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The Right Rev. Richard S.O. Chang will preside at his first diocesan convention as bishop.

NEW FORMAT FOR CONVENTION

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention will take a slightly new format this year. This will be Bishop Chang's first Convention as Bishop of Hawaii. In former years, the Annual Meeting of the Convention started at 5 p.m. on the Friday and continued until Saturday evening. The Convention Banquet was held on the Saturday evening after the business matters were finished. Because of that timing, many of the delegates from the outer islands were unable to attend the banquet, having to return to their parishes for Sunday duties.

This year the Convention will start at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 24, thus allowing much of the business to be completed that day. The banquet will be held on the Friday evening, and it is hoped that this new timing will enable and encourage delegates from the neighbor islands to be present.

It is hoped that this year the business matter will be dealt with in a speedy fashion. At press time, only four resolutions had been submitted for consideration. If there is not too much debate on these, there will be more time for the delegates to unify as a church body.

— Java Sparrow

BISHOP EASTMAN TO BE CONVENTION SPECIAL GUEST ON OCTOBER 24

The annual banquet, Friday evening, October 24, will be graced by a special guest. The Right Reverend A. Theodore Eastman, D.D., L.H.D., Bishop of Maryland (Retired) will be speaking on "The Ministry of the Baptized."

Bishop Eastman, originally from California, graduated from Haverford College, Pa. and the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Ordained in California, Bishop Eastman was the Executive Secretary of the Overseas Mission Society of the Episcopal Church (OMS) for many years. During his assignment with OMS, he served short-term pastorates in Tokyo, Mexico City and Vienna. He served as a consultant to the House of Bishops for a year before returning to parish ministry. He was Rector of the Church of the Mediator, Allentown, Pa. for four years and became rector of St. Alban's Church, Washington, DC in 1973. In 1982 he was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Maryland, becoming Diocesan Bishop in 1986. He retired as Bishop of Maryland in 1994.

Bishop Eastman's ministry has been marked by a continuing concern for the mission and unity of the Christian Church. He served as Vice Chair of the Standing Commission on World Mission, Chair of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and Chair of the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations. His interests in mission and ecumenism have taken him to more than three dozen countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

Bishop Eastman has been active in the field of theological education,

serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Listening Hearts Ministries, and serves on the Chapter of the Washington National Cathedral.

He is the author of many books including: *Christian Responsibility in One World, Chosen and Sent: Calling the Church to Mission, and The Baptizing Community: Christian Initiation and the*

Local Congregation.

In addition to the Banquet, clergy will have the opportunity to hear Bishop Eastman at the Thursday, October 23rd Clergy Conference. Mrs. Eastman joins her husband on this visit and will be speaking to the Episcopal Church Women at the Annual ECW Luncheon Friday, October 24, 1997.

Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting

Register ahead and plan to attend the meeting and luncheon on October 24th.

The day starts at 8 a.m. with registration at Davies Hall, followed by Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 9 a.m., the business meeting, a special awareness skit and luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Sarah Tice Eastman, wife of Bishop Eastman, will be the guest luncheon speaker. The cost is \$7. Registration forms are available at your church office.

Sarah Tice Eastman is a woman of God you will certainly want to meet. Women of the diocese will have the opportunity to meet her at the ECW Annual Meeting. All members of the diocese (no gender discrimination) are welcome to participate in the ECW Luncheon planned for Friday, October 24, at 12:15 p.m., just prior to the opening of the Convention's 29th Annual Meeting. Mrs. Eastman's theme will be "Enlarge the Site of your Tent".

Sarah Virginia Tice married A. Theodore Eastman after completing her B.S. degree in Chemistry at Mount Holyoke College and began a career in cancer research. She changed her career to that of wife and mother while the couple's

three children were young and accompanied her husband as his ministry took the family to many parts of the country.

As their children matured, Ms. Eastman returned to the field of medical research, first at Georgetown University and later at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

During her husband's years as Bishop of Maryland (1982-94), she developed a deep concern for housing for the poor. As a consequence, she became the founding head of Baltimore Housing Ministry, a voluntary agency providing transitional shelter for those in need.

Her interest in horticulture led her to take the initiative in establishing Friends of the Cathedral Gardens, a group responsible for landscaping and maintaining the grounds surrounding the new Diocesan Center in Baltimore.

