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Sharing Our Ministry

By Debbie Tandal
BISHOP'S WARDEN ST. PHILIP'S

I am really honored to be here today and I must admit that my first reaction when I was asked if I would do the keynote speech was to say "No thanks - but I am sure you could find someone else to do this". But to my surprise O.K. came out of my mouth. Of course right after O.K. was "Are you sure you want me to do it?"

I am not used to talking to groups of people, I am a police officer, so I do have years of experience giving orders and telling people what to do - but there is a big difference. Yes, I felt compelled to come today and represent St. Philip's Church as their Senior Warden and share with you the importance of lay ministry to our churches. If you don't get anything out of my speech but the importance of lay ministry, I will be happy.

Let me tell you a little about St. Philip's. We are a small mission church located in Maili on the Waianae Coast. The majority of our community consists of lower income and younger families. The need for community outreach is great. We have been very fortunate at St. Philip's, we have a fantastic part-time minister, Marilyn Watts and I have been asked repeatedly "Don't we want a full-time minister?" She has been our minister for more than ten years and believe me I have been asked this question many times. My answer has always been "No".

Our minister had her 10th anniversary with us in August. It is extremely hard to find something to give her. We wanted it to be special. We thought of everything - most of which we couldn't afford. We looked through entire catalog of items that would be appropriate for church - the majority would take six to eight weeks to order but nothing jumped out at us as exceptional. Then I went to a police function (Now I am a police officer and Father Vince is a police Chaplain, so you won't think this is unusual) but I never see Father O'Neil in his robes,



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and when I saw him he was wearing a beautiful Hawaiian print stole. When I asked him where he got it from, he told me a lady from the Altar Guild made it. I asked him if he could find out how we could get one for Kahu Marilyn. He called me back the next day and told me that I would need to call St. Andrew's Cathedral and talk to their Altar Guild. We finally got the stole from the Cathedral Altar Guild. It is a beautiful stole, and was meant to be for Marilyn.

I am sure that if you ask the people here today, quite a few don't fully understand the importance of the ministry they are doing. They may even feel what they are doing isn't even that important. When a member of our church passed away, she asked that the belongings from her house be given to the church, as rather insignificant event, or so you would think. But this gift started the Thrift Shop at St. Philip's. From this gift, a group of women were inspired to start the Thrift Shop, which has helped many families along the Waianae Coast. The clothing and items that we receive are sold at a very low cost to residents that come to the Thrift Shop, some of the clothes are purchased and sent to the Philippines, some are for kids to wear to school, and to have shoes they wouldn't have otherwise. But it doesn't end there. Money raised at the Thrift Shop is used to buy supplies for the schools, buy food for families.

There is one thing that I feel is often overlooked - the importance of lay ministry to people outside of our church. When we read our baptismal

vows, they call us to "Proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. Seek and serve Christ in all persons. To strive for justice and peace among all people." We are called to minister to all people in this world not just to members of our church community. The majority of our waking

time is not spent in church it is spent outside of church. We shouldn't limit our baptismal vows to the small percentage of time we are involved in church activities. We need to commit ourselves to doing this all the time. When we are at church or at work, when we are at home or even when we are out playing, at the beach. We are not all called to be ordained ministers or evangelists. We are not all

capable of doing prison ministry or working with alcoholics - but if that is your calling, then go for it. Don't let anyone stop you sharing your gifts. Even our children at St. Philip's are encouraged to participate in lay ministry. Several months before Christmas, a country was hit by a hurricane. In Sunday School the children were asked to say prayers for the children and their families. They were asked to think about how they would feel if they lost everything like the children there lost everything. What would they miss the most. The answers were a toy, a pencil or paper. So the children put together ziploc bags with items they brought from home - paper, crayons, pencils and small toys. Packages were made up and the children enclosed a 3x5 card they hand wrote themselves that said in Spanish "Hello from your friend." These were then shipped to the children.

There are questions to ask ourselves: How do we live our lives in church as well as outside church? There really shouldn't be a difference. It is easy to minister to the people within church, but that is not what we have been taught. In the Bible we are taught to minister to all the children of God.



Some of the attendees at the Church Leaders Workshop.

Thought for the Month

"You must do things you think you cannot do."

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BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my favorite prayers in the Book of Common Prayer is one of the Collects for Easter that is used at the Easter Vigil. Because it is usually used at the Vigil, it is unfamiliar to most people. Let me share it with you:

"O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection; Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

This prayer recalls for me the Feast of the Nativity - that other holy night when the glory of the Lord shone, and the power of God's love for all creation was revealed. The incarnation of God's Son is God's gift of love to each of us. Easter is a celebration of the Gift of Life. The resurrection is God's gift of Life to each of us. The gift of Love and the gift of Life are ours to possess and to share with the world that lives in darkness.

