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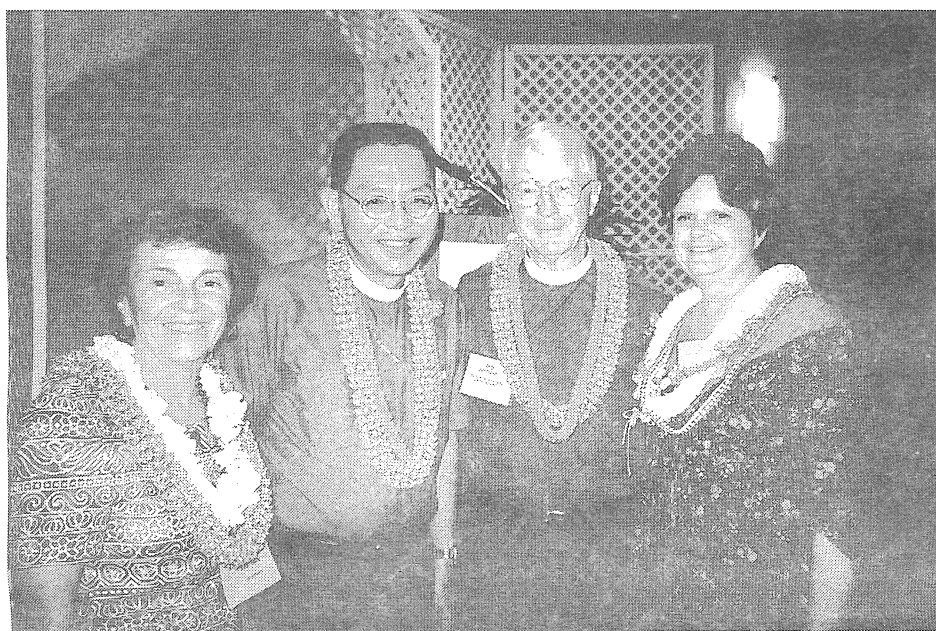
## DIOCESAN CONVENTION THE BIGGEST FOR MANY YEARS

The 28th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention met in Honolulu on the 24th and 25th October. It was the biggest gathering at a Convention of this Diocese for quite a number of years. On other years, the Convention started on Friday evening with the banquet taking place at the close of the Convention on the Saturday evening. This year with the opening of the proceedings early on Friday, the banquet was held that evening at the Ala Moana Hotel. Some two hundred and seventy-five people from all over the diocese gathered for the event - to socialize and to hear the guest speaker, The Right Rev. Ted Eastman, Retired Bishop of Maryland address the assembled throng on the subject of baptism. Mrs. Eastman, had earlier in the day been the guest speaker at the Episcopal Church Women's Luncheon.

Bishop Chang - attending a Convention of the Diocese of Hawaii for the first time as Bishop of Hawaii, addressed a full attendance at the opening Liturgy in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The theme of this year's Convention was "The Baptismal Covenant" and in his address to the delegates, Bishop Chang dwelt on this subject. "For the church, the community of the baptized", he said, "our symbol has been, is, and will always be the cross of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior. .... Throughout the history of the church the cross has been a sign worn by the baptized with pride and in faith, even unto death."

Bishop Chang continued, "I believe the forebearers of our Diocese, Queen Emma, Kamehameha IV, and Bishop Thomas Staley, recognized the importance of the cross as the symbol and sign of our faith and identity as the people of God in Hawaii when the motto of our diocese was adopted. 'He Lanakila Ma Ke Kea', translated as 'Victory through the Cross', or 'Triumph through the Cross', proclaims a Gospel of Hope. The Cross of St. Andrew symbolizes dedication and servanthood ministry of our Queen Emma, Kamehameha IV and Bishop Staley. The cross of Jesus Christ was to be the symbol of hope and reconciliation for the people of Hawaii, not the sign of shame and secular domination of Roman Imperialism.