Currently Ms. Eastman serves on the Board of Listening Hearts Ministries and the Flower Guild of the Washington National Cathedral. In addition to gardening and flower arranging, Ms. Eastman's interests include gourmet cooking, travel and photography.



BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When was the last time that you paused in quiet prayer? When were you last in that holy place of your spirituality finding renewal and refreshment from experiencing the presence of God? How often do we make the effort to walk slowly or sit quietly in God's presence? As we are deluged by preparations for the new school year, by tensions of time management, and by the demands of family, it is important to pause. For me, the opportunity came recently at the deacons' retreat, an unanticipated blessing in my busy schedule.

Last month the deacons of our diocese had a one-day retreat at a beautiful location on Windward, Oahu. For me it was a time of renewal. After seven hours I came away with new energy and a renewed focus on my ministry. The transition point of the day occurred at mid-morning during the forty-five minutes of silence when we could sit, read, journal, or walk. I chose to walk, but not a walk about the grounds of the retreat center. I chose to walk the driveway. It took me nearly forty-five

minutes to traverse this distance of some fifty yards.

This was the first time since my surgery in 1996 that I used a technique learned first as a youngster in aikido training and again at an Alban Institute Spirituality program. It is an exercise to walk in slow motion with controlled breathing. The ideal is for you to walk with controlled breathing while in deep prayer. As you begin your walk, you begin to unburden yourself of everything that you brought with you to the walk. As your mind begins to clear, you begin a prayer or chant. I have often thought of it as "walking tai chi."

I began my walk with a great deal on my mind: the deaths of Lynette Schaefer's mother, Katharine Kennedy, Princess Di and Mother Teresa, preparations for our diocesan convention, family and guests visiting from California, a desk covered with unfinished tasks, to name a few. It had been a very busy week and there was so much

BISHOP'S CALENDAR

OCTOBER

19: St. John's by-the-Sea
26: St. George's

NOVEMBER

2: All Saints'
9: Christ Church
16: St. Christopher's
23: St. Matthew's
30: St. Peter's

DECEMBER

7: Holy Innocents'
14: Holy Nativity
21: St. Thomas'

left undone. I was tired, anxious, and angry as I took my first steps down the driveway. After a few minutes my mind moved from my fatigue and everything that I had brought with me to the retreat. I began to repeat the words of Hymn 310, "O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to us below...." Half-way through the walk

the refrain from Hymn 178, "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord" quietly replaced those words of Hymn 310 and stayed with me until I finished my walk refreshed and renewed.

Living our baptismal covenant is nurtured by disciplined spirituality. Spirituality is an integral part of our Christian lifestyle. There must be intentional "time outs" when we can allow the presence of Christ Jesus to lift the burdens that separate us from God and from people around us. These pauses in prayer can become part of the rhythm of daily schedules: the pause to give thanks before meals....the silence before worship that opens self to God's presence....the time spent meditating upon Holy Scripture.

Pause and come to know the power of God in Christ to refresh and renew.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
+Dick

Hawaiian Asiamerica team hears challenge for ministry

Members of HEPAM attended the twenty-fourth Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry (EAM) National Consultation in Tacoma, Washington on August 11-16, 1997.

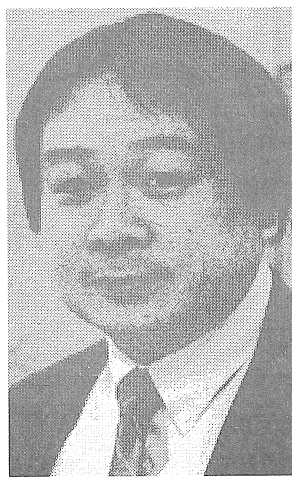
The Consultation in an important part of the national program to enable congregational development, leadership training, and material resource development.

The Most Rev. Bundo Kim, Primate of the Anglican Church in Korea, was a special guest. The Rev. Dr. Winston Ching, officer for Asiamerica Ministry at the Episcopal Church Center, was also present.

Participants with key roles included The Rev. Canon Timoteo Quintero, Convener of the Filipino Convocation, Arthur Kusumoto, EAM Representative to Province VIII and outgoing President of EAM Advocates; Gretchen Y.Y. Jong, co-chairperson of the Leadership Development Workshops; and Darl Kim, Korean language translator at workshops.

