as Evangelism, Vestry/Bishop's Committee and Lay Conferences, as well as training for Lay Episcopal Ministry and Lay Readers.

The third object of the Institute is to provide a basic curriculum and instruction for those seeking ordination to the Diaconate under the national canons and diocesan guidelines. It is not generally understood that these classes are open to anyone who wants to attend. In other words, a person need not be seeking ordination to take the classes.

- The Rt. Rev. Jackson Gilliam

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## Think of Your Future Retirement Planning - Episcopal Ministry on Aging.

"Think of Your Future" is a ten

part course of study for mid-life and older persons designed to help participants plan their future. It will be held at **St. Andrew's Priory, Kennedy Hall on April 12, 19 & 26 and May 10, & 17, 1997 from 8.30a.m. - 12 noon.** The course is written for individuals but couples are strongly encouraged to take it together. Laity and clergy alike are invited. The first twenty people will be registered, and any further registrations received will be waitlisted.

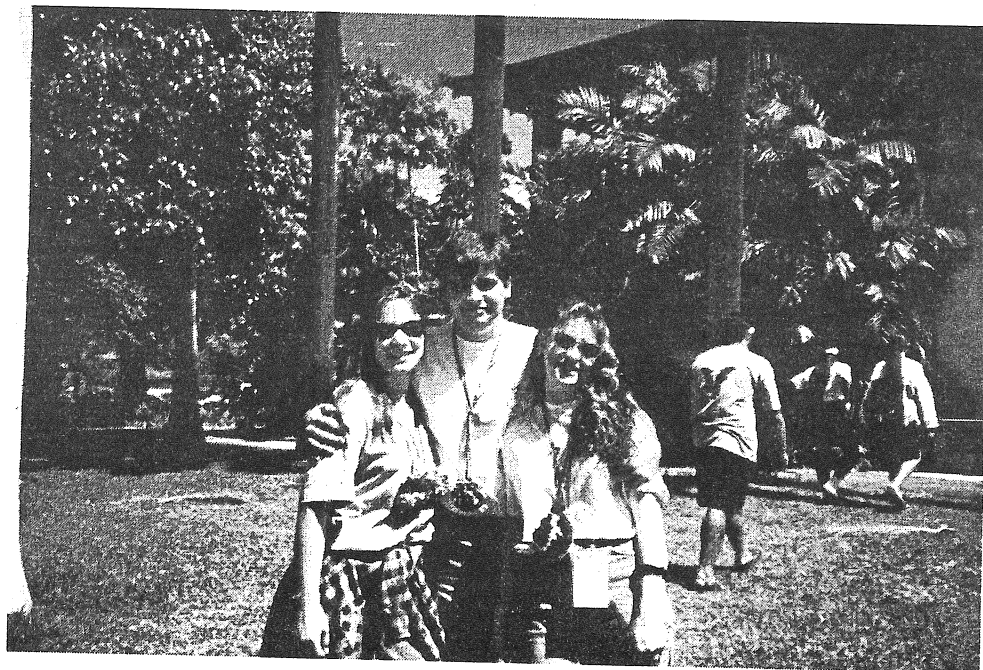
There are many approaches to preparing for retirement. The most common is the complete absence of any planning. "Think of Your Future" is designed to assist people to prepare for a retirement characterized by independence, dignity and purpose.

People in their 50's and younger, and people already retired, have found the course a great way to plan for life-long fulfillment, as Americans may now anticipate living well into their eighties and nineties.

The curriculum was developed by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) for the use of private companies, non-profit organizations, and community groups. EMOA is pleased to offer this course as part of its 1997 program in this Diocese. Two EMOA volunteers, George and Grace Lee took the course in 1996 and will lead the course with expert Resource Persons.

Sessions include Personal Planning, Income Planning, Health and Long term Care Cost Planning, Social Planning, Housing Planning, Financial Planning, as

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Althea Bankston, Travis Easter, and Vanessa Convard at Happening #9

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well as Legal and Estate Planning. Purchase of the Workbook "Think of Your Future is mandatory for each participant. The cost is \$25.00 and is the only cost for the entire program.

To Register, send your check, together with your name, address and telephone number to the Diocesan Office, before April 9. For further information, please contact George Lee at 808-735-4550.

