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It Was a Wonderful Easter

After the "dark " days of the Lenten Season, the word "Resurrection" was more than just a word at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu. The solemn rites of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday drew to a close, and Easter Sunday literally burst forth in stark contrast to the previous days. The Cathedral was spectacular show of flowers - lillies as well as yellow and white chrysanthemums and many other varieties. They were around and behind the High Altar as well as in the narthex as the people entered. In addition to all the flowers, each of the hymn books had the appropriate hymns for the morning marked with coloured ribbons topped by delicate origami paper lilies.

The whole scene - organized and arranged by Richard Kua'ana - played a tremendous part in the wonderful worship services on Easter Day.

A Spectacular Display



The High Altar at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Easter Day



The Bishop's Easter

In the photograph above, Bishop Chang (centre) is pictured following the 7.30a.m. Eucharist on Easter Day with (left to right): Lowell Barnhart, The Rev. Dr. Leonard Howard, The Rev. Canon Jay Johnson, Hartwell Leehoy and Nat Potter.

For the first time since his consecration as the Fourth Bishop of Hawai'i, Bishop Chang was able to be present at all of the Easter celebrations at St. Andrew's Cathedral. This, he said, meant a great deal to him.

Dean Courtney said that the feedback about Holy Week and Easter 1999 that he had received from different sources, was very positive. He said he was particularly grateful for the ministries of the Verger and the Sacristan. In the Dean's words - "The flowers were spectacular".

Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief Responds to Crisis in Kosovo

Through the radio and television news casts, the world has become keenly aware of the plight of the hundreds of thousands of people who have become refugees as a result of the war in Kosovo.

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, responding to the calls for help from that region, has mounted a large scale response to the needs of the refugees, displaced and war affected people in Kosovo and the Balkans. The Fund will be working through Action by Churches Together (ACT), to provide funds for immediate relief assistance in areas of Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia. The Fund will also help out in other locations where the refugees are placed, displacement occurs or vulnerable people are victims of the war, aggression and ethnic cleansing.

Church members of Action by Churches Together hope to send at least U.S. \$4 million to the area that will provide life saving and life sustaining emergency relief. In order that these services will be delivered, ACT is working through various faith-based groups active in the Balkans, including International Orthodox Christian Charities and Church World Service, etc.,

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief is asking Episcopalians to help with this drive to help in the relief work. Anyone who would like to contribute, may do so by sending cheques or money orders payable to "Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief" and earmarked for "Kosovo Refugees" Contributions should be mailed to: Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, c/o Banker's Trust, P.O. Box 12043, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

Thought for the Month

Use what talent you posses; the woods would be very silent

if no birds sang except those that sang best."

- Henry Van Dyke



BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The improvement of communications in our Diocese was identified by the participants in my 1998 ministry review as a priority for my ministry in 1999. Special attention was to be given to The Hawaiian Church Chronicle. Therefore, I appointed an Editorial Board for The Chronicle since the Communications Department of the Diocesan Council has not been able serve as a true Editorial Board. In 1999 the Department will be giving its primary attention to the development of an Intranet system for our Diocese.

Mr. Ryan Kusumoto from St. Alban's Chapel, Honolulu, and a member of the Communications Department, serves as the chair of the Board that held it first meeting in February. The members of the Board are Pat Osgood of Calvary Church, Kaneohe; Frank Morgan of St. Augustine's Church, Kapaau; Elizabeth House of St. Clement's Church, Honolulu; Elizabeth Beasley of St. George's Church, Honolulu; and Arleen Lum as a community representative. The Board members have the years of experience in publishing and possess the publication skills that will provide support to our Editor, Donor Macneice, and that will make The Hawaijan Church Chronicle a more effective communications vehicle for our Diocese.

