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Trinity-by-the-Sea's Mortgage Fund a Success

At the meeting Diocesan Council in January, Trinity by-the-Sea via their Rector, the Rev. Morley Frech, presented to Bishop Chang a check in the amount of \$ 98,000. This sizeable check represented the balance owed to the First Hawaiian Bank by Trinity-by-the-Sea on its mortgage.

For the congregation which has been working hard on reducing this debt over the years, this big step forward was just a beginning. The congregation has begun a serious thrust toward achieving financial stability by April 1st of this year!

This tremendous effort on the part of the members of the congregation, all began with a challenge by Bishop Chang to the Vestry last Fall. At that time, the Vestry devised a plan which was put in place. As a start to the whole plan, one family came forward and made an initial gift of \$ 5,000.

The generous initial gift began the "Trinity Mortgage Fund". A thermometer was erected outside the church building and week by week the thermometer mercury grew as members of the congregation watched the progress of the Fund. Gifts great and small arrived in the church office. These gifts came in all forms. Checks, stocks, other securities were given to make this dream become a reality.

Trinity-by-the-Sea still has a way to go, before it is completely out of debt, but this first check for \$98,000 which was handed to Bishop Chang in January was a great start, and a big morale booster to the members of the congregation.

In view of the encouraging way the Fund has taken off, it is the fervent hope of the Rector and the members Vestry of Trinity-by-the-Sea that the church will be debt-free by Easter Day!

Congratulations to this church and it's members.

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In January, the Bishop and Mrs. Chang travelled to Kenilworth, Illinois, where Bishop Chang ordained to the priesthood, The Rev. Elizabeth Butler - who had been sponsored by St. Andrew's Cathedral - at the Church of the Holy Comforter. The picture above shows The Rev. Elizabeth Butler (center) after the service with (from left to right) Mrs. Ann Knight, Miss Pamela Junge, Mr. Mac Butler, Bishop Chang, Mrs. Chang and The Rev. Karen Swanson.

Shall We Talk?

Joan Rivers made the phrase "Shall we talk" a trade-mark phrase of her TV Show some years ago. She would use the question whenever a guest on her show was likely to provide some interesting information if a certain subject was pursued. It was a guaranteed "lead-in".

When e-mail became so popular a couple of years ago, The Rev. Frank Cowell did a great job in setting up the "episcopal@aloha.net" network. This joined together - initially - most of the island clergy who were on the internet, and then as time went on, many lay folk joined in too. The idea was that communication would be made easier between people in this wide-spread Diocese.....and so it did.

Not being a great lover of computers, I was decidedly reticent at first in using this method of communication, but then as time went on I became brave, and had myself connected on to other similar church networks. Now every day, I receive - and become part of - interesting conversations and discussions from as far away as England, Kenya, Ireland, Malaysia and Hong Kong. As well as being fun, it is also

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Good Attendance at Vestry/Bishop's Committee Workshop

February seventh was the day when ninety-one members from twenty-nine parish and mission Vestries or Bishop's Committees, together with nine "Faculty" members participated in the Vestry/Bishop's Committee workshop sponsored by the Diocesan Institute. The workshop was divided into three levels. One was for newcomers to the workshop, while the other two were designed for people who had attended previous workshops. All three levels attended the opening Eucharist at which the Celebrant was Bishop Chang and the Preacher was Bishop Gilliam. After the service and a short break, Bishop Chang introduced the workshop and spoke words of welcome. Lucille Tamura gave some necessary house-keeping details, after which The Rev. Marilyn Watts spoke with enthusiasm and humor on "The Spiritual life of Church Leaders".