Chalice bearers during the daily worship services included The Rev. Imelda Padasdao, The Rev. Ernest Uno, and Gretchen Jong. Also attending were Barbara Cowell, Louise Quintero and Ellen Ching.

Workshops offered were "Lay Ministries" by The Rev. Canon Edmund Der; "Leadership Development I & II" by nine women; "Stewardship" by Mrs. Pamela Tang, The Rev. Canon Benjamin Pao and Ms. Terry Parsons from the Episcopal Church Center; and "Parish Administration" by The Venerable Michael Kendall.



Winston Ching

There were three evening teaching missions held at St. John's, Olympia; Holy Family, Tacoma and St. Peter's, Seattle. Concrete suggestions, powerfully moving experiences and challenges to ministering into the next millennium were presented by the speakers: The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy (Hearing), The Rev. Dr. Fred Vergara (Preparing & Commissioning) and The Rev. Joseph

Mai (Responding). At the last worship service following the homily on Commissioning, every participant was presented with a wooden cross by a convocation convener.

A very exciting development occurred as "THE EAM WOMEN" was officially formed. Maria Ridgeway served as a facilitator for this movement. The new leaders are Fran Toy, Gretchen Jong and Harriet Kollin. The women are working on a leadership development manual which would be especially helpful in Asian communities. They will send several representatives to the Council for Women's Ministries meeting on October 2-5, 1997 in San Bernadino.

The EAM Youth and Young Adults had a very successful conference the week before the Consultation. Joshua De La Cruz, Caren Walsh and Amy Tamura were participants at the conference.

The Rev. Imelda Padasdao, HEPAM Convener, invites interested Episcopalians to attend HEPAM meetings. Please call The Rev. Imelda Padasdao or The Rev. Ernest Uno for further information.

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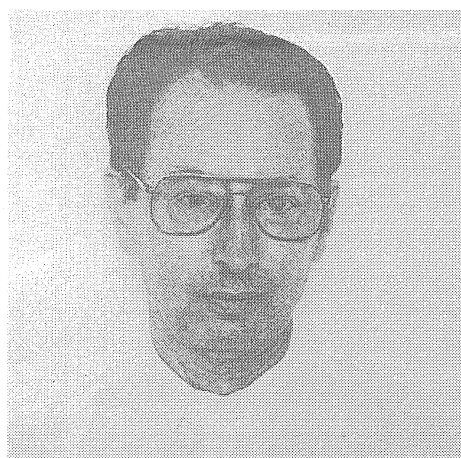
STANDING COMMITTEE - LAY



Wallace L. Doty: Holy Apostles' Church. Member of the Vestry, Deanery Representative to Diocesan Council, Assoc. Representative Ka'u Soil & Water Conservation District, Treasurer Pacific Rim Resource Conservation & Development Council.

"Being in good health, I feel that I still have something of value to offer the Diocese and would like to serve for another term on the Standing Committee. There is still much work to be done regarding EHH and I would like to serve as part of that process." ■

STANDING COMMITTEE - CLERGY



Donor Macneice: Christ Memorial /St. Thomas' Churches. Member of Diocesan Council 1994-1997, Co-Chair - Bishop Search Committee, Deputy to General Convention 1997, Chair - Communications Department.

"I would like to serve the Diocese on the Standing Committee. I feel that experience I gained from the positions in which I have served the Church, both within the Diocese and outside, will be of great benefit to serving the Diocese further." ■

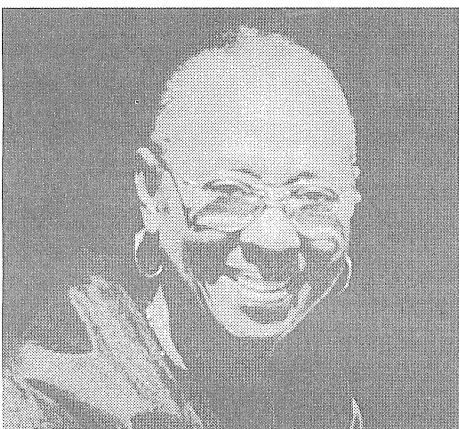
DIOCESAN COUNCIL - LAY

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Martha B. Laxon: St. Clement's Church. Diocesan Convention Delegate 1996-1998, Vestry Member

1993-1995, Treasurer - Women of St. Clement's 1989-1992, Co-Director Sun School, St. Clement's 1983-1984.