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### Church in Society Department seeks new program proposals

The Department of Church in Society oversees the work and ministries that reach out beyond the congregations into the life of the larger community. Presently, the Department has three programs: the ecumenical program, which last year explored the Concordat agreement between the Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church; campus ministries, which assists in the operation of Canterbury House near the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and AIDS advisory committee, which assists in the conduct of AIDS services at St. Andrew's Cathedral and other community events.

In line with Bishop Chang's three-year plan, the Department hopes to initiate new programs that will promote, complement and enhance the ministry of our Church in Hawaii, united States and the world. If you have and idea for a new program or wish to submit a proposal, please contact the Department Chair, Wayne S. Yoshigai, c/o Torkildson,

Katz, 700 Bishop Street, 15th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. The deadline for proposals is April 14th.

The members of the Department of Church in Society are; Laureen Chong, The Rev. Alison Dingley, Adrienne King and Scott McCoy. This year, the Department has been discussing the issues of illegal drugs in society, same gender marriage and homophobia, racism, and Hawaiian sovereignty with the goal of promoting dialogue on these important community concerns in our Church. The Department hopes to sponsor presentations on these issues at deanery meetings throughout the state to encourage open discussion. The Department may also sponsor resolutions for consideration at the annual Diocesan Convention.

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### BISHOP TAKES UP KORAN FOR LENT

A Church of England bishop has joined millions of Christians around the world by 'giving up' something he likes for Lent. But Dr Alan Smithson, Bishop of Jarrow, has made an unusual choice for his Lenten sacrifice -he has given up reading the Bible and has taken up the holy Muslim book, the Koran, instead.

"If only all Christians would take seriously the beliefs of other traditions and religions, we would be all the better for it," Bishop Smithson told reporters. "I am passionately concerned that we help the Church to move into a wider scene where we are not just preoccupied with Christian is-

sues, but understand other faiths, not as rivals, but as fellow travelers. The Western world needs to learn from Islam. There are qualities of holiness and commitment that the faithful Muslim shows that the Western world can learn from."

Dr Smithson told The Times newspaper in London that, apart from reading St John's Gospel, traditionally read by many Christians during the 40 days of Lent, he would not study the Bible until Easter. He normally spends up to two hours a day studying the Bible, but will read 20 pages of the Koran a day instead. He said he had never read the Koran before and wanted to approach it with an open mind. After a 'good expedition' through the Koran, he would look forward to getting back to the Bible at Easter.

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### "YOU ARE NOT ALONE" - A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

- The Most Rev. Robin Eames  
Archbishop of Armagh & Primate of All Ireland

The Church of Ireland has a long and proud record of missionary outreach. We have commissioned clergy, teachers, doctors and experts in many fields for service in the Church overseas, we have given financial support to our various missionary societies but to visit those who have gone out from Ireland and to see at first hand the actual conditions under which they are working is an unforgettable experience. From 18 to 25 January I had the great privilege of conveying the prayers, support and interest of the Church of

Ireland to the Church of Uganda and in particular to the refugees from the Sudan. I have returned with a new appreciation of the life and work of the Anglican Church in east Africa and a new awareness of the value of the witness being carried out by The Church of Ireland Missionary Society.

The memories of this visit will remain with me for years. From the welcome to Arua, the children dying of AIDS, the victims of leprosy, the conditions on the refugee camps, the dedicated work of western doctors and health workers, the loyalty of members of the Mother's Union, to the atmosphere at a service of Consecration of a bishop for the Sudanese Church in exile and the dedication of a new Bible College and training centre for clergy -the excitement of Africa was infectious. But beside the enthusiasm and joy which was so evident in the liturgy there was the tragedy of the refugees -a pilgrim people who had no certainty of a future in the land of their birth, the silent suffering of the victims of AIDS and the poverty of the refugee camps. It was this strange mixture of emotions which I will remember most.

Human need makes special demands on faith. The joy of the certainty contained in the Gospel demands practical, down to earth expression. When the music and singing faded away there remained the questions. When the welcome faded into memory there remained the challenge of where do they go from here? When the dancing ended there remained the biggest question of all -how can the world respond to human deprivation and needs of a people whose country was being ravaged by a ruthless civil war?