In the fall of 1997 an Automation Task Force was appointed to develop an Intranet system for our Diocese. Several dioceses, such as Nevada and West Virginia, have used their Intranet systems to improve communi-

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cations within the diocese among congregations and the providers of ministry resources. At the 1998 Lambeth Conference bishops used such an intranet system to communicate with each other and their dioceses. I myself was in daily communication with the Diocesan staff while at Lambeth. The Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ is in the process of developing such as system to improve communication.

The first step towards the establishment of our Intranet system was begun with the installation of the LAN system in the diocesan offices and the new Internet service provider. For the remainder of this year the Communications Department will begin working with congregations. Mr. Richard Hagemeyer, Department Chair, may be contacted for specific details. I am hopeful that this new technology will enable better communication between diocese and congregations, between congregations, and between the members of our Diocese, in order to strengthen our ministries.

"He Lanakila Ma Ke Kea"

+Richard S.O Chang

"New Beginnings" weekend is on May 14.

"New Beginnings" is just that! It is a unique experience that takes place over a week-end, and it is specially designed to respond to the issues, concerns and needs of teenagers in the age group 12 - 15.

The format of the week-end is designed so that those taking part have a chance to learn more about themselves, and to share with others, as well as to grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The week-end will start on the Friday evening at 7.00p.m. and finishes on the Sunday afternoon at 5.00p.m., and will be held at the Pu'u Kahea Conference Center, Waianae.

Any young person in the 12-15 age group may attend. An adult sponsor is required to attend the weekend with any participants from a church. This adult is asked to bring the young person, experience the full week-end with the person they sponsored, and then bring them home on the Sunday evening when all is finished.

For further information about this week-end, call Lucille Tamura at the Diocesan Office: 808-536-7776 or

It's the "Pony Show" again!!

.....but don't get the wrong idea - we are not looking for a new Bishop! I say that, because last time we had what is irreverently referred to as a "Pony Show" was when the final five Nominees for our Diocesan Bishop were taken round all the islands to "meet the people". This is something different, even though it does involve going from island to island.

Starting on May 8th., our distinguished Planned Giving Officer and Staff Stewardship Officer - Frank Embree - will be introducing The Rev. Kirk "Chief" Kubicek to our island congregations. The subject, of course, will be Stewardship. But don't let that turn you off. So often that word has the wrong effect on people. A pity, because that does not have to be the case. Stewardship can be fun and even make people laugh! Sticking with that thought - do the members of your congregation laugh and sing about tithing? Or what about seeing your Church Treasurer taking part in an MTV-type music video? Better still - have you ever heard or told the story of the "Feeding of the Five Thousand" while dancing the Macarena? I know it all sounds a little bit "out of the norm", but come along to one of the sessions in your area - the schedule is at the end of this article, and experience for yourself ways in which Stewardship can be fun - and then go back to your parish and share some of that fun with the people there.

The Rev. Kirk Kubicek is the creator of "Tithing! The Musical" This is a combination of story-telling and songs to open people up to hearing the Stewardship message. It is a folksy combination of the Biblical-Benedictine-Ignatian-Winnie the Pooh-and Ray Davies theologies! That makes for something special.

Father Kubicek has been a parish priest in the Episcopal Church since 1983, and he is presently serving as Rector of Saint Peter's Church in Ellicott City, Maryland. While he was studying for the ministry at General Theological Seminary in New York City, he developed and directed a chaplaincy program for the New York Foundling Hospital where he worked with adolescents and unwed teenage mothers in both group home and institutional settings.

His deep commitment to the gospel and bringing the Good news to others led Father Kubicek to become the Stewardship Consultant with the Episcopal Church's National Office. He uses story-telling, music and humor to bring the scriptures alive, as well as bringing people closer to Christ, each other and themselves. He works with congregations and dioceses to introduce the STAR process, organizes and provides training for

Bishop's Calendar

MAY

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

JUNE

- 6 St, Timothy's
- 20 St. Mary's
- 27 Good Samaritan

commitment programs, as well as speaking at Vestry Retreats and Stewardship Banquets. He has travelled throughout the the country as a consultant. In addition to all that, Father Kubicek has provided leadership for Ministry of Money Workshops in the United States as well as in England.