"I would look forward to working with others at the Diocesan level to serve the Episcopal Church community, particularly in furthering its mission and relevance in our larger community in Hawaii. I would hope mutually to translate parish and Diocesan concerns for a greater commonality." ■



Bettye Jo Harris: St. Christopher's Church. President Standing Committee, former Senior Warden, St. Christopher's, Member of Justice, Peace & Integrity Committee of Executive Council, Deputy General Convention 1997, former chair Board of Health, State of Hawaii.

"I would like to serve on the Diocesan Council because I bring commitment, experience and the belief that God is challenging us to be faithful stewards to his call for service. He wants us to seek peace, be compassionate and work toward justice for all. I believe I am called to help make a difference in the life of the Diocese as we plan for the millennium." ■



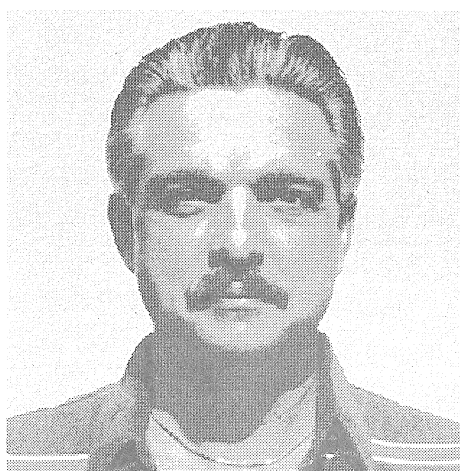
Adrienne S. King: St. Andrew's Cathedral. Diocesan Council 2 years (Secretary), Bishop's Advisory Committee on EHH, Special Diocesan Council Committee on EHH, Member of Cathedral Chapter 5 years.

"I would be greatly honored to be allowed to serve this Diocese for a full three-year term. I believe my experience in the resolution of various EHH matters would provide insight in resolving unfinished EHH business and its related consequences in the still very challenging years ahead." ■



Barbara E. Longo: St. Mary's Church. Secretary East Oahu Deanery, Deanery Representative to the Board of Diocesan Institute, Committee Member for Clergy-Spouse Special Programs, Advisor Oahu Youth Ministry & St. Mary's Youth Education.

"As an Executive Member of Cursillo Secretariat in Oregon, I was both servant and leader, greatly enriched by the training and process of governing. Participation, planning and making a contribution to the growth and stability of our church in Hawaii will be, I pray, in serving on the Diocesan Council." ■



James D. Putnam: St. George's Church. Member of the Bishop's Committee, Immediate Past Dean West Oahu Deanery, Deanery Representative to Diocesan Council, Past President, Board of Directors "Parents and Children Together."

"I desire to continue the strong fiscal leadership to resolve financial impacts of EHH, reduce burdens on parishes, and free money for programs. I bring a solid management background, a focus on

parish and mission needs based in prayer to the Council." ■

DIOCESAN COUNCIL - CLERGY



Imelda S. Padasdao: St. Paul's Chapel. Member Hawaii Episcopal Pacific Asiaministry (Convener 1996-present), Former Member Diocesan Council, Member Department of Congregational Development, Member Bangui-Pagudpud Organization.

"I have been in the Diocese for twenty years as a lay person and clergy. I have served in the church in various positions and I want to continue serving the Diocese and give an ethnic balance to the Diocese." ■

MARTHA HO HONORED



Mrs. Martha Ho was Hawaii's Honored Woman at Triennial 1997 in Philadelphia. Every Diocese nominated one person.

Mrs. Ho is a member of St. Peter's Church where she served as President of the Women, on the Vestry, Altar Guild and Lay Reader. She is also Diocesan Director for the Church Periodical Club — a position in which she has served for over 25 years. Mrs. Ho has been a delegate to Triennial many times. An active member in the Kahalou Senior Group, she is also an officer for Ahahui Kaahumanu, a Hawaiian benevolent society.

