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## OUR NEW LOOK!

Welcome to the new version of the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*. We are glad to be back in production again and are especially happy to be in partnership with the *Episcopal Life*.

We are sure that you will agree there are many advantages in this partnership. It allows us to produce a more attractive paper, by having the spot color, which will be different with each issue. Mailing lists will be updated directly from the *Episcopal Life* office rather than from the Diocesan Office, cutting out a lot of tiresome work for the office staff here in Honolulu. In addition, every household will now receive a copy of *Episcopal Life*, even in the month that the *Chronicle* is not published. On the Diocesan level, now we are concerned only with local news and items, as all the national and international news is covered by the national paper.

We look forward to bringing you a better and more informative *Hawaiian Church Chronicle* as we progress with this partnership.

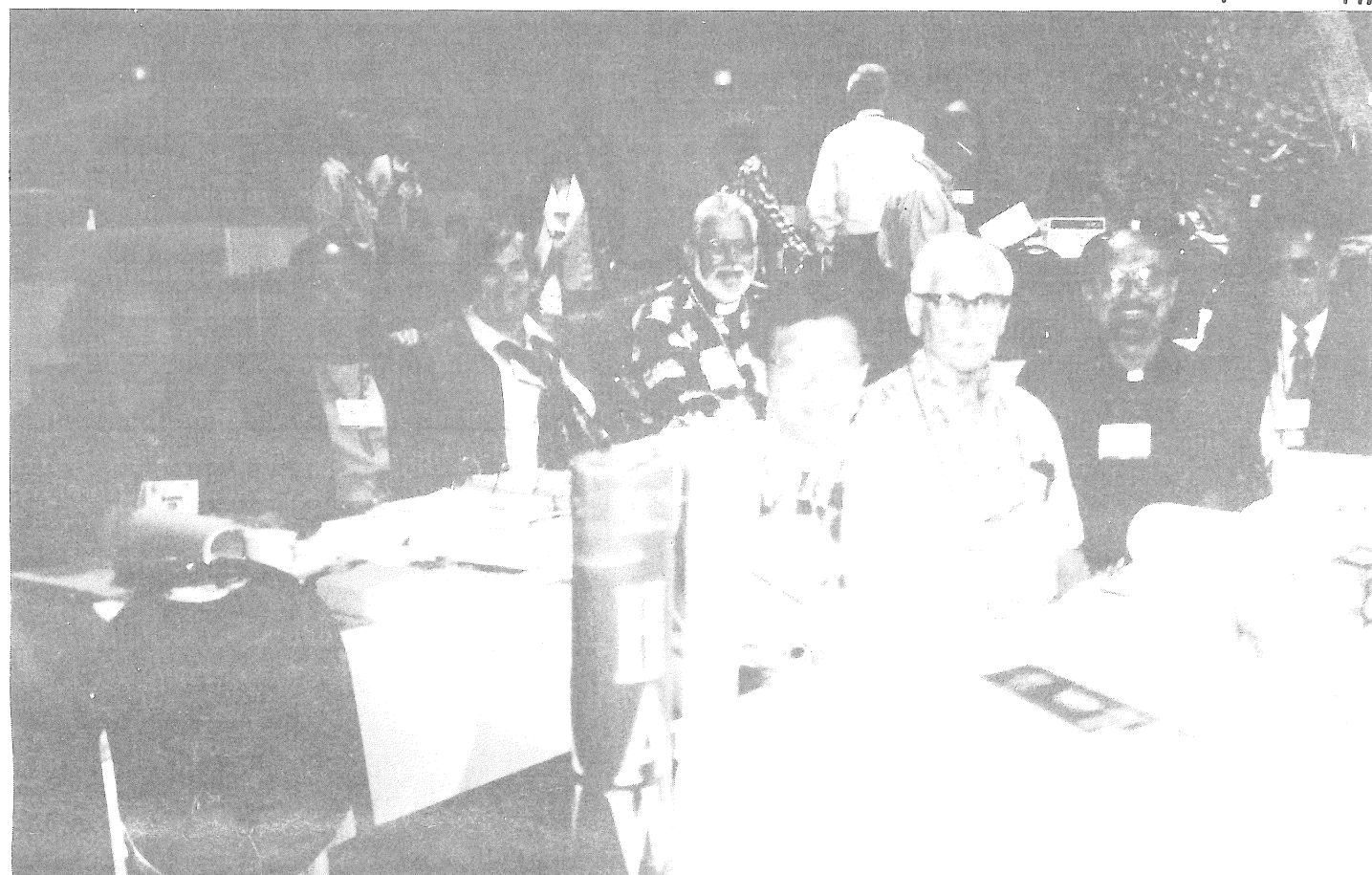
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## ECW TRIENNIAL MEETING

"Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back." (Isaiah 54). This was the theme for the 42nd Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

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Some of the Deputies to General Convention during one of the legislative sessions.

Triennial was exciting, interesting, a learning experience and at times long and boring. I am very grateful to those who elected me to represent them as a delegate along with Mary Day Wilson of Kauai, Nita Hogue and Barbara Vlachos.

Each day began with Eucharist and Bible Study which became a very special part of our day. I was at a table with a priest from Texas, a bishop from Florida, lay from Oregon, California and Maine. The diversity of Episcopalians and their thoughts became more and more.

## General Convention in Retrospect

Although they were voted in at our Diocesan Convention, most folk in the Diocese are unaware exactly who went to Philadelphia in July to represent Hawaii at the General Convention. The Clergy Deputies were The Revs.

Frank Chun, Donor Macneice, Tom Van Culin and Darrow Aiona, and the Lay Deputies were Richard Hagemeyer, Arthur K usumoto, Bettye Jo Harris and Cynthia Salley. The Clergy Alternates were the Revs. Morley Frech and the Rev. John Millen, and the Lay Alternates were Gretchen Y. Y. Jong and Gordon Johnston.

To the outsider, the notion of going to the other side of the United States might seem like it would be a holiday trip for the Deputies. That was far from the case. It was twelve days of continual "go", with committee meetings scheduled every day - including Sunday - sometimes starting as early as seven in the morning, and even ending as late as eleven at night. Heavy going by anyone's standards, but extremely interesting. Towards the end of the twelve days, it was not an uncommon sight to see an occasional Deputy quietly sitting with eyes closed and head bowed. Not prayer time - snooze time!!

The Hawaiian delegation was seated next to that from the Diocese of Dallas. Two dioceses with very different view points on many subjects. Hawaii being considered a liberal diocese and Dallas from the other end of the spectrum. As the days went by a comradeship developed between the two sets of Deputies, and it was widely acknowledged that the Guinness Book of Records should be informed when the two dioceses actually voted one hundred percent together on two of what were considered the more controversial issues.

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BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Let me share some personal thoughts about our ministry as I have experienced it during the first seven months of my episcopate. It has been important for me to "reconnect" with our diocese after an absence of nearly eleven years. So much has changed within our diocese and communities, as well as in my own ministry. I have taken every opportunity to reconnect with the people of our diocese so that I might get to know them as they get to know me. I will have visited every congregation of our diocese by the end of this year. My meetings with the Vestries and Bishop's Committees have been an important facet of "reconnecting" with our congregations.

As I have traveled around our diocese, the faithfulness of the people has been very evident. It has been experienced through their ministries exercised in communities as well as in congregations. As many already know, Dee and I made our decision to remain in the election process because we were made aware of this tremendous faithfulness during our visit with the other candidates. We have not been disappointed. Time and time again people have come forward to share something of their commitment to Jesus Christ and our church. First, they tell of the ministry they exer-

cise as they live their baptismal covenant in spite of the local economy or perceived lack of resources. A great number of exciting ministries are going on, but we need to tell their story through out our diocese. And then, they freely offer to serve in whatever way they can. So many have said to me, "I can help, just let me know." I believe that this level of faithful witness and commitment by our diocesan family will serve as the foundation for our future as the church in Hawaii. We have been called by Christ Jesus to be faithful. The people of our diocese have responded, and will, I am convinced, continue to respond to that call of Christ.