Father Kubicek and his family live in Sykesville, Maryland, where his son - Kirk Alan, Jr., and daughters Harper and Cerny - have kept him busy building a tree house.

"Chief", as he is known to his family, recently designed and led a conference for the National Church, which looked at "The Church and Generation X," and sang Joan Osborn's "What if God was One of Us?" a capella in the pulpit at Saint Peter's. His conclusion: "Most definitely God is one of us! That is the story we are given to share with others. We are always first and foremost stewards of the Gospel."

Who should attend these sessions in the "Pony Show"? All lay leaders in the various churches around the islands, as well as all Vestry and Bishop's Committee Members - including, of course, all Stewardship Committee Members. Infact, ALL interested people and all clergy....and, without a doubt - you also!

The dates and places of the meetings are:

Oahu - May 8th. - 8.30am - 12.30pm Tenney Theatre

Hawai'i - May 11th - 6.00pm - 9.00pm - St. James', Kamuela

Kaua'i - May 13th - 6.00pm - 9.00pm St. Michael's, Lihue

Maui - May 15th. - 8.30am - 12.30pm Good Shepherd, Wailuku

An Extraordinary Woman

On January 1st., 1998, the name of Julia Chester Emery was officially placed on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church, after passing scrutiny at the 1994 and 1997 General Conventions. This remarkable woman, born in Massachusetts in 1852, is sometimes recognized as the person most responsible for the missionary outreach of the Episcopal Church. She is also credited with the swift and widespread development of the Women's Auxiliary, which enabled that mission to occur.

In 1872, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (the legally correct name for the Episcopal Church to this

day) authorized the board of Missions to organize a Women's Society. Julia's older sister, Mary, was appointed its secretary.

The Emery strategy of quiet infiltration rather than explicit confrontation suited the conservative nature of the Church. Within two years, the frame-

work of a national women's network was in pace. In October 1874, Mary Emery convened the first gathering of diocesan officers - sixty-six women form five diocese, while the men were attending General Convention close by in New York City.

Julia assumed her sister's post as Genera; Secretary in 1876. The Auxiliary's main task was distributing "missionary boxes" to raise funds to supplement missionaries' salaries. Julia Emery began to write personal letters to every congregation in the Church. Her determination, drive and good ideas made her an extraordinarily able leader.

"For women who had previously been completely overlooked and excluded from the church's organizational life, the Auxiliary provided a welcome channel for involvement.....it encompassed educational programs with speakers from exotic places, Bible studies and prayer groups, sewing circles and ice cream socials, as well as the occasional special service at which bishops and leading clergy would recognize and acknowledge the presence of women in the church..."

Order of Luke now meets at St. George's

Members of the Order of St. Luke the Physician, a healing ministry of the Episcopal church, are meeting at St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor, on Thursdays evenings from 6:30 p.m. to

When Julia Emery was invited to attend the Pan-Anglican Congress in London in 1908, she argued that sine a round-trip passage was necessary, it would make sense to come back via Asia. This gave her the opportunity to visit all the American women working as missionaries in remote areas of China, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Hawai'i.

By the 1913 Triennial Meeting, which met concurrently with the General Convention, the total of the United Thank Offering was well over \$300,000. Yet the Women's Auxiliary continued to be merely a department of the Board of Missions.

Times were changing. There was a war in Europe. Women were involved in nursing, Red Cross, and Canteen work. They were ready to assume more active roles in their Church as One well. Julia evening

Emory handed a report in to her superiors that the Women's Auxiliary is "unsatisfied with its past and eager for its future. The Women's Auxiliary has been given tasks entirely incommensurate with its strength." She also handed in her resignation and left for home without telling anyone.

