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SECRETARY GENERAL'S CALL FOR PRAYER FOR LAMBETH CONFERENCE

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion has requested that all Churches of the Communion of the world wide Anglican Episcopal family of Churches observe the feast of Pentecost and the nine days preceding it is a special time of prayer for the forthcoming Lambeth Conference 1998. The Conference, an international gathering of over 800 bishops, will be held this July in Canterbury.

Secretary General Canon John L. Peterson has said, "The feast of Pentecost reminds us vividly of our diversity as a Christian community." It is the hope that each parish will offer special prayers on Pentecost, which in 1998 falls on May 31st, as this day is often observed with special international elements in its liturgical worship. In many churches the gospel lesson for the day is read in several languages; namely the languages that may be represented by the different nationalities in particular congregations. A special prayer booklet has been provided by the Lambeth Conference office for this observance.

Following the Biblical example in the Acts of the Apostles, the nine days from the feast of our Lord's Ascension to the Day of Pentecost will be observed with daily prayers in churches uniting the faithful in prayer for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the archbishops and bishops and their spouses who will attend Lambeth 98 as well as the staff and organisers.

Canon Peterson spoke of the traditional theme of Pentecost, Come Holy Spirit and kindle in us the fire of your love as "central to our understanding that as a family we must come together in a spirit of love and sensitivity, especially when differences come into play". It is hoped that these nine days of prayer will help the world Anglicans/Episcopalians focus appropriate attention to this important international gathering of bishops held every ten years, this year meeting from July 18th to August 9th.

Speaking of the Anglican Communion, the Archbishop of Canterbury, president and host of the Lambeth Conference, said, "As President of the Anglican Communion I am increasingly aware of our inter-dependence that supports our mission and service in God's world today. We need each other. Our Anglican tradition has much to offer in its proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for all people."

Further details of the conference are available from the Lambeth Conference communications office. Press releases will be issued on a regular basis beginning with the accreditation application mailing in April.

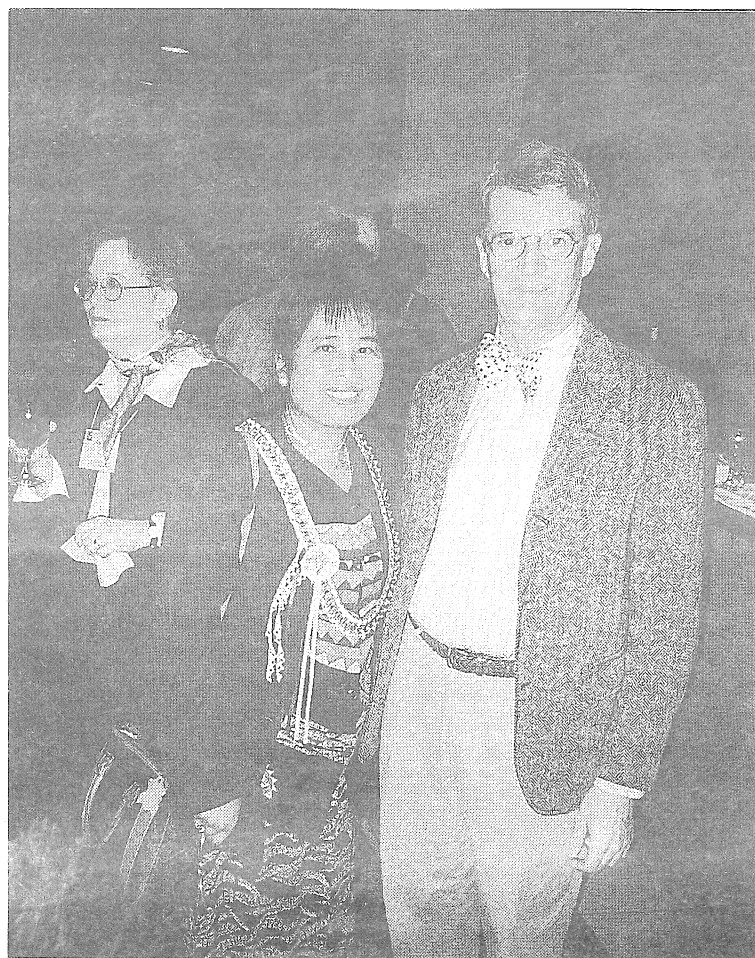
Historical Note:

The feast of Pentecost, often called Whitsunday, is a day that traditionally observes the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the awaiting Church and has been known as a celebration of the birthday of the Church. It occurs 50 days after Easter. It is one of the three greater festivals of the church year- the others being Christmas and Easter. In Christian doctrine the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Churches of the Anglican Communion are found in 164 countries in what is called a Province. These Provinces include the Church of England, the Episcopal Church USA, the Church of Ireland and 34 others. The total membership stands at approximately 70 million baptised people world-wide.