This first partnership edition of THE HAWAIIAN CHURCH CHRONICLE and EPISCOPAL LIFE provides you with a comprehensive report on the Convention. But let me offer some personal observations. Our deputies, ECW delegates, and representatives of UTO, CPC, and Daughters of the King, served our diocese well. Under the direction of Norma Chun, we sang the Queen's Prayer and the Doxology as the Opening Invocation for the program honoring our Presiding Bishop. Darrow Aiona and Barbara Vlachos presented leis to the Presiding Bishop and Patti from the Diocese of Hawaii. Nightly meetings of our deputation were held to better prepare us for the legislation of the Convention.

This was my first General Convention since 1985 that I did not serve on staff to the Presiding Bishop, and it was a very different experience to sit in the House of Bishops rather than to staff it. After ten years of observing the House in action, I felt this to be one of the best meetings of the bishops in dealing with the issues which they identified to be important for the church and themselves. Bishops were able to focus and not be distracted resulting in better discussion of issues and handling of legislation.

Pray for Edmond, our Presiding Bishop, and Frank our Presiding Bishop-elect, and for the Diocese of Hawaii as we seek to be faithful witnesses of the Good News of God in Christ to all peoples.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+Dick

BISHOP'S VISITATIONS  
(September & October)

- September 7: St, James'  
14: Holy Apostles'  
21: St. Mary's  
28: St. Michael & All Angels'
- October 19: St. John's-by-the-Sea  
26: St. George's

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CONVENTION

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The Convention was also a time of renewing old friendship, sometimes from many years back. As I walked through the halls and meeting rooms, it was like being in a time warp, as faces from my past suddenly appeared before me, and we greeted each other with - in some instances - shouts of surprise, and hugs of pleasure at seeing each other again.

Other moments - this time of hassle - occurred whenever the Convention adjourned for the evening. At that time some 800 people converged on a few banks of elevators trying to get to their rooms at the Marriott Hotel. But it was not always serious. One evening, having stood in line for all of twenty minutes hardly moving an inch towards the elevator, a certain bishop from the mainland suggested that we walked up one floor, then take a "down" elevator which would be empty and stay in it until it went up. Why not, I thought. When we reached the ground floor, we were "invaded" by what seemed hundreds of people and ended up like sardines. Nevertheless, another very large person asked "Is there room for one more?" Of course there wasn't, but somehow he managed to get in. The Bishop accompanying me was not amused. He was going to the 24th floor, I to the 15th. All buttons after the 9th were pushed. This was going to be no express elevator. So as we proceeded upwards with all eyes equally elevated to the "progress dial" the Bishop in a somewhat loud voice said to me "Have they yet managed to get all those fleas out of your room?" The rest of the "sardines" in that eleva-

tor looked decided uncomfortable. When we reached the first stop - Floor 9 - people made excuses, suddenly remembering they should be getting out there instead of gong on to their original destination. The elevator emptied completely. The Bishop and I continued on our upward journey.

- Java Sparrow

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Ministry in an Online World  
- and it's FREE

Do you know it is said there are more Christians on the WEB than there are in Church? This means we can become more visible here in our island congregations if we connect with the world on-line; we can share our community resources; we can enable ministry in new and unexpected ways.

We need ministry that is 21st century literate and can speak to moral and ethical issues. It's not "computer literacy"; it's "information literacy". The Internet is not going away, it's not the end of ivilization as we know it, and it's not difficult.