Over four decades, Julia Emory had been instrumental in the organization of five of the church's provinces. There were women's auxiliaries in 5,500 of the church's 8,500 congregations and missions. Probably no one other than Julia Emery have ever travelled to every single diocese and missionary district of the Episcopal Church - and in a day when transportation was cumbersome and slow.

When Miss Emery's name was approved for the Calendar of Saints by the 1997 General Convention, the women of the Church would celebrate: their leader had finally been recognized for her many contributions to the mission of Jesus Christ and to the Episcopal Church.

7:30 p.m. Anyone who would like healing prayers are invited to come during that hour. A prayer team will also visit people upon request.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Liz Beasley at St. George's, telephone: 808-422-7888, or e-mail: <legend@aloha.net>.

United Thank Offering Ingathering

This is a reminder to all that the date for the Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be Sunday, 16th. May, which is the Sunday nearest Ascension Day.

For too long we have left God out of the picture. We have forgotten that he is Sovereign Ruler of the Universe. He is not only Creator but Sustainer as well. We have thought too long that we could run our lives and our affairs of the world without His help. Now we cannot.

We find ourselves stuck in line, fume and twist to get out. We end up with troubled hearts. Only when we have faith to give in, to acknowledge our mistakes, and God's help, can we get out safely. Be willing to swallow our pride and believe that God is able to release us. Only as we let the air out of our tires.

- - Harriette Kaleiopu

New e-mail Addresses

The Diocesan Office has switched its internet server from Hawaii OnLine to RoadRunner. This has meant a change of e-mail addresses for all members of the Diocesan Staff(except the Chronicle). The new addresses, which took effect as from April 1st 1999 are as follows:

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Education programme for children ages three to twelve, in which they experience and form an authentic, faithful relationship with God.

The programme is grounded in scriptural and liturgical study, framed by Montessori's principles of education. This allows children to hear the Gospel through the use of sensorially rich materials. The children are free to work with these materials that represent essential proclamations of the Christian message.

The adult's task is to prepare the sacred space, called the atrium, for the children, so that they can respond to this holy relationship, first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

St. Clement's Church in Honolulu will be sponsoring this programme from June 4 - 12. This Level I training will prepare adults to work with children from ages three to six.

A brochure was sent out to all the churches, so please ask at your church for more information about this exceptional programme. It has transformed the experience of Christian Education and Formation in many churches for both the children as well as the adults involved. If for any reason you are unable to get information at your church, then please contact Elizabeth Keller at 808-988-5502 for further information.



"The Vestry is concerned that you might use this as an excuse to quit working with our youth."

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

MAY

- Finance & Real Estate
 Department Chairs
 2nd Budget Review
- 6. Commission on Ministry
- 8. Episcopal Schools/ HEY Conf.LEM Workshop (Oahu)
- 9. Chronicle Deadline
- 14. Standing Committee Bishop's Scholar & HPU Applications Due New Beginnings
- 15. Council Dept. Meetings Diocesan Council
- 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

JUNE

- 2. Diocesan Institute
- 3. Commission on Ministry
- 5. Iolani Graduation
- 6. St. Andrew's Priory Graduation
- 9. Finance & Real Estate Dept Chronicle Deadline
- Diocesan Convention 1st Mailing deadline
- Kamehameha Day Diocesan
 Offices Closed
- Episcopal Schools
 Commission
 Compensation Review Com.
- 17. Cathedral Chapter
- Council Dept. Meetings Diocesan Council
- 22. 1st Convention Mailing
- 23. Stewardship Committee
- Planned Giving Workshop Maui
- Deadline for ECW Christian Social Relations Committee's Specials

It Was The Time For Those Initials Again!!!

Like so many other organizations, the Church is wonderful for "shortcutting" words and talking in initials instead of saying plainly and understandably so all may be enlightened, what the subject is.