The Right Rev. Richard Chang, Bishop of Hawaii and Mrs. Chang (right) with The Right Rev. Ted Eastman & Mrs. Eastman at the Convention Banquet

Dealing with the much discussed issue of the EHH (Episcopal Homes of Hawaii), Bishop Chang said "For some, EHH has been and continues to be symbolic of their Wilderness journey. Like the tribes of Israel they search for the Promised Land where the loan will be repaid, assessments reduced, programs fully funded and the Diocese emerges triumphant over our enemies who would keep us from the 'land flowing with milk and honey'". "For others", he continued, "it has been their Babylonian Exile. It has been a time of separation from the community of the baptized. There is a sense of alienation and hurt. EHH has made them outcasts from the church they love.....They long to return. They seek restoration. They long to sing again the Lord's song. And yet, they wonder if they will find welcome. The Exodus lasted forty years. The Babylonian Exile was longer. EHH has been with us since 1994, nearly four years. How much longer will the Exodus and Exile of EHH keep us from the freedom to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ?"

"Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, as your bishop, let me say to you that it is time for our diocese to move forward. It is time to move beyond EHH...time to 'Hele on'...Imua! We cannot continue to live in the past as captives and exiles of EHH. It is time to recapture the cross as the symbol of our mission and ministry and move forward as the community of the baptized. The cross of Jesus Christ must replace EHH as the standard and beacon in our diocese."

Dealing with the subject of reconciliation, Bishop Chang went on to explain that during the past year he had engaged in per-

sonal negotiations and conversations which he hoped would lead to settlements. "It is important to me," the Bishop said, "to remember that it is Christ Jesus who calls all of us to this ministry of reconciliation and healing....It starts with us right here in the Cathedral. We must restore the cross of Jesus Christ as the symbol of victory, hope and faith in our individual lives and in our communities of faith."

Moving on to Christian Education, the Bishop said that faithfulness based on the cross of Christ gives us the freedom and vision to reprioritize programs of our Diocese, such as a new understanding of the importance of Christian Formation for all members of our diocese. "I have renamed the Christian Education Committee to be the Committee on Christian Formation", Bishop Chang said. "Whether five or seventy-five, we are always in formation as we live the baptismal covenant and strengthen our faithful relationship with Jesus Christ."

Turning to the the subject of young people in the church, Bishop Chang said we must give priority to our ministry to, with and for young adults in our church and in our communities. "We can risk to listen to their ideas," he said, "and share the governance of the church with these younger members of our community. We must develop a new strategy for Campus Ministry for our diocese and not limit our understanding of campus ministry to a building called Canterbury House on Metcalf Street in Manoa. We must be will to develop budgetary funding for these ministries of presence even when we cannot be guaranteed fifty confirmations a year."

Concluding his address to the delegates, Bishop Chang asked "Will EHH continue to be the symbol of parochialism and alienation for us? Or, will the Cross of Christ be the sign of triumph and transformation for our diocese in the year ahead? "My vision for 1998," he said, "is that 'He Lanakila Ma Ke Kea' will be our way of life as we are transformed by the power of God, upheld by our faith in the Risen Christ, and creatively discern the new possibilities and challenges in mission and ministry."

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### DIOCESAN CONVENTION ELECTION RESULTS

**Diocesan Council - Lay:** (3-year term) Bettye Jo Harris, Adrienne King, Jim Putnam, Linda Sproat, John Tam. (1-year term) Barbara Longo

**Diocesan Council - Clergy:** (3-year term) The Rev. Imelda Padasdao and The Rev. Lynette Schaeffer

**Standing Committee - Lay:** (4-year term) Annette Jim. (2-year term) Wallace L. Doty **Clergy:** (4-year term) The Rev. Joseph Carr

**St. Andrew's Cathedral Chapter - Lay** (2-year term) Loreen Chong. **Clergy** (2-year term) The Rev. Allison Dingley

**Ecclesiastical Court - Lay:** Pearl Nishimura

**Convention Secretary:** Pat Osgood

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### JUST A NOTE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today I sit in my office preparing for my first convention as bishop with less anxiety than a year ago. Bishop and Mrs. Eastman arrive tomorrow and everything is in pace. But that was not true last year. Dee and I arrived from New York on October 13, and were caught up in the hectic preparations for a convention that I was to chair as bishop-elect. A few decisions had yet to be made, and were awaiting the arrival of the bishop-elect. In addition to the uncertainties of our transition, I had never sat in the chair for such a gathering. Our only comfort was knowing that our household goods had arrived and that Jack Lockwood would be sitting to my left as parliamentarian as convention began.