Four resolutions submitted to Convention for consideration

At the time of going to press, four resolutions have been submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention later this month.

Resolution #1: "Community Correctional Centers Concerns Committee" (Submitted by the Kauai Deanery).

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Diocese form and fund the Community Correctional Centers Concerns Committee.

RATIONALE: Our Lord commanded that we be concerned about those incarcerated in our communities. The needs are great. We should at least be providing Bibles and other religious material to those in jail.

Resolution #2: "Change to Canon 2.8" (Submitted by All Saints' Vestry).

BE IT RESOLVED, That Canon 2.8 be changed to read - "...provided, however, that the lay delegates representing such delinquent Parish or Mission may be admitted to seats and votes upon the payment in full of such existing delinquency, or...."

RATIONALE: Canon 2.8 currently provides that Parishes and Missions are delinquent if assessment is not paid by the end of the fiscal year and as a result can only be given seat and vote when the assessment is paid and the convention votes them in. This year All Saints' issued the check for the year end payment on December 31 and sent the check to the Diocese but it was not received until January 6. The treasurer stated that we are delinquent and do not have seat and voice at convention this year

until voted in. This is wrong! We too have cash flow problem. We made a good faith effort and we are being penalized for it.

Resolution #3: "Compensation Schedules for 1998" (Submitted by Diocesan Compensation Review Committee).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clergy Compensation Schedule for parochial clergy for 1998 shall be identical to the 1997 clergy compensation schedule. However, we urge all congregations to consider incremental annual increase within each range.

RATIONALE: The above is the resolution that is required of the Diocesan Compensation Review Committee under Diocesan Canon 38, Sections 1 and 5.

Under the current economic situation in the State of Hawaii, for the fourth year, we cannot in good conscience raise the established salary range, by a mandatory percentage increase across the board. However, Vestries and Bishop's Committees are urged to look at incremental increases based on active years of services in the church within the salary ranges established by Convention.

Resolution #4: "Convention Schedule". (Submitted by the Maui-Molokai Deanery).

BE IT RESOLVED, The Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church in Hawaii be held on Friday evening and during the day on Saturday on the designated week-end.

RATIONALE: Many people have expressed concern about the need to be away from their work places on Friday. Some people may be eliminated from being present at Convention because of their work schedules; the representation may not be as diverse as it otherwise could be. Some people have to make financial sacrifices from loss of wages which could be avoided with another schedule. The Convention resolution can give the body an opportunity to put the issue to a vote.

UNITED THANK OFFERING FALL INGATHERING NOV. 9

The Fall United Thank Offering Ingathering is scheduled for November 9, 1997. All parish co-ordinators and/or clergy have received a parish pack of samples of new materials from the National UTO office.

Application forms for 1998 grants will be available at the end of October from Lucille Tamura, Diocesan Program Officer. Completed forms should be submitted to the Diocesan Office by December 31 1997 to allow time for review and a change if needed.

— Doris Fleming

Bishop John S. Spong lectures on Oahu, Kauai

The Right Rev. John Shelby Spong, Bishop of Newark, came to Hawaii on a visit from August 25-31, sponsored jointly by the largest and smallest congregations in the Diocese - St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu and St. Thomas' Church, Hanalei. While on Oahu, the Bishop gave a lecture on his latest book "Liberating the Gospels" to a full attendance in the Tenney Theater, following which there was an interesting period of questions for the Bishop from some of those present.

During his three-day visit to

Kauai, Bishop Spong and Mrs. Spong were welcomed at a lunch by the Mayor - The Honorable Mrs. Maryanne Kusaka, and Fire Chief David Sproat. Later he attended a book-signing session at Border's Bookstore in Lihue where he also gave a talk to the people. In the evening the Bishop gave a lecture at St. Michael & All Angels' Church in Lihue, and on Sunday August 31, he preached to an overflow congregation at St. Thomas' Church in Hanalei.



The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong and Mrs. Spong (back row center) with members of the congregation of St. Thomas Church, Hanalei.

JUST A NOTE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Staff of the Chronicle would appreciate it if contributors to this paper submit materials as early as possible for each issue. If articles arrive at the last minute, they may not be included due to lack of space.

Thought for the month

The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.

—John Ruskin