Level 3 heard a presentation with an intriguing title: "How do you get out of

this Chicken Outfit". by Dean Peter Courtney. Then followed "Practicing the Circular Model" presented by "Women of Vision" Gretchen Y.Y. Jong, Geri Tom and Janet Goff. The Rev. Lee Kiefer met with Level 2 and dealt with the theme: *Systems and Leadership*. Meanwhile, Level 1 met with Bishops Chang and Gilliam and the Chancellor, Jack Lockwood. Bishop Chang spoke on the Organization Structure of the Episcopal Church while the Chancellor dealt with "The Canonical Responsibility of Leaders". Bishop Gilliam dealt with "Models of Vestry/Bishop' Committees" by dividing the group into clusters to share their Vestry organization and experience. He followed this with "Dealing with Conflict" by appointing a Vestry and Wardens and described a situation posing a potentially very divisive and bitter conflict. The vestry diffused this - proving they had listened to the Bishop's earlier short lecture!!

General opinion? - A great workshop!!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential.

- Liane Cardes



BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; by reading and meditating on God's holy word."

These words from the Exhortation in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy have had a different meaning and significance each time that I have recited them or heard them read. On each occasion a specific word or phrase jumped out and seemed to gain new and special meaning. Often it was dependent upon the particular self-discipline that I planned to undertake during the forty days of Lent. The exhortation became the clarion call and encouragement to be diligent in reading my special book or in undertaking my Lenten "resolutions". In contrast, physical fatigue and the health of my spiritual life, were factors that often influenced how I heard and read the exhortation. At those services, the exhortation was experienced as another "thing" on an already too busy schedule. It was a reminder to an already fatigued body and mind of those additional services and activities associated with Lenten observances. These words were my mirror of a cluttered and fragmented prayer life resulting in too many meetings, appointments, or extended travel commitments.

However, this past Ash Wednesday was a different experience for me at the Cathedral. No single word or phrase of the Exhortation seemed to be more important than another. It was simply and invitation to observe a

holy Lent in its wholeness. Self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, reading and meditation seemed to be only elements of keeping a holy Lent. No one thing stood out. As I have reflected upon how I heard these familiar words, I feel that it was the result of how I viewed the Epiphany Season. For me it was a season that continually reaffirmed the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah for all people. Each of the Eucharist readings for Epiphany boldly proclaimed that Jesus is the Messiah, reinforcing the Epiphany theme rather than calling attention to the specific.

Keeping a holy Lent this year will not be one of particulars. Reading of Holy Scripture will inform fasting and self-denial. Meditation will enable prayer and self-examination. Corporate worship will support personal prayer and meditation. Dee and I are keeping this Lent with a thirty-day spiritual journey with Brother Lawrence to keep our focus on a "whole Lent". Thus, we seek to live better in the presence of God from the wisdom of this Carmelite cook and sandal-maker as we prepare for the Feast of the Resurrection.

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Faithfully in Christ
+Richard Chang

DOES YOUR PARISH HAVE A WEB-PAGE?

It is over a year now since the Diocese of Hawai'i had a web-page on the internet. For those with computers (and we recognize that not everyone does have a computer) who are not aware of our web-page, the address is: <http://www.dfms.org/hawaii>.

Since this was put on "The Net" it has attracted the attention of many people outside Hawai'i who might be coming here and want to see what churches are near where they might be staying. On Kaua'i many visitors have said they came to a particular church because they saw it in the web-page. It is a good advertisement, and costs nothing. Originally we had hoped that all churches would submit information to us, so that we would be able to create an individual page for each congregation.

This is still our intention and hope. If your church is not one of those listed at present on the Diocesan web-page, we would ask you again if you would be kind enough to send us a picture or two of the church. Also some information about the history, the activities, times of service and the names of the Rector/Vicar and Wardens etc. You can send this to the Diocesan Office and we will see to the rest, and update it whenever necessary.

- Java Sparrow.

BISHOP'S CALENDAR

MARCH

1st St. Elizabeth's
15th St. Paul's
22nd St. John's
29th Holy Cross

APRIL

4th Kohala Missions
12th St. Clement's
19th Grace Church
26th St. Mark's

MAY

3rd Trinity-by-the-Sea
10th Emmanuel
17th St. Timothy's
31st St. Andrew's Cathedral

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very educational. Understanding the views and positions on different subjects of people from so many backgrounds can be so helpful as well as being interesting.