This year Dee and I returned from Europe on October 13 from a "working vacation" of visiting friends, celebrating and preaching, and attending the annual meeting of the Convention of the American Churches in Europe. Less than 18 hours later we were at the meeting of the Convention Plans Committee hearing about the final details for the Annual Meeting of our Convention. The Committee had done its work, and all I had to do was finish my convention address and "show up" for the opening service.

The Plans Committee composed of lay and clerical members had been living the theme of our convention, "the Ministry of the Baptized" as they prepared for the annual meeting. Each member brought a variety of ministry skills and perspectives that served the work of the committee in registration, resolutions and menus, to name a few of their tasks. Because of their ministry, we were all prepared for

our convention. I could take a vacation in early October and be well rested for our annual meeting.

At Convention we anticipate hearing from Bishop Ted Eastman, Retired Bishop of Maryland, about our ministry as baptized persons. We will be reminded that through our baptism we have been called to a place of comfort and discomfort to seek and serve Christ in all people. We have been called to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. We have been called to resist evil, to repent, and to return to the Lord. We have been called to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. We have been called to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves. We have been called to strive for justice and peace among all people and to respect the dignity of every human being.

In Advent we prepare for the Incarnation, the coming of the Christ Child, in whose ministry we share through our baptism. Consider using this Advent Season as a time for self-examination reflection on your ministry as a baptized member of your community of faith. How do daily life experiences provide you with new opportunities to exercise ministry? What is my ministry in the community outside the church and how does it reflect living the baptismal covenant? John the Baptist's ministry prepared for the coming of the Christ. Might our ministry prepare the way for the coming of Christ into the lives of those around us?

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
+Dick

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## BISHOP GILLIAM TO BE ASSISTANT BISHOP OF HAWAII

Towards the close of the Diocesan Convention, Bishop Chang surprised all those present by announcing that he would be appointing The Right Reverend Jackson Gilliam, Retired Bishop of Montana, as Assistant Bishop of Hawaii.

Bishop Gilliam came to the Diocese of Hawaii as Interim of the mission parish of St. Jude's on the Big Island of Hawaii, when he retired as Bishop of Montana. After a six-month period at St. Jude's, Bishop Gilliam returned to the mainland, only to be recalled to St. Jude's a short time later and has served as Vicar of that parish for almost a decade. Bishop Gilliam is a popular figure in the Diocese of Hawaii, and this was shown by the standing ovation he received when Bishop Chang announced the appointment.

## BISHOP'S CALENDAR

### 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'

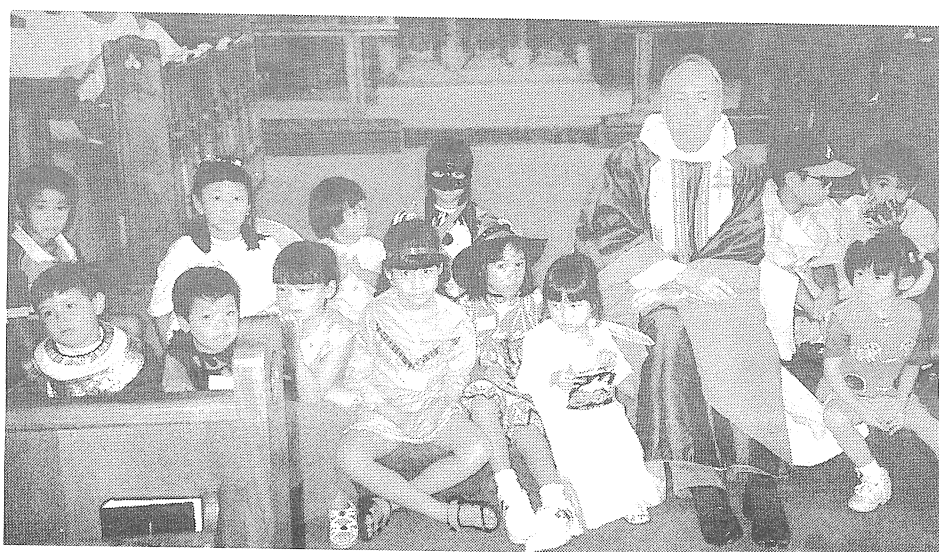
### JANUARY

18 Waikiki Chapel

## NOW IT IS "DR. CHANG"

Not many people heard about it, but our Bishop was in California for a few days after our Convention. It wasn't for a vacation, but rather for a very special purpose. The Church Divinity School of the Pacific conferred on the Bishop the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

The citation for the conferring says: "Given Dick's long and faithful service to his home diocese, it was no surprise that the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii called a native Son to serve as the fourth bishop of the diocese and the tenth bishop in the Hawaiian Islands. Dick was ordained and consecrated on January 4, 1997, making him the first Chinese-American Bishop in the Episcopal Church."