The Light of God's Love shines and overcomes the darkness of the world. For "by his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life." Let the powerful light of Christ's Resurrection shine in and through you that the world may be illumined by the glory of God through your faithful wit-

ness. As the shepherds were told by the angels "Fear not", so too, we must fearlessly proclaim "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia," to a world that lives hunger

ing for the love of God in Christ the Light of the world. He Lanakila Ma Ke Kea.

Richard S.O. Ching

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY TRAINING SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

Education For Ministry (EFM) is a four year program of small group (6-11 people) worship, theological reflection, Bible Study and sharing that is offered by extension from the Episcopal Seminary of the University of the South at Sewanee. Each group is convened and coordinated by a certified mentor and members of the group meet weekly for approximately two and a half to three hours over a nine-month period. The program is intended to equip lay ministers with the kind of theological education, which supports their faith and to help them act out that faith in daily living. The annual fee of \$295.00 per person is our diocesan rate and covers text, worship materials and common lessons. The program may seem at first glance to be extravagant in time and money. However, no other program available brings the same depth of study, worship and sharing in quite the same measure. You need only commit to the program on a year-to-year basis, though most members do continue through the full four-year cycle.

Currently, our diocese has five active groups on four different islands. Anyone interested in starting a group or joining an existing group should contact the Diocesan Coordinator or Mentor on your island who are:

Diocesan Coordinator:
David Caldwell. Tel. 487-5436,
e-mail: dbc@aloha.net

Mentors:

Oahu:
Pam McCoy, (Emmanuel),
Tel: 236-1792

Jenny Wallace, (St. Andrew's Cathedral)
Tel: 524-2822

Kauai:

Margee Faunce (St. Michael's)
Tel: 742-9387

Maui:

David Barrett (St. John's)
Tel: 572-8525

Hawaii:

The Rev. Carol Arney (Christ Church)
Tel: 323-3429

Anyone interested in being certified (or re-certified) as mentors should note the following mentor training dates and contact the Diocesan Coordinator for registration. All training sessions will be led by Father John Millen and will be held at Glantz Hall, The Church of the Holy Nativity, Aina Haina, Oahu..

May 28 - 30 1999
Basic Mentor Training

July 16 - 18 1999
Basic Mentor Training

Dec. 3 - 5 1999
Formation Training in Advanced
Theological Reflection.

Formation training is available only to those mentors who have completed two or more basic trainings. Basic training is available to anyone. However, training group sizes are limited to six to eight people and preference will be given to those currently mentoring or co-mentoring groups.

- David Caldwell



At the Lay Ministry Workshop, Pat Konno spoke about altar floral arrangements for special church seasons.

Bishop's Calendar

APRIL

- 4 St. Andrew's Cathedral
- 11 St. Alban's Chapel
- 18 St. Mark's

MAY

- 9 St. Clement's
- 16 St. Barnabas'
- 23 Emmanuel
- 30 St. Andrew's Cathedral

JUST FOR A SMILE

The Rector at the end of the service announced to the congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you to read Mark Ch. 17." The next Sunday as he entered the pulpit, he asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark Ch. 17. Every hand went up. The Rector smiled and said, "Mark only has sixteen chapters. I shall now proceed with my sermon."

FUND GRANTS \$10,000 TO IHS AND FACE

The Board of Directors of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief has sent grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 each to The Institute for Human Services, Inc. (IHS), as well as to Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE). The IHS grant will be applied to the Child Care and Parenting Education for Homeless Families. Lynn Maunakea is the director of IHS.

FACE will use its grant for the Public Housing Leadership Development Project at Kalihi Valley Homes. This application was submitted by their previous director, Jessica Fernandez-White. The acting director is Christy MacPherson. St. Clement's and St. Elizabeth's churches are members of FACE.

Grants are awarded at the June and November board meetings of the Fund. Applications for development grants must be received by the Fund three months in advance. Write to Sandra Swan, the new Executive Director of PBFWR, to receive information regarding the granting process.

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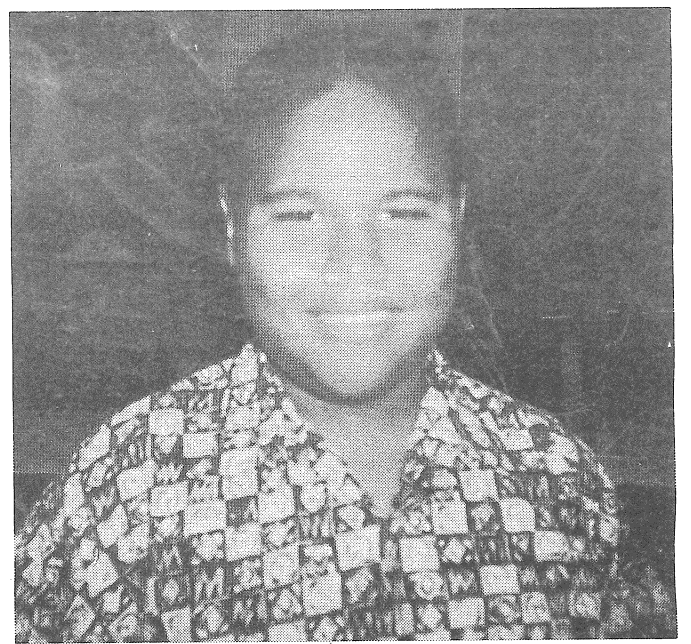
Congratulations to Clinton Tavai