Oahu is the center-point of our Diocese, which is right and proper in view of the fact that the vast majority of the population and churches are there. However, at times this "center-point" idea isolates those who live on other islands - particularly the clergy. Personal contact is not always possible. Seldom do clergy from islands other than Oahu have a chance to discuss church matters with fellow clergy. However, with the "episcopal" e-mail network this could be solved. We may be scattered across the islands, but in the church in Kenya isolation is far greater. Nevertheless, through their network, discussions are continuous. A priest who may need help with some problem goes on the "net", and the matter is talked over.

When our "episcopal" network started up, we did have such things going on too. For those of us who live "way out" it was a great way to keep in touch, learn and share. Now it is all silent. Why? So - **SHALL WE TALK?**

- Java Sparrow

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.

If you wish to have your name and address changed or removed, we would ask you to send such information directly to Episcopal Life at the address shown at the bottom left-hand corner of this page, and not to the Diocesan Office.

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

"We Are One....."

Once again it is time for the Junior High Retreat. It will be held at Puu Kahea Baptist Camp, Waianae, Oahu. The Retreat, which is for young people in Grades 6 - 8, will start at 4.30p.m. on Friday March 6th and continue until 1.00p.m. on Sunday March 8th. The cost of the Retreat is \$45.00 per person.

A bus will pick-up all participants at St. Andrew's Priory at 4.15p.m. on the Friday, and parents should arrange to pick up their children at The Priory on the Sunday at 2.30p.m.

It is hoped that many will come from the neighboring islands, Air coupons are available for those from neighbor islands as soon as the Diocesan Office receives the completed registration/medical forms, signed Conduct Covenant and the registration fee. The coupons will be forwarded to your priest, youth leader, or directly to you.

As there is a limited number of sleeping bunks, try to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

PROVINCE VIII 1998 CONVOCAATION

The 1998 Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Province VIII will meet in Burlingame, California from March 19 - 21, with the Pre-Convocation meetings taking place the two previous days.

The theme of this year's Convocation will be "The Faces of Anglicanism in Province VIII - Living as the Body of Christ".

The Convocation will start with the Welcome at 5.00p.m. on March 19th., followed by the Opening Worship at which the Preacher will be The Rev. Linda Clader, Associate Professor of Homiletics at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

The Convocation will focus on the inter-generational and multi-cultural aspects of our life together within the Province. Framed in the Eucharist, the program will include an innovative plenary session under the title "The Authority of All Generations". There will also be workshops on various topics such as "Ministry with Young Adults", "Consider the Lilies of the Field: Economic and Creation Justice", "People of Vision: Leadership and Communication Skills for Diverse Groups". The Diocese of Hawai'i which is in Province VIII will be represented at the Convocation.

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MINISTRY TO MISSION

St. Michael & All Angels' Episcopal Church, Lihue

From its modest beginnings in September of 1964, as an Episcopal ministry in Lihue, St. Michael and All Angels' has grown to serve all on the Island of Kaua'i. It is a beacon of caring going well beyond the limited confines which often define ministry as concern for ones own congregation and not outreach into the community itself. In the late 1980's, the church embarked on an ambitious building program resulting in a new church building and parish hall completed 2 weeks prior to the devastation of hurricane Iniki which struck Kaua'i on September 11, 1992. In the aftermath of this natural disaster the church provided shelter for the Red Cross and emergency assistance to those who suffered loss. St. Michael and All Angels' raised and distributed in excess of \$250,000 to meet the pressing needs of our Island people.

The building of the church and parish hall was undertaken with the express intent of being better able to serve the Island of Kaua'i spiritually, emotionally and physically. It continues to provide a safe space for the community to gather as it did in the post Iniki recovery period. It was with this understanding of mission to the community that the building project was envisioned. We continue to be faithful to this purpose. The buildings and grounds serve...

... **Child and Family Services-(since 1982):** Mission: To deliver quality, innovative human services that improve the quality of life and meet the emerging needs of children, families, and communities...

... **Ke Ala Pono Recovery Center (since 1992):** Mission: To serve those with addiction and assist in the recovery process.