## ST. PETER'S ALIVE!

On the last Sunday of October, St. Peter's Church came alive with a vengeance!! The day was planned as a "Homecoming Festival" in connection with their Stewardship Campaign.

Invitations were sent out to all parishioners in advance, inviting them to "come home", and they had planned - in the words of Mrs. Gretchen Y.Y. Jong - "a cheery liturgy, lively music, friendly greeters and great food". What more could you have to entice people to return?

The day started early, when members of the church arrived at 7.30 to start putting up decorations, and seeing to all the last minute chores that had to be done before the start of the celebrations. All the effort and work put in to the project certainly was not in vain. Two hundred people - members and friends - responded to the Rector's invitation to welcome each other at the very beginning of the worship service.

After the service there were competition and prizes for the best Hallowe'en costume for the children, and for the best pumpkin. There were contests and prizes for whomever was the oldest, the youngest, or who came the longest distance, has the largest family group present, as well as the most grandchildren. It was a wonderful day with so many wonderful people lending a hand to make it a success. St. Peter's certainly "came alive" that day.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Most people say that as you get old, you have to give up things. I think that you get old because you give up things.*

- Theodore Francis Green

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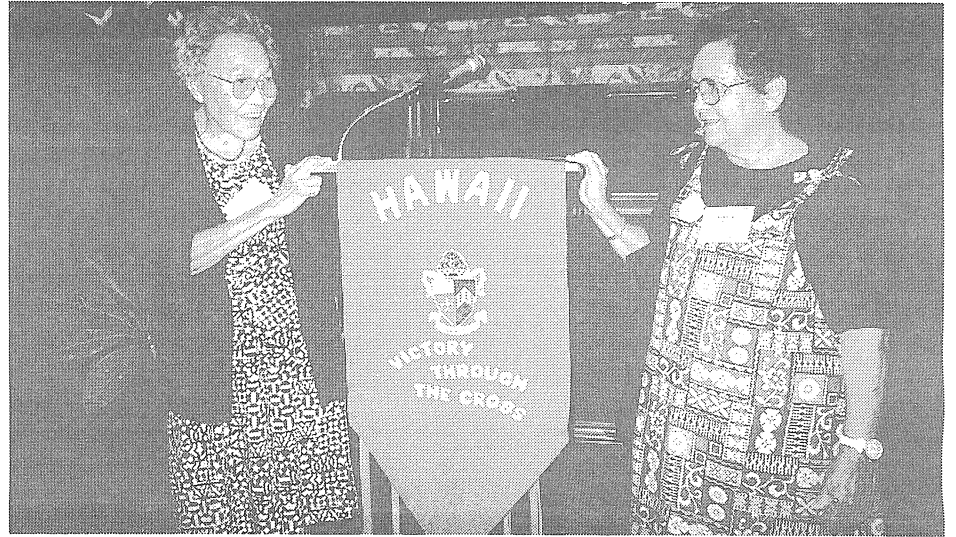
*In between the sessions of the Convention, some of the delegates took the opportunity to relax in the grounds of the Cathedral*



*The delegates from St. Jude's Church on the Big Island showing with glee, the gifts of jam that were given to delegates by the members of the Japanese-American Ministry (JAM)*



*Some of the senior members of the Diocese who received awards for long service to the church from the Episcopal Ministry on Ageing*



*Gertrude Tyau and Martha Ho with a banner made some time ago by the Diocesan Altar Guild. They brought out the banner following Bishop Chang's address to the Convention*

### ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY

St. Barnabas' Church, Kapolei, was born on the First Sunday of Advent in 1957. Ten families had petitioned Bishop Harry S. Kennedy for a church home in the Ewa area. The first services were held at the Puuloa Rifle Range with The Rev. Arthur Ward officiating. Four decades, three churches, and twelve Vicars later, St. Barnabas' continues to grow spiritually despite the lack of church property. In 1993, the congregation voted to sell our property in Ewa Beach and establish a new mission site in the "New Second City" of Kapolei. The Rev. John Connell, Vicar since 1985, led his flock "into the wilderness" of housing development, mall construction, and school expansion.