- ACC, London

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The Rev. Imelda Padasdao and the Presiding Bishop - The Most Rev. Frank Griswold III, - photographed having a relaxing and informal chat at lunchtime during the meeting of the Interim Bodies in Minneapolis.

GENERAL CONVENTION INTERIM BODIES MEET IN MINNEAPOLIS

Deputies to General Convention arrived in Philadelphia in July last and complained about the heat. Members of the Interim Bodies of General Convention arrived for their first meeting in Minneapolis in the middle of March and complained about the cold!! As for me, arriving from Honolulu on the non-stop Northwest flight it was traumatic. I had intended taking my warm clothes from my case as soon as it arrived off the baggage carousel. I had not bargained for the fact that I had would have to walk a hundred yards in the freezing cold from the plane to the building due to a malfunction at the gate. I was an instant icicle. However, having said that, the warmth, good humour and fellowship throughout the whole meet-

ing, soon made me forget the freezing temperature outside.

The whole four days were like a mini-General Convention, though much less formal. The accessibility to all of both the Presiding Bishop and Dr. Pamela Chinnis, President of the House of Deputies, as well as their informal mode of dress - jeans, sweaters, etc - did much to help the atmosphere at working sessions as well as at dinners. It did much to promote the feeling that everyone, regardless of who they were, were an important part of the proceedings and of the Church as a whole. When I came home, I had the distinct feeling that the Church was moving forward.

- Java Sparrow

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It is well to remember that the entire population of the universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others.

- John Andrew Holmes



BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In little more than two months the bishops of the Anglican Communion will be gathering for the 1998 Lambeth Conference at the University of Kent. The 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. George Carey, has invited bishops from around the world to (1) learn from each other's experiences; (2) to study together; and (3) to pray, worship, and praise God in the unique heritage that belongs to our faith community.

Each of the 800 bishops will be assigned to one of four sections: Called to Full Humanity, Called to Live and Proclaim the Good News, Called to be a Faithful Church in a Plural World, and Called to be One. Within each of section there are a variety of themes for discussion and study, and the bishops have begun reading the many reports prepared for the Conference.

I have asked to be assigned to Section III: Called to be a Faithful Church in a Plural World, with its themes of the experience of unity and diversity, diversity and koinonia, unity and diversity in the People of God, living faithfully with diversity, diversity and interdependence, interdependence: further challenges and opportunities, and challenges and opportunities: the ordered life of the Christian Community.

I invite all members of our Diocese to pray for the Lambeth Conference using the President's Prayer from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the

Secretary's Prayer from the Rev. Canon John Peterson:

Gracious God, we give thanks for the rich diversity of the human family. Above all, we thank you for the Anglican Communion of which we are a part. Bless us, we pray, as we prepare for the Lambeth Conference, and grant that, as Bishops gathered together from all parts of the world, you will draw us into a deeper unity and towards the vision of service and sacrifice which we see in your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Loving God, Triune in Majesty, you reveal yourself in many ways to us, your global family. As we rejoice in our diversity, we pray for our unity as ambassadors of your love. Bless we pray the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, the members of the Anglican Consultative Council and our brother and sister ecumenical partners as they gather in Christ's name as the Lambeth Conference. Bind us together by your grace that we may be faithful to our calling to serve the world and each other, O glorious Trinity, whom we worship and adore as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, now and for ever. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

+Richard Chang

The Diocese of Hawai'i Quilt

The Diocese of Hawai'i is in the process of creating a quilt. It is a project that recently was given to the Diocesan Altar Guild. The quilt will be composed of forty-one squares, one for each of the Episcopal churches in our Diocese and the Diocesan Seal. It will be on display for each Diocesan Convention as well as diocesan wide events.

The design should be eight inches square, centered on a twelve inch piece of any fabric. Some of the squares already submitted are embroidered, quilted, sewn, appliqued and painted. Anything goes!! If the name of your church can be included in the design, great. Otherwise, we will have a key indicating the name of the church.

Please send or submit the square for your church to: Elsie Ching, Diocesan Altar Guild, 229, Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI. HI. 96813. In order to give the Diocesan Altar Guild time to complete the quilt before Convention in October, please send the square no later than July 1st.....earlier if possible.

Some churches submitted squares when this projected was first started some ten years ago. These original squares can be re-done if people like to contact Elsie Ching.