Here's my offer: I'll be happy to make up a simple WEB page for your church, as a link to our diocesan page. Then, when people the world over read of the Diocese of Hawai'i, they may call forth information specifically about your parish. You might like to have your page show your mission statement, your hours, your names, your location, your outreach goals. If you have a picture of your church, you could let me have that too, and I will incorporate it in the website. You can find me at "coan@aloha.net" or 808-332-6437. Early mornings are best.

- Deacon Barbara Coan

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JUST A NOTE  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## Diocesan Institute Fall Semester Programs

The Diocesan Institute will be holding a series of courses during the coming Fall Semester. These courses are open to lay and clergy alike and will be held at St. Andrew's Priory, Honolulu. The following is a summary of those courses and dates.

**Pastoral Ministry Education:** by **The Rev. Lee Kiefer.** To be held on Sept. 19, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 and Jan. 19, 1998.

**Gospel and Acts:** by **The Rev. Layton Zimmer.** To be held on Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, and Jan. 10, 1998

**Spiritual Formation:** by **The Rev. Hollis Wright.** To be held on Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 13 and Jan 10, 1998.

Further details concerning all of these courses can be obtained from the Diocesan Program Officer, Lucille Tamura.

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### The Bishop's Cope and Mitre

Since our report on the Consecration of Bishop Chang, many people have been asking about the symbolism of the design and the color of the Bishop's magnificent cope and mitre.

Both these garments were made by Almy & Son, but the design was suggested by the Bishop himself. Many have read many things into the design, but it is really very simple. The light blue color and the "wavy" design are symbolic of the blue waters of the ocean, as well as the waters of baptism. A sign of a new beginning and a cleansing.

However, if and when the Bishop should have his back towards you while he is wearing the cope, have a look and see if you can spot the outline of a whale on the cope. One or two people have been very perceptive and noticed it right away. Whale or no whale, it is an outstanding design.

- Java Sparrow

## FELLOWSHIP TAUGHT AT ST. JOHN'S

As Christians we are often taught the importance of fellowship in our spiritual lives. We meet at church, we gather for specific causes, we laugh together, we cry together. Yet, how often do we take the time to examine our spirituality?

Recently, my church - St. John's in Keokea, offered to those interested what I believe exemplified the true meaning of Christian fellowship. The Rev. Layton Zimmer (former rector of Good Shepard Church in Wailuku) presented a day of teaching and worship. We learned many historical and pertinent facts surrounding the life of Jesus, the apostles and those whose influence helped establish the Christian Church. The discussion provided a view of God's awesome power and love and how it has manifested itself through out the ages to our present day. What a fascinating journey through our Christian heritage!

It's amazing how much spiritual growth can be obtained by learning and sharing with those of common belief. I hope similar events will become tradition at St. John's so that others may come to know the joy of Christian fellowship. Many thanks to the Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch and the Rev. Layton Zimmer.

- Lisa Perkins.

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## MISSION AT ST. MARY'S

Hugh Kaiser will be the speaker at a mission event entitled *Holy Spirit Power* to be held at and sponsored by St. Mary's Episcopal Church South King Street, Honolulu, on September 19 and 20. The event will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and run from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Lunch will be provided. The following week - Saturday September 30, at 7.00p.m. there will be a Healing Service. All are invited to attend these events.

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## UNITED THANK OFFERING

A United Thank Offering grant of \$35,000 was awarded to St. Stephen's Church, Wahiawa, by the Episcopal Church Women delegates to the Triennial Meeting in Philadelphia in July for the renovation of St. Stephen's kitchen to permit expanded use by the church and the community. At Triennial, \$3,000,000 was given in grants to 125 churches and organizations.

On August 20, the National UTO office mailed each church a "Parish Pak" containing UTO material and supplies available as well as order blanks. This is so that each church may order what it needs to promote and encourage participation in giving thanks through UTO offerings. The Pak is to be given to the church's UTO co-ordinator. Each

church is urged to select dates about six months apart for 1998 Spring and Fall Ingatherings. Convenient Sundays in April and October usually work well. For more information, contact Doris Fleming, the Diocesan UTO Co-ordinator at 808-396-8534.