Every Sunday, the Holy Spirit transforms the cafeteria of Makakil Elementary School into a hallowed sanctuary. Fr. John and Carol Connell's home functions as the Parish Hall. St. Barnabas' reaches out to the surrounding community through FoodBank support, assistance to military and local families, and other special outreach events during the years.

On Saturday, November 29, 1997, St. Barnabas' will celebrate the ministries the Lord has given to it, and on Sunday November 30, the members of the congregation will recommit themselves to their mission in the Ewa Plain - to nurture, worship and serve through Christ.

The Anniversary will be celebrated with a Luau in Kapolei on November 29 from 5.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. Music provided by the "Nalu Hoe" Trio will be heard during the dinner from 5.00p.m. - 7.00p.m. The post-dinner program, for which the Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Norm Nutter, former Senior Warden, will include highlights of "st. B's" history in the Ewa Plain. Guests of Honor will include former Vicars of the Church as well as as founding members of the mission.

It is hoped that friends of the diocese will join the congregation for the celebration and share their memories of St. Barnabas' over the years. The suggested donation for tickets is \$10.00 for children ten years of age and under, and \$20.00 for others. (No cost for children under two). Please contact Shauna Jones at 808-674-1454 for further information and to purchase tickets.

### ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, HANAIEI THANKSGIVING DINNER

As one of their outreach programs, St. Thomas' Church, Hanalei will be providing a Thanksgiving Dinner for over two hundred homeless and hungry people on Thanksgiving Day.

Joining forces with St. William's Roman Catholic Church and the Waioli Church, the members will be giving up most of their own Thanksgiving Day to cook, prepare and serve a full dinner for those who are unable to afford such a special meal on Thanksgiving Day. The dinner will be served from the kitchen of the Wiaoli church from 11.0a.m. - 1.00p.m. Many people who are not even members of St. Thomas' Church have offered to donate food and other items that will be needed to make the occasion a success.

The North Shore of Kauai is often said to have more homeless people than any other part of the island. It is intended that this project is the first of what will become an annual event.

### NEW CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

There have two new appointments among the clergy in the Diocese just recently.

The Rev. Carol Arney, Assistant at St. Michael & All Angel's, Lihue, has been called to be Rector of Christ Church, Kealahou, on the Big Island. Ms. Arney has been Assistant at St Michael's since 1995. During her time there she founded the Martha and Mary House in Lihue - a House for Women's programs and for those needing assistance. Ms. Arney graduated from Sewanee University.

In Honolulu, the Rev. Canon Kay F. Johnson has accepted the call as Canon Pastor at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Canon Johnson comes from the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, where she has been Canon for Pastoral Care at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



## THE REVEREND ED. BONSEY HONORED

The Rev. Ed. Bonsey may have retired from full-time priestly duties in the Episcopal church, but in another sense he is far from retired.

Recently Father Bosney was named COUNTY OF HAWAII'S OUTSTANDING OLDER AMERICAN FOR 1997.

Father Bonsey works as a volunteer with the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, and has done so for the past four years. In his college years, he majored in geology, and now while assisting the staff librarian, he is able to access and research any of the materials at the library to increase his own understanding of the volcanic processes. Fr. Bonsey also provides orientation tours of the biological and archaeological sites in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park for volunteers and new staff members.

In addition to his work at the National Park, Father Bonsey of the Hawaii Natural History Association's Board of Directors. In this volunteer position, he helps set the budget for the organization, determining the distribution of over \$300,000 in donations that go to support five national park sites on two islands. As if that did not keep him sufficiently busy, Father Bonsey is also active in the Peanut Butter Ministry. Twice a week he helps distribute the food and feed the hungry of Hilo.....a job that includes washing dishes and cleaning tables.