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BISHOP'S CALENDAR

MAY

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

JUNE

7th St. Barnabas
14th Good Samaritan
21st Christ Memorial
28th Christ Church

JULY

5th St. Matthew's
12th St. Jude's

BOOKS THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU

In the February issue of the "Chronicle" we reviewed a couple of books that we felt might be of interest to our readers during the Lenten season. Several people have asked us to do that again, so this month we would like to recommend to you three books which we liked.

"A Procession of Prayers", by John Carden.:

Recent years have seen a growing demand from individuals and churches for prayers, music, and liturgical material that address the global nature of the Christian family. This collection of prayers and meditations is written by Christians from Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia as well as from Eastern and Western Europe. Categorized in chapters that follow the life of Christ, these prayers become a companion to lectionaries and prayer cycles. They also serve as a source for achieving greater solidarity among Christians around the world.

John Carden, who was editor of the World Council of Churches' ecumenical prayer cycle - *With All God's People* - has worked as an Anglican priest in Pakistan, Jordan and Egypt. He was also Asia Secretary for the Church Missionary Society. His "A Procession of Prayers" provides a rich source of material for personal reflection, and it offers to those who are responsible for preparing liturgy as uniquely comprehensive, ecumenical and indexed collection of worship resources that can be used anywhere in the world.

The book is available from Morehouse Publishing (Tel: 800-877-0012) - web page www.morehousegroup.com for \$20.95 in paperback edition.

"Brightest and Best - A Companion to the Lesser Feasts and Fasts" by Sam Portaro:

Sam Portaro is the Episcopal chaplain to the University of Chicago and director of Brent House. In these meditations on the lesser feasts and fasts of the church calendar he asks the question, "What do these saints have to say to Christians today?" His answers are sometimes surprising, with thought-provoking and fresh insights into the lives and teachings of those who have gone before us in the Christian faith.

The cycle of the year begins in Advent with St. Andrew and ends in late November with King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma. Following the calendar provided in this book, meditations on the holy days of the church seasons are also included, such as All Saints and Epiphany. Each reflection looks at the scripture readings for the day and focuses on a distinctive attribute of the saint or feast in the light of contemporary question of faith, mission, and community.

People use the calendar of lesser feasts and fasts in their daily prayers, and these meditations would be a welcome addition to their devotions. They can be very useful to clergy as a preaching aid for midweek eucharists.

"Brightest and Best, A Companion to the Lesser Feasts and Fasts" is available from Cowley Publications, for \$14.95 (Tel: 800-225-1534).

"Opening the Bible" by Roger Ferlo:

This book is the second in the New Church's Teaching Series. In the book, Roger Ferlo leads his readers through the familiar yet sometimes intimidating territory of the Bible. He helps readers navigate the practical difficulties of reading the Bible, explaining why the pages look the way they do, and how to compare translations. Above all, he teaches the importance of approaching the Bible as a book with a long history, complex traditions, and diverse authorship that must be read on its own terms.

This book is also available from Cowley Publications at \$11.95

- 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: P.O. Box 928, Vineland, New Jersey, 08362-0928 - and not to the Diocesan Office.

News from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief

Fund Releases Nearly \$300,000 for Emergencies in First 10 Weeks of 1998

The amount of \$283,000 was released by the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief during the first two and a half months of 1998, in response to a barrage of weather-related emergencies and civil unrest.

The funds, distributed through Episcopal or Anglican dioceses, went to sites in Africa, Canada, South America and the United States.

Some of the funds went to victims of El Nino mudslides in Peru; ice storms in Maine, Vermont, New York and Canada, as well as tornadoes in Florida, floods in North Carolina; a typhoon in Guam; civil unrest in Rwanda and a famine in the Sudan.

According to the Fund director Nan Marvel, the demand for emergency relief is quickly outstripping the Fund's resources. "We need to hear from members of the Episcopal Church who understand the importance of church-based emergency relief in the early hours of a disaster. The Fund has been able to express the compassionate concern of the church at large to individuals in their critical hour of need, but will need additional resources in the months ahead, not only for emergency response, but to answer the many requests for development grants that regularly come to the Fund from throughout the world. The Fund is the compassionate arm of

the Episcopal Church reaching out to the world. The organization receives and distributes funds for emergency relief, rehabilitation and development in the United States and around the world.

Fund Grant Helps Raise Matching Funds for Housing for Elderly and Poor

A grant of \$4,000 by the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief to the Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Housing Foundation was used to generate an additional \$20,650 from matching resources to assist with home repairs for twenty rural senior households in Rochester, New York.