... **The 12 Step Programs of (since 1978):** Alcoholics Anonymous (2 meetings/week); Co-dependents Anonymous (3 meetings/week); Overeaters Anonymous (4 meetings/week); Sex and Love Addiction Anonymous (weekly).

... **Garden Island Arts Council (since 1992):** Mission: Kanikapila music fete in which all present participate

... **The Jewish Community of Kaua'i (since 1977):** Mission: Worship God in the Hebrew Tradition

... **The Kaua'i Police Department (since 1990):** Mission: "To Protect and to Serve"

Several groups which use our facilities as a central meeting space include Department of Education Hanai Support Group, Hoola Lahui Hawaii Kahili Seven Day, Adventist School, Kaua'i Dharma Center Kaua'i Hospice, Kaua'i Humane Society, Kaua'i Mac Users Group, Kaua'i Off Road Riders Malama Pono, Physicians Support Group Kaua'i County Ethics Committee.



Part of the design on the entrance doors to St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church, Lihue.

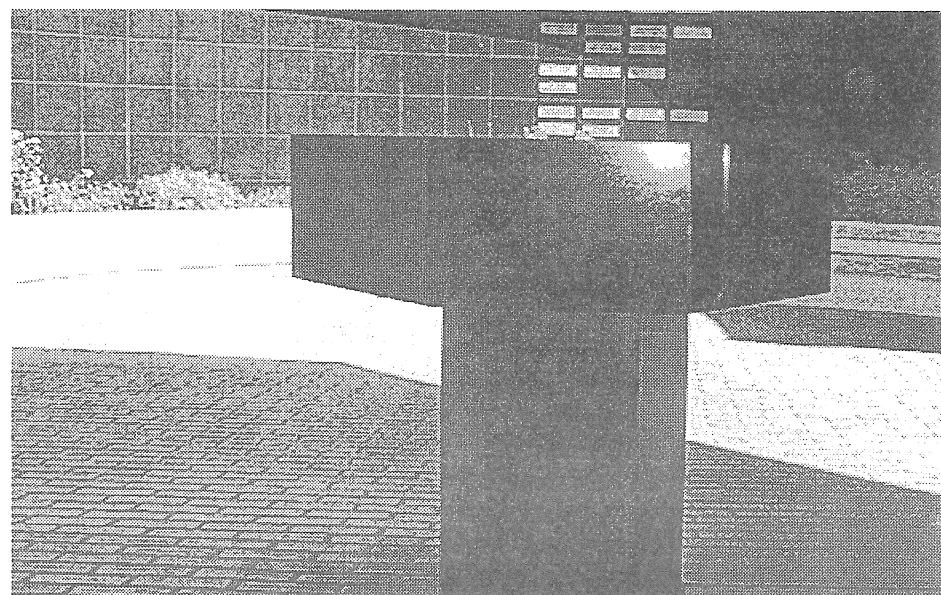
On our premises is located Martha and Mary's House, our drop in support center for women which opened in January of 1997 and through December has served 363 women. Loaves and Fishes, our food outreach program, serving the needy continues as the most available on Kaua'i with an excess of 500 persons/ month receiving food, 28% are of Hawaiian Ancestry. The Jewish Community of Kaua'i shares our facilities for worship and fellowship and has done so for more than 20 years. We reach out to men in transition from prison and those struggling with addiction through Mike's House, a safe living residence located in Puhii, a short distance from the parish. Most recently we have developed a program in conjunction with the State of Hawaii Mental Health Division to serve the homeless mentally ill of our Island. The church employs 2 outreach workers, who assist the homeless mentally ill to receive services to which they are entitled

The church and parish hall were constructed at a cost of \$1,850,000. Various Trust foundations, businesses, the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, the congregation and friends provided \$925,000. The First Hawaiian Bank holds a mortgage on the church which has a principal balance of slightly less than \$800,000 at the present time. Monthly payments to the bank are \$6,700. While we have been good stewards and have made these payments regularly the good work we do could be sustained and expanded even further if we could utilize the funds now being used to service our mortgage debt. New outreach activities could be undertaken to address pressing community needs if we had the financial resources to do so. Ministry is outreach for St. Michael and All Angels.