Congratulations to Father Bonsey on this well-deserved honor.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 14-15	Diocesan Council Retreat
Nov. 21-23	Sr. High Retreat, Kilauea Military Camp
Nov. 22	EMOA Workshop, Big Island
Dec. 19	ECW Christmas Luncheon
Dec. 20	HEY Board Meeting
Jan. 30	Non-Parochial Clergy Reports Due
Feb. 2	Parochial Reports Due
Feb. 7	Vestry/Bishop's Comm/Treasurer's Workshop
Feb. 13	Certificate of Elections due
Feb. 14-16	Clergy Spouse Conference
Feb. 20-22	Happening X
Feb. 28	Stewardship Conference
March 2	Diocesan Council Grant Requests Due
March 6-8	Junior High Retreat
March 14	Mission/CDD/FRED Grant Meeting

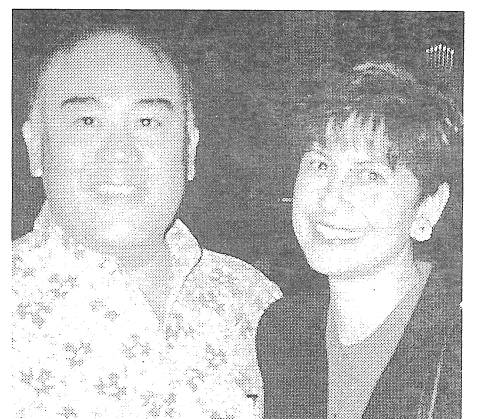
### UTO GRANT APPLICATIONS:

The application forms are ready for distribution. Harriette Kaleiupu (Epiphany) is currently the UTO Chair for our Diocese. Diocesan deadline is December 31, 1997.

Please call Lucille Tamura at the Diocesan Office - 808-536-7776 ext.105, for your packet.



Marie Elersarke and her husband Gil



Tiare Ono and her husband Raymond

## DO YOU KNOW THEM?

Those who spend a lot of time in and out of the Diocesan Office in Honolulu know everyone there, and indeed take it for granted that everyone else knows everyone as well. It came as quite a surprise to me, when at the Convention this year one person from a neighbouring island asked who were the two ladies standing beside the stage and presenting leis. When I told the person that they were Marie Elersarke, our Diocesan Administrative Assistant, and Tiare Ono, the Bishop's Secretary, the person was amazed. "Is that what they look like? They are sharp." was the comment! So I came to the obvious conclusion that there must be many people around the Diocese who do not know the Diocesan Staff. Hence this little article....to introduce you to them as we go along from issue to issue.

As Marie and Tiare were the ones originally mentioned, I start with them - much to their embarrassment. They are what is known as the "Outside Girls" because their working territory is in the front Office, although someone has referred to them as "The Spice Girls" That isn't because they sing their way around the office, but rather because they combine between them a tremendous amount of talent that "spices-up" the office and the ability of everyone else to get work done.

Marie gives the impression of being the quiet one of the pair. Not always a true assumption. She has a lively and quick sense of humour and an infectious laugh. Many people wonder how she manages to get done all that she has to do, and most days you will find her in the office long after the office itself has closed. Sometimes it is because she is waiting for her husband Gil to come and pick her up, but at other times it is just because there is work to be done. In spite of the fact that she might have a full load of work, one thing is a "given" - and that is that Marie always seems to have time to stop whatever it is she is doing to help anyone who needs help.

Tiare is the newcomer to the office, and if Marie gives the impression of being the "quiet one", then Tiare gives the impression of being the "cool" one. Regardless of the time or the volume of work, when you talk to Tiare she never fails to respond without a smile - a smile that says volumes in itself. With just a look, Tiare will be able to tell you she is "somewhat busy" at the moment, about to have lunch, or "can it wait till tomorrow?" Like Marie, Tiare also has a great sense of humour, and when she laughs - which is almost all the time, she has a loud and melodious laugh which reminds me of the song of my cousin the Song Thrush. She is the ultimate in efficiency, and in addition lends a certain air of serenity to the office.

- Java Sparrow



Griswold meets staff in New York as first step in transition (97-1960)  
Presiding Bishop-elect Frank T. Griswold III enters the Episcopal Church Center in New York as the transition process begins for the 25th presiding bishop. Griswold was introduced to the staff and began work on selecting members of the interim standing committees for the next triennium. (Episcopal News Service photo by James E. Solheim)



David Sproat and Stanton Pa raising a "smoke" during the recent Huli-Huli Chicken sale at Christ Memorial Church.