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## NEED A FUNDRAISER???

An idea for a fundraiser comes from St. Jude's on the Big Island. Peter and Jean Redman raise Protea on their three acre farm in Ocean View. They also manufacture dolls from their surplus dried Protea flowers and from Mac Nuts. The Mac Nut dolls come in the form of people, animals and angels. These dolls are available for parish bazaars and other fund raisers. The dolls may be ordered directly from the Redmans at PO Box 6580, Ocean View, HI 96737, 808 329-6886 or fax 808 939-7001.

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Bishop Chang and Richard Hagermeyer taking a break at General Convention



The new rector of St. Peter's, Honolulu, The Rev. David Pace talking with Ms. Louise Chun and a visitor at his first service

**BISHOP'S SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDED TO JEANAMARIE FISHER**

This year's recipient of the Bishop's Scholarship to Hawaii Pacific University is Jeanamarie Fisher. Each of the churches that founded the University has an opportunity to award a one-year full tuition scholarship a year. Jeanamarie is a member of St. Barnabus' Episcopal Church. She graduated with honors from James Campbell High School in Ewa Beach. In addition to a full load of college preparatory academic courses, Jeanamarie was active in the school marching and concert bands playing tuba and flute. She is also an all round athlete participating on basketball, softball, and powder puff football teams. She swims regularly to get a good cardiovascular work out.

Jeanamarie says, "Don't be fooled by my outward appearance. I like sports and fun but when I make up my mind I'm a very determined person!" Right now Jeanamarie is determined to have a successful college experience and become a physical therapist.

**FR. GORSUCH  
ON OAHU AND  
KAUAI**

**A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS  
CO/SPONSORED BY THE EPISCOPAL  
DIOCESE AND THE  
SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER**

Fr. Gorsuch, an Episcopal priest, has served parishes in Seattle, the Midwest, and Washington D.C. In the late 70's, he experienced a draw to go deeper in his own spiritual journey. He was trained as a spiritual director by the Shalem Institute and also was the Exec. Director of the Center for Spiritual Development in Seattle. He has worked closely with Fr. Thomas Keating, founder of the Centering Prayer movement. He is graduate of Westleyan University and Yale Divinity School, and author of An Invitation to the spiritual journey, published in 1990 by Paulist Press.

**Fri.— SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**  
On Oahu, St. Andrews Cathedral,

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Von Holt Room - Fr. John has developed an evening event focused on the "wellness of the clergy". Beginning at 6pm for a SOCIAL HOUR welcoming clergy from other denominations (heavy pu pu's) served. The workshop, entitled "Exploring Connections with God", will begin at 7pm covering questions such as, What keeps us vital and alive? Cost \$15.

**AT. — SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**  
On Oahu, 9 am — 3 pm - same place. Open to lay and clergy. An all day workshop on inner growth entitled, "An Invitation to the Spiritual Journey" — What draws us to God? What holds us back? Finding our more about what Merton calls the "glorious cosmic dance". Are you keeping "in step"? This day promises to be INSPIRING — STIMULATING and GREAT FUN. Cost \$30. (including lunch) Group and class discounts available. Register for either day by contacting the Spiritual Life Center  
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**SATURDAY — OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>**  
On Kauai - An all day workshop at St. Michael's and All Angels'. Travelers will be able to make arrangements with Fr. Rudinoff for possible overnight housing. Call St. Michael's at 808-245-3796 or E-Mail: janr@aloha.net.

**CAMP  
PECUSA**

Most people on Maui believe "Pecusa" to be the name of a lost Indian tribe but many Episcopalians know it to be an acronym for The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The first Camp Pecusa, started by The Rev. Claud Du Teil, was at Flemming Beach. The campers were housed in big Army Surplus tents. In 1957, the location was moved to Olowalu. Mr. F.F. Baldwin and Mr. Pat Walker negotiated our use of the land at Olowalu for \$1.00/year. The price has gone up over the years but the magnitude of this gift from H. C. & S. is so great as to be immeasurable. Many people have benefited greatly from this camp on the beach for over 40 years. Tents were used for housing the campers for several years until

A-Frame cabins were built in 1962.