The following is a winning poem written for the Kids Day edition of the Honolulu Advertiser by Clinton Tavai of St. Philip's Episcopal Church Maili Oahu:

"LUCKY WE LIVE ALOHA" By Clinton Tavai

*With bright blue skies
And lush green mountains
The radiant rainbows
And waterfalls like fountains
Oh, how lucky we live aloha!
Children are playing
Grown-ups are laughing
Tutu loves telling stories that seem everlasting
Oh, how lucky we live aloha!*

*We are family
We share lokahi
Our elders praise us and say
We're mai kai
Oh, how lucky we live aloha!*



"CATHEDRAL DAY" is May 22nd 1999

86,400 Seconds

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during that day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, - of course!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever

of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries no balance. It allows you no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost happiness, and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.



To realize the value of One Year, ask a student who failed a grade. To realize the value of One Month, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of One Week, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of One Hour, ask two lovers who are waiting to meet. To realize the value of One Minute, ask the person who has just missed the train. To realize the value of One Second, ask the person who just avoided an accident. To realize the value of One Millisecond, ask the person who won a silver medal in

the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you have shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time. And remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today's a gift. That is why it is called "the present!"

St. James' Church
Richmond, Virginia

"Sharing Our Stories" is the theme for Cathedral Day this year. Participants of all ages from many congregations will hear of the richness of the ongoing life of this Diocese. Various diocesan committees will present workshops which convey something about their ministry, inform others about the resources what are available, and empower participants to serve God in new ways. Come and sample the abundance!

The day begins at 8.45a.m. when registration begins and ends with a Pentecost liturgy at 2.00p.m. The day also includes a plenary with Bishop Chang, three workshop sessions and lunch. Workshops are offered on topics ranging from activities for Moms and Tots, to Adjusting to Senior Status. There will be opportunities to make Pentecost banners, play games, identify gifts, discover

church growth basics and more.

Brochures for Cathedral Day will be mailed to each congregation by the first part of April. Congregations are encouraged to send a group of all ages and interests. A limited number of airline coupons will be available.



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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

1. Maundy Thursday
Chrism Mass
2. Good Friday
Office Closed
6. Finance & Real Estate
7. Diocesan Institute Board
9. Standing Committee
Chronicle Deadline
14. Compensation Review
Committee
15. Cathedral Chapter
16. Mokuleia Board
17. Diocesan Institute
Council Dept. Meetings
Diocesan Council
27. Stewardship Committee

MAY

4. Finance & Real Estate
Department Chairs
2nd Budget Review
6. Commission on Ministry
7. Episcopal Schools/
HEY Conf.
9. Chronicle Deadline
14. Standing Committee
Bishop's Scholar & HPU
Applications Due
15. Council Dept. Meetings
Diocesan Council
19. Compensation Review
Committee
20. Cathedral Chapter
22. Diocesan Institute
Cathedral Day
26. Stewardship Committee
28. Seabury Hall Baccalaureate
29. Seabury Hall Graduation
31. Memorial Day
Office Closed



Participants who attended New Beginning #13, Diocese of San Diego, March 12-14, 1999.

Left to right, seated: Laurel Nakanishi (St. Andrew's), Kerryln Carr (Calvary), Julice Ubando (Calvary). Standing: Joe Carr (Calvary), Jessica Liberato (Calvary), Lucille Tamura (Program Officer).

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN

The Commission on Episcopal Schools, under the leadership of Mrs. Cynthia Hoddick, Director of Holy Nativity School, sent information and application forms for the Bishop's Scholar and Hawaii Pacific University Scholarship to all clergy and Episcopal-related schools in the diocese.

The Bishop's Scholar is available to a student entering kindergarten to grade 12 in an Episcopal Church-related school for the first time. This student must also be an active member in good standing of an Episcopal Church for at least

one year prior to applying. This scholarship may be granted to neighbor island students entering other private schools on the respective island where no Episcopal school exists. Aid is granted for one year and the applicant may re-apply for a second year grant.

The recipient of the Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) Scholarship will receive a one-year tuition (Exclusive of fees, books and room-and-board), renewable for three additional years to attain an undergraduate degree at HPU. This scholarship is not transferable to another Student or to any other educational institution. An applicant must be a high

school/secondary school graduate; be an active member in good standing of an Episcopal Church for at least one year prior to applying; be an incoming freshman; and meet the requirements of HPU for incoming freshmen.

Deadline for both scholarships must be received at or must be mailed postmarked no later than April 15, 1999, to the Diocesan Office.

For further information, you should contact your clergy, or call Lucille Tamura at the Diocesan Office, 536-7776 ext. 107, or from neighbor islands call 1-800-522-8414, ext. 105.