The Challenge: As we approach the 21st Century, our society finds itself confused or at best uncomfortable

with the introduction of spiritual values into the commerce of daily life. Yet, at the same time government is redefining its role in the delivery of social services and reaching out to the institutions which proclaim these spiritual values for assistance in almost all phases of human caring. Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, and other such institutions find their limited financial resources inadequate to meet the demands made upon them. Most are dependent upon the contributions of members merely to sustain themselves. Our parish offers a unique and exciting opportunity to meet the challenges of the 21st Century on Kaua'i. We have the resources to continue servicing our mortgage and we are not in a survival mode. Our commitment to the well being of the community is attested to by what we have built and by the outreach we have initiated and support. The giving of the congregation fully supports the church operating budget. What remains a struggle is the financial support of our successful outreach.

The Vision: The vision is and has always been mission- to serve Kaua'i.



The Font and part of the Collumbarium outside St. Michael and All Angels' Church in Lihue, Kauai.

Our facility generates in excess of \$7,000 a month in rental income which is presently used to service a mortgage of \$800,000. If a significant portion of this monthly income could be used in the service of outreach into the Kaua'i community, the expansion of Martha and Mary's woman's resource center, Mike's House, Loaves and Fishes, the care of homeless mentally ill, and other future programs it would be a blessing to our Island and its people.

The "Fat Tuesday" Capital Funds Program: We have a unique opportunity. Together St. Michael and All Angels with the community of Kaua'i, The Episcopal Church, and friends of the church we can retire our mortgage prior to the new century. Free from debt, the major portion of money formally used for the retirement of mortgage can now be used for outreach. Kaua'i will be better served because of our efforts. On "Fat Tuesday", February 24th, the congregation embarked on a 2 year capital fund drive to retire the mortgage debt. Pray for us!

The following represents our plan of proportionate giving to retire this debt:

St. Michael & All Angels'	\$350,000.00
The Episcopal Church	\$100,000.00
The Kaua'i Community	\$25,000.00
Trust and Foundations	\$300,000.00
Friends	\$25,000.00
TOTAL	\$800,000.00

Potential use of yearly income available mortgage paid:

Loaves and Fishes	\$ 12,000.00
Food Outreach	
Martha and Mary's House	\$ 26,000.00
Women's support center	
Mike's House	\$ 6,000.00
Men's 3/4 house	
Homeless Mentally Ill	\$ 3,000.00
Opportunities:	\$ 20,000.00
Maintenance:	\$ 17,000.00

Total: \$ 84,000.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 2 Grant Requests Deadline
4 Finance & Real Estate Department
5 Commission on Ministry East Honolulu Deanery
6-9 Jr. High Retreat
9 Chronicle Deadline
12 Japanese American Ministry Commission
14 Deacons Meeting
Mission Grant Meeting
18 Compensation Review
19 Cathedral Chapter
20 Standing Committee Diocesan Institute
21 Congregational Development
Diocesan Institute
ECW Meeting (Holy Nativity)
Diocesan Council
25 St. Andrew's Priory Board Stewardship Committee
26 Kuhio Day - Offices closed
27 Department Budget Recommendations Deadline
27-29 Cursillo - O'ahu BACAM
- April 1 Finance & Real Estate Department
2 Commission on Ministry
4 Anti-Racism Committee HEY Board
9 Chrism Mass
Camp Mokuleia Board
Chronicle Deadline
10 Good Friday - (Offices Closed)
14 Iolani Board
15 Compensation Review
16 Cathedral Chapter
17 Seabury Hall Board Standing Committee
18 Congregational Development
Diocesan Council (First Budget Review)
22 Stewardship Committee
24 Diocesan Institute
25 Diocesan Institute
ECW Meeting (St. Mary's)
28} Bishop at Province VIII -
30} COM, Burlingame, CA