The first building on the site was donated by Mr. F.F. Baldwin. He gave one of the WWII Marine Corp. buildings at Puunene and Mr. Sumner, President of Amfac helped facilitate the move. Late one night around 1958 Mr. Louie De Cambra, an employee at H. C. & S. and Mr. Vaughn Morrison, with Mr. Bill Neilson (airport manager) loaded the building onto an H. C. & S. truck and began the journey which necessitated going through the Pali Tunnel. They measured the mass numerous times and found that they would have 2" to spare on each corner if there weren't any rocks protruding from the ceiling of the tunnel. If they were to get caught they would let out air from the tires. If that didn't make passage possible they planned to pull the truck bed away and burn the building down to get it through the tunnel. Fortunately, they made it through with inches to spare and Sumner Hall still functions to this day as kitchen and dining hall space for campers.

The plans were made for the construction of another building. The surveying was done. The footings were dug...the camp as we still know it today, was coming to be. The building where Mr. & Mrs. Norman and Linda Nelson live now was originally a kitchen as well as sleeping quarters. The food had to be transported to the Sumner Dining Hall until the mid-60's when the kitchen was reassembled in the end of Sumner Hall where it is now.

Norman & Linda Nelson have been the camp caretakers since 1982. They have been tremendously supportive of the Episcopal Church - Deanery Camp. Norman had diligently maintained the old buildings. He points out that the Sumner Hall was built from wood which was floated to the Maui shore in salt water. That original wood has resisted termites magnificantly.

The summer camp program is of particular interest to Norman. He can be found year after year participating in the program by leading beach walks at low tide and telling the story of the Olowalu Massacre. In January 1990, Simon Metcalf sailed into

Maui waters and anchored his ship, the Eleanora, off the island at McGregor Point. After several days he noticed that the dory and the man designated to watch over the dory were missing. The belief is that the boat was wanted by the Hawaiians for the metal. In the process of the theft, the man was killed. Meanwhile, Captain Metcalf negotiated with the Hawaiian Chief for the return of both boat and man...the chief agreed and brought the keel of the dory and some bones of the sailor. The Hawaiian Chief must have believed that he was fulfilling Metcalf's request but Metcalf saw it as an insult. In retaliation, Capt. Metcalf called for a "trading day" with the Hawaiians and arranged it to take place at Olowalu. He opened fire on perhaps 200 Hawaiians as they were paddling out to the ship to do their trading. It is believed that 100 Hawaiians perished that day. Nails, bullets and pieces of metal which were shot from the cannons, can be found in the reef to this day. Simon Metcalf left immediately, but his son, Thomas Metcalf, on the ship "Fair American", came to Olowalu a few days later. The Hawaiians killed him and his entire crew except for one man who escaped. The man who escaped was Isaac Davis. He formed an alliance with Kamehameha I and they used the cannon "Lopaka" from the ship "Fair American" in the ensuing battles which brought unity to the Hawaiian Islands.

Camp Pecusa continues to be a living link in a chain of historical events. Last summer, 1996, we were blessed to have several campers who are children/grandchildren of former campers and founders of the camp. The Maui-Molokai Deanery offers and supports a two session summer camp experience for children who want to attend. We provide scholarships making the camp experience available to every child who wants to be there. The cost of \$125.00 per child per week-long session is subsidized by people who donate food, supplies, and talents. The camp is always in need of funding for scholarships. Those who would like to contribute to Camp Pecusa please make checks to: The Episcopal Church Summer Camp, c/o St. John's Episcopal Church, RR2, Box 212, Kula, HI 96790.

- Rev. Heather Meuller-fFitch