# It is Quite a Tail!

To be different, is sometimes interesting - at least some people think that.....the people at St. Thomas' Church in Hanalei, for instance. It may be the physical location of the church as well as the continuing invitation to eat after service on a Sunday, that attracts a variety of "attendees" to the little church but whatever it is, the varied congregation is one where anything can happen. The latest arrival who seems intent on becoming a permanent member of the church - for the time being at least - is not the usual "run-of-the-mill" parishioner, by any means. He is not too tall - rather stocky, in fact - dark but with signs of grey at the temples. He is considered by some ladies to be handsome, and has a voice to match, but still has some thing to learn about the Episcopal liturgy. When you first meet him, you expect his name to be something like CLAUDE or CLARENCE, for he has that haughty air about him, but whereas some of the other parishioners talk a lot, this gentleman has not been forthcoming with his name. What he does like to do is crow with all his might during the singing of the hymns. For the new member is a handsome black rooster. He has been known to stand solemnly beside the Vicar at the altar steps during the reading of the Gospel, and to sit quietly with head bowed during the prayers of the people. During the Peace, he walks around and greets his fellow worshippers with a loving peck on the toe, while

quietly clucking to himself. At the coffee hour he enjoys being sociable, and is the only member of the congregation allowed to sit on the Vicar's knee! Perhaps one day if he stays and doesn't fly off, this handsome member of God's creation will let us know his real name. Until then he is known as "The Vicar's Friend", but that situation cannot last. When Bishop Chang makes his official visitation to the church we are sure he will not Receive or Confirm a member who does not have a name.

- by "Java Sparrow"  
A member of St. Thomas'  
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## Christian Education Committee Gears-up

Members of the Diocesan Christian Education Committee will be contacting each of the churches in Hawaii to find out what the congregation is doing for all age groups, what resources they have, what concerns them and who is the person for communication. The Committee's first goal is to increase communication among the churches so that we can support each other.

The Committee can serve as a resource for congregations. If your group would like help in locating curriculum, planning programs, or providing training, please contact our Chairperson - Jenny Wallace (808-524-2822) who will help you locate materials and/or people. For neighbor islands, the contact people are: The Rev. Carol Arney (Kauai), Alice Ann Rice (Maui) and Mara Lockwood (Hawaii).

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## Martha and Mary's House, Women's Resource Center

The Rt. Rev. Richard S. O. Chang, Bishop of the Diocese of Hawaii, officiated at the blessing of Martha and Mary's House, the Women's Drop In Center located at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Lihue. The blessing took place on Friday, February 28th. It was followed by an open house. St. Michael's has opened this daytime women's resource center where women and children may drop in and have a safe place for respite and hospitality while in Lihue. The center, known as Martha and Mary's House, is named after the two sisters who were Jesus' disciples, and offered hospitality from their home in Bethany near Jerusalem.

Martha and Mary's House, the Women's Center, is located on the grounds of the St. Michael and All Angels Church property in Lihue, next to the Public Library. The center has been open on a limited schedule since January of 1997. It is now open daily from Monday through Friday from 10:00am until 4:00pm, and Saturdays from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. It is available to women and children of all faiths and denominations.

Recently, Martha and Mary's House received a grant of \$2,500 from the Cooke Foundation for start up expenses. In December, the center received grants of \$5,000 from the G. N. Wilcox Trust, and \$2,000 from the Frear Eleemosynary Trust. The Women's Center has also previously received funding from Episcopal Charities of Hawaii, The Kauai Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation, the Atherton Family Foundation and the Hawaii Hotel Industry Charity Walk.

The women's center includes a reception area, a living room, a separate clerical work space, a bathroom, and two smaller

rooms. All rooms are air conditioned. The living room has couches and chairs, telephone, books, magazines, puzzles and games, a radio and a television. Additional folding chairs are available for special classes or meetings. In the reception area, the director or a volunteer hostess greets the guests. The house also contains a copy machine and computers. The two small rooms are used for counseling or small meetings, and for storage of clothing and small furniture items to assist families in need.

During the hours from 10:00 am to 4:00 PM, the director and hostesses are available and the center is open. Anyone who is interested in working with the Women's Center outreach ministry is invited to call the Rev. Carol Arney, at St. Michael and All Angels Church at 245-3796. Volunteers and donations of time, furniture, and money are gratefully accepted.