INITIAL INSIGHT

Are you ever confused by initials, such as DIB? On occasions you may feel reticent to ask the meaning, let alone the implication of letters that are bantered about. The "DIB" (Diocesan Institute Board) was originally the Diocesan Institute for Religious Studies and Ministry Development. Interestingly, in May of 1984 The Rev. Richard Chang suggested a revision and consolidation to coordinate and develop training programs, especially laity. That came about with the formation of the Diocesan Institute Board as

the educational arm of the Commission On Ministry

Over the years there evolved a misconception that the DIB was primarily for planning classes for training to the Diaconate. DIB is far more than that. The present proposed Mission and Vision of the Diocesan Institute is as follows:

MISSION OF DIOCESAN INSTITUTE BOARD: The mission of the Diocesan Institute is to raise the level of Christian formation for all baptized members to enable them to represent Christ and His Church. This will be accomplished through educational programs and special events.

VISION OF DIOCESAN INSTITUTE BOARD: We envision that all educational offerings in the Diocese excluding those generated by a parish or a mission will be in partnership with the Diocesan Institute so that the ideal of Total Ministry may be realized in the Diocese.

A few of the conferences, workshops and classes made possible through DIB the last few years have been:

- Lay Conferences
- Lay Eucharist Ministry Training
- Vestry/Bishop's Training
- Sexual Misconduct Training
- Magnetic Church
- Education For Ministry Mentor Training

Classes each semester are open to everyone who might be interested

The original proposals for the Institute are still valid today:

1. to develop programs which will offer education in biblical, theological, and spiritual disciplines;
2. to develop programs which will enable lay people to identify their particular gifts and ministries;
3. to develop programs which will train and support lay persons in their ministries once they have been identified;
4. to provide the people of the Diocese with the resources necessary to live out their baptismal covenant.
5. to prepare candidates for ordination to the Diaconate.

Notice that of the above, only one of the proposals were directed to ordination. The point was and still is that if people want training in a specific area they need to contact the DIB with a request for such conferences, workshops, classes, etc. Today The Right Rev. Richard S. O. Chang still gives guidance and encouragement to the DIB.

Hopefully, you have a clearer understanding of yet another set of initials. You probably have a representative on the D.I. Board in your Deanery. Find out who that person is and let him/her know your wishes. The offerings of the DIB are a marvelous way to build and expand the church community.

- Barbara Cowell



When Bishop Griswold was installed as Presiding Bishop in the National Cathedral in Washington, DC., among the many thousands who gathered for the ceremony was Elizabeth House, who a member of St. Clement's Church, Honolulu, and her mother. After the Installation Service, Elizabeth met Bishop Griswold and presented him with a lei. The delighted Bishop is pictured with Elizabeth after she had given him the lei.

PEGGY KAI SPEAKERS PROGRAM AT THE CATHEDRAL

St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Peggy Kai Speakers Program will be presenting a lecture by Richard Thieme of ThiemeWorks at 12.00 noon on Friday March 27, 1998 at the Tenney Theater. Mr. Thieme will also be the keynote speaker for a workshop with the same title - "The Internet: Souls and Machines" - on Saturday March 28. The workshop will be held in the Volt Holt Room at the Cathedral. All are invited to attend both the lecture and the workshop.

Richard Thieme, who was born in Chicago, graduated from Northwestern University in English Literature. After a year in Spain, he received his M.A. in English Literature from the University of Chicago. He later became an Episcopal priest, and for sixteen years served parishes in Utah, Hawai'i and Wisconsin.

His passion for exploring the profound impact of computer technology on institutions and organizations, led him to establish ThiemeWorks in 1993 in order to pursue a career of professional speaking, consulting and writing.

- Java Sparrow



Remember Cathedral Day on May 2nd.

This is by way of a reminder to all about "Cathedral Day", which will be held on May 2nd at St. Andrew's Cathedral. A focus of the day will be "Kids for Peace", and the magazine - the cover of which is shown here, will be sent to all congregations. It is hoped that as many as are able will participate in this event.