If you had been in or around the Diocesan Offices just before or just after Easter you would have heard almost everyone talking about BACAM. To those "in the know" there is no problem at all, but to the uninitiated, and the person who is having a casual conversation with a staff person, to be told that someone is "going to BACAM", it sounds as if they are going to the race track!

In fact it is much more serious. The initials BACAM stand for "Bishop's Advisory Committee for Aspirants to the Ministry". This Committee is comprised of members of both the Diocesan Standing Committee and the Commission on Ministry. For two days, the Committee meets with those aspiring to go forward towards ordination to either the priesthood or the permanent diaconate. During the two days, the aspirants - and I am using that as a general term - are questioned, counselled, talked with, encouraged, prayed with, laughed with and loved. At the end of it all, the Committee passes on its recommendations to the Bishop who can then act on or ignore the recommendations of the Committee.

BACAM this time took place on April 9th & 10th, and there were eight aspirants who were in various stages on the road towards ordination. They were: John Turner, Henry Keyser, Drew Van Culin, Walter Stevens, Honey Becker, Taylor Clark, Pam Junge and Ajuko Ueda. They had come to Honolulu for the occasion from paces far and near. Some of them had just taken their Canonical Exams, and some had just finished their college exams, but at the beginning most were somewhat stressed and a bit apprehensive. By the end of the two days, most of the stress had disappeared and there was a definite relaxed mood among all who were gathered there for the final lunch on the Saturday. Anybody who attended that BACAM could not have doubted the sincerity and faith of all the aspirants, for the entire road towards is not easy, and it so often necessitates hardship and sacrifices - not only in financial matters but also in family matters as well.

However, serious as BACAM is on every level, there was time for relaxation after dinner, when little

CATHEDRAL DAY AGAIN!!!

Time just flies by these days. It is time yet again for that wonderful experience of "CATHEDRAL DAY". This is something that should not be missed by anyone, if it is at all possible. It is not only a time of learning and meeting new people, it is also a time for fun for everyone.. So make a point of putting the date in your calendars, and joining everyone else at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

"TELLING OUR STORIES"

The place is St. Andrew's Cathedral and the date and the time is May 22, from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM.

Not only will participants hear Bishop Chang's faith story in the plenary session, we will find out about the stories of many faithful ministries which are taking place throughout the diocese. Representatives from various diocesan committees will present workshops to provide resources and opportunities for sharing that will empower participants in their own ministries. They will also introduce us to areas of ministry that we may want to explore further in conferences and workshops that are offered throughout the year. Workshops are planned that appeal to folks of all ages and activity levels. Having fun is a top priority. Lunch will be "brown bag with a pizza ordering option".

The day will end with a grand Pentecost liturgy which is co-sponsored by HEPAM and the Christian Formation Committee. Expect the unexpected as we experience the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Brochures and registration forms are available through local churches and from the diocese upon request. We do have some airline coupons available for neighbor island participants. Please send registrations to Arminta James c/o St... Timothy's, 98-939 Moanalua Rd. Aiea, Hawaii 96701

Cathedral Day Schedule

8:45am:

Registration. WEAR RED!

9:00am

Opening

9:15am:

Plenary – Bishop Chang's Story

10:15am:

Session 1 (Antiracism, Banner making, Gifts

Discovery, Sunday Schools)

11:00am:

Break

11:15am:

Session 2 (Mom & Tots, Church Growth, Seniors,

Youth, All Generations)

12:00noon:

Lunch

1:00pm:

Session 3 (Games and Icebreakers, Evangelism,

Ka'papa, Thankful Giving)

2:00pm:

Pentecost Liturgy

"playlets" depicting typical scenarios in parish life were acted out by those present and ended up as something quite hysterical. I was sorry I didn't have my camera with me at that time, then we would have recorded for all posterity the "off the record" antics of several of our senior clergy.

I feel I cannot close without saying one final thing about the two days. An "Oscar" has to go to Lucille Tamura for all the effort she put into making everything run smoothly.

- Java Sparrow