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## United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering

The UTO Spring Ingathering is scheduled for May 11. At this time we offer to God special thanks for all His blessings so freely and lovingly given - small, large, those we are aware of and many we take for granted.

Each woman, man and child has much to be thankful for and our loving response and participation will be truly appreciated by the Episcopal Church Women and especially by grant recipients. All offerings received through the ingathering are used entirely for grants given where urgent needs cannot otherwise be funded.

-Doris Fleming,

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You will be "cooking up a storm"!!

Since time way back when, churches everywhere have put together cook books as a means of fund-raising, because they are usually very successful and much in demand.

St. Peter's Church in Honolulu has spent nearly two years preparing an exceptional cook book entitled "Treasures for the Table". This book is truly unique and magnificently put together. It contains not only recipes, but is beautifully illustrated with original menus of functions held at Iolani Palace. In days when we gulp down a quick cup of coffee, in the morning, and if we are lucky, manage to munch on a muffin before dashing to work, it is amazing to read the menu of a Breakfast at the Palace

given in honor of Mr. & Mrs. E.E. Thorne on May 21, 1883. How would you like this, before going to work - *Fruit, Fried Mullet, Boiled Kumu, Beef Steak, Mutton Chops, Poached Eggs, Pigeon on Toast, Kidney with Tomato Sauce, and Chicken Curry*.....just to mention a few!! Or, if you are in a cooking mood when you get home from work, how about copying the menu of the dinner given in honor of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh on July 26, 1869:

- Soup - Turtle & Soup a la Reine
- Fish: Boiled and Fried
- Entrees: Cotelettes a la Sonbise, Oyster Pate, Mutton Chops, Sirloin Beef, Frieandean of Veal, Ham, Roast Turkey, Pigeon Pies (to mention just a few!) plus Asparagus, French Peas Tomatoes, Green Corn, Boiled Kalo....and many others.

If that doesn't make the family happy (if not you) then nothing will.

But never mind the illustrations, which are an art in themselves, wait till you see the actual recipes! The variety is such that you will have no trouble at all providing a meal fit for any Palace. The names are exotic - "Fun Gott Soup", "Lotus Root Soup with Pork"....."Warm Goat Cheese Salad", "Yummy Salad". Follow that with "Island Style Nishime", "Taro Chicken Stew", "Chicken with Lily Flower Fungus and Mushrooms".

The list seems endless and more mouth-watering as you go through it. The book will be on sale at St. Peter's Church, as well as at the Cathedral Bookstore, and better yet - it will be available in some down-town bookstores. This "almost-a-coffee-table" cook book is a must for every household. St. Peter's did a wonderful job.

- Reviewed by Hawaiian Stilt

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PepsiCo decision on Burma sales hailed as victory for democracy

(ENI) After years of campaigning by church groups and activists opposed to the military government of Burma- -also known as Myanmar- -the PepsiCo soft drink company has announced that it is stopping all its sales there. Last year PepsiCo sold its 40 percent interest

the franchise in Burma, and has now announced that the local bottler will no longer be authorized to sell Pepsi Cola. "Based on our assessment of the spirit of current U.S. government foreign policy, we are completing our total disengagement from the Burmese market," an official statement from PepsiCo said. "Accordingly we have severed all relationships with our former franchise bottler, effective January 15, 1997. The bottler in Burma is taking appropriate steps to ensure that all production and distribution of our products are ceased by May 31, 1997." Religious organizations, such as the Maryknoll missionary society, have used their influence as stockholders to persuade PepsiCo and other companies to cease doing business in Burma. Essentially all business conducted in Burma is considered to be supporting the military regime, which has been accused of widespread violation of human rights.

The State of Massachusetts, some city governments and student groups at universities such as Harvard also have joined in boycotts of company products to put pressure on the military government. According to Brian Grieves, Episcopal staff officer for peace and justice, PepsiCo is not included in the stock portfolio of the Episcopal Church. The church has focused its efforts instead, he said, on oil companies such as Texaco and Atlantic-Richfield (ARCO) because those are "crucial to Burma's plans for economic growth."

- Episcopal News Service

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