"The housing foundation's mission is to strive in the wider community for justice for those who are oppressed and in need," said the Right Rev. William Burrill, Bishop of Rochester.

The Episcopal Diocese and the Roman Catholic Diocese have joined forces since 1980 to improve the living conditions of rural, elderly poor and young people with low to moderate incomes, working through the housing foundation.

The foundation is housed in the same building as the offices as the Episcopal Diocese. Bishop Burrill and Bishop Matthew Clarke of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester are both trustees of the foundation.

MOKULEIA MADNESS



Teens from several Oahu area churches spent some of their Spring break at Mokuleia on March 23rd and 24th. They helped the camp with a beach cleanup and then enjoyed swimming, archery, capture the flag, worship, eating and just hanging out together.



Members of the Hawai'i Episcopal Pacific and Asiamerican Ministry who took part in the performance of "Withered Branches" in the Tenney Theatre at the end of February.

A Celebration of the Japanese Ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

When the curtain rose at the beginning of the production of "Withered Branches" in the Tenney Theatre at the end of February, it brought together members of many Honolulu congregations who are involved in HEPAM - the Hawai'i Episcopal Pacific Asiamerican Ministry.

The production had been in "project status" for more than a year but was really nothing more than an idea still in committee stage when The Rev. David Ota approached the Director - Cecilia Fordham of St. Clement's - with the idea of bringing the project to fruition. At that point, not even a date for the performance had been decided upon. Miss Fordham was enthusiastic about it, but as the whole thing was in a somewhat vague state, she did no more than file it away in her mind as something that might happen "in the future".

However, the members HEPAM had something more positive in mind. In the summer of 1997, Father Ota invited Miss Fordham to attend a meeting of HEPAM. The idea was that she could hear for herself the plans that were being made at that time for the play to be produced and performed at the Diocesan Convention in October 1997.

Much work is involved in such as effort, and it took a little longer than originally anticipated. The performance in February this year - almost nine months after that meeting with Miss Fordham - was the culmination of a tremendous volunteer effort on behalf of the members of HEPAM, various Oahu churches, the cast, the

stage crew as well as the director and playwright.

The play was a celebration of the Japanese Ministry in the Diocese of Hawai'i, and spanned almost a century of life in the islands. It covers everything from plantation life in Waipahu, through the struggle for education, the anguish of World War II, frustrating encounters with the church hierarchy and finally to the promise and possibilities of a new era.

Talking about the play and indeed the whole project and performance, the director said that "if ever a community came together to celebrate, this production was an example of what can happen when words are merged with love and energy, when fears are overcome by teamwork and when people work with a common goal."

"Withered Branches" was written by Margaret Steele of St. Andrew's Cathedral. She has written several plays for the Cathedral, among which are "Queen Emma Speaks" and "The Case of the Endangered Planet" which was also performed at Iolani School.

Miss Steele sought out the truth through her research for the play and in the development of the script. All the actors brought it to life, and the play is a witness of those in the Episcopal Church who laboured in love in the past and who continue in the present to show the presence of God in our lives.

- Java Sparrow

DATES TO REMEMBER

- MAY**
- 1 Finance & Real Estate Department (Departments' Budget Review)
 - 2 Cathedral Day
 - 4 East Honolulu Clericus
 - 6 Diocesan Institute Board
 - 7 Commission on Ministry Central Honolulu Clericus
 - 9 Audit Training Chronicle Deadline
 - 14 JAMC
 - 14-17 Big Island Cursillo
 - 15 Standing Committee HEPAM
 - 15-16 ECW Meeting
 - 16 Congregational Development Diocesan Council
 - 20 Compensation Review
 - 21 St. Andrew's Priory - Ascension Day Cathedral Chapter
 - 22 Diocesan Institute
 - 23 Diocesan Institute
 - 25 Memorial Day - Offices Closed
 - 27 St. Andrew's Priory Board Stewardship Committee
 - 29 Seabury Hall Baccalaureate
 - 30 HEPAM - Pentecost Eve Service & Dinner Seabury Hall Graduation
 - 31 St. Andrew's Priory and Iolani Schools Baccalaureates
- JUNE**
- 1 East Honolulu Clericus
 - 3 Finance & Real Estate Department Diocesan Institute Board
 - 4 Commission on Ministry East Honolulu Deanery
 - 6 Iolani School Graduation
 - 7 St. Andrew's Priory Graduation
 - 9 Iolani Board Chronicle Deadline
 - 11 ECW All Island Luncheon (Molokai)
 - 12 Diocesan Convention 1st Mailing Deadline
 - 13 Deacons Meeting Anti-Racism Committee
 - 17 Compensation Review
 - 18 Cathedral Chapter
 - 19 Seabury Hall Board Standing Committee
 - 20 Congregational Development Diocesan Council
 - 23 Convention Mailing
 - 24 Stewardship Committee
 - 29 East Honolulu Deanery

To Make You Smile!

The ancient Irish Brehon Laws were strictly observed by the people and passed on orally from generation to generation. I wonder was the following law passed with future Episcopalians in mind: "A layman may drink six pints of ale with his dinner, but a monk may drink only three. This is so he will not be intoxicated when prayer-time arrives."

- Java Sparrow

COMINGS AND GOINGS IN THE DIOCESE

During the first few months of this year, there have been some "comings and goings" throughout the Diocese in the clergy family.

The Rev. Carol Arney was installed as Rector of Christ Church, Kealahakua in February and also in February was The Rev. John Englecke's last service at Holy Cross before his retirement. The Revs. Jerry Reynolds and Brian Nurdin both decided to take advantage of the new Church Pension Fund program that allows clergy to retire at age 55 after 30 years service.

The Rev. Marvin Foltz was called as Rector of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Wailuku, and with his family he arrived at the beginning of April.

The Rev. Curtis Metzger from the Diocese of New Westminster, Canada, has now been licensed in the Diocese of Hawai'i, and he will be assisting at St. Mark's, Honolulu.

The Rev. Edith Sewell, Deacon at St. Andrew's Cathedral, has moved to San Diego, but will remain canonically resident in Hawai'i, and The Rev. John Connell has announced that he will be retiring from St. Barnabas', Kapolei at the end of June.

The Rev. B. Cass Bailey has been called as Rector of St. Christopher's, and he arrived in the middle of April. His wife will be following him in the middle of June following the completion of her teaching responsibilities in New Haven, Connecticut. Father Cass is canonically resident in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and was serving as Assistant to the Rector of St. Paul and St. James' Episcopal Church, New Haven, Connecticut.

The Rev. Hollis Wright has accepted the call to be Vicar of St. James', Kamuela.

Brother Curtis Almquist to Lead Retreat

Brother Curtis Almquist will lead the retreat for Diocesan clergy at Camp Mokulei, from December 9th - 12th.

Brother Curtis is a member of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and has served with Brother Martin Smith as one of the Chaplains to the House of Bishops for the past three years.

The clergy of our Diocese are asked to mark these dates in their calendar. The deacons of our Diocese have offered to serve as a support committee for the retreat.

St. John's Episcopal School on Guam on-going enrollment for 1998-99

"New-24" classroom Lower School Building at St. John's Episcopal School, on Guam, will be completed by August 1st., in time for the opening of classes on August 4th 1998. This new building will replace classrooms that were destroyed by Typhoon Paka on December 16th 1997.

St. John's Episcopal School was deemed to be in the "top 10 percent of College Preparatory Schools anywhere" by Peter Gunness, Educator's Collaborative, Inc., after doing an evaluative study of the school last year.

St. John's has fully accredited Western Association of Schools and Colleges grades Pre-K-12. It boasts of one hundred per cent college acceptance rate. In the class of 1998, seven are National Merit Scholarship Finalists.



Eager Lower School students turn the ground for the new building, as representatives of Black Construction watch, at the ground breaking ceremony for the new "24" classroom Lower School Building, held on March 10th 1998.

Presiding Bishop's message on 30th anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination

The occasion of the 30th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr (4th April) provides all of us with an opportunity to pause and reflect on the current status of race relations in America and in our churches. While we offer thanksgivings for the contribution of Dr. King's legacy as a non-violent advocate for racial equality, we might best serve his memory with a commitment to continuing in the journey he led so faithfully.

We are a people short of the promise of full community. Our task is to continue in reflection and conversation upon the racial divide that still infects our society and church. From such conversation stands the promise of conversion to a new humanity, to a time when, in the words of Dr King, we are all free at last. As we seek new understanding and direction, we can see hope for healing of the American

soul. May we honour Dr King by finding the courage and will to persevere in resisting evil and respecting the dignity of all.

Frank T Griswold
Presiding Bishop and Primate
March 27, 1998

- Episcopal News Service

Pastor's high hopes are brought down to earth

When a Pentecostal Baptist minister decided to take to the skies in a paramotor - a parachute with a motor attached - he hoped that young people hearing him preaching as he flew over their houses would believe that the voice from on high was "the voice of God". But on his maiden flight in the paramotor he never got high enough to persuade anyone he was speaking from the heavens. Instead, he found himself hurtling through a housing estate at 32 kilometres an hour only 1.8 metres above the ground.

- (ENI) London