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## Delegate Finds Synod to be Enlightening Experience

BY TABITHA SECRETARIO  
*St. Mary's, Honolulu*

As one of your lay delegates to the 67<sup>th</sup> Synod in Province 8 and a participant in the convocation at the University of San Diego, I am pleased to report back to all of you. Looking back, it seems that I did a lot of eating and fellowship while I was there, so as a local girl I felt right at home. I have to admit that although I have been raised in the Episcopal Church, I had no idea what the Convocation or Synod were and who Province 8 represented. However, I realized that fellow parishioners did not know either. Therefore, I went to San Diego with an open heart and mind, expecting the unexpected.

Bishop Chang and I were two of the first to arrive for the Convocation, having both taken the Tuesday "red eye" flight. After a shower and a long

## St. John's Celebrates 99th Anniversary

### ✠ Centennial Planning Underway

BY JEAN FIDDES  
*St. John's, Keokea*

Over 75 people gathered at St. John's Episcopal Church, Keokea, on Maui on Sunday, June 27, to celebrate Founder's Day and the Church's 99th anniversary. Nestled in the rural hills of Upcountry Maui, St. John's was founded by the Reverend Shim Yin Chin in 1900. Participating in the 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist service on June 27 were Dr. Walton T. K. Shim and his son Christopher of Honolulu—the grandson and great-grandson of St. John's founder. Dr. Shim's father, the Reverend Wai On Shim, also served at St. John's from 1948 through 1950.

Also attending the service were Mr. Fook Ching of Honolulu and Mr. Moon Chung of Keokea. As young boys, both men attended services at St. John's while the Reverend Shim Yin Chin officiated there. Reverend Shim died suddenly in June 1918 at the age of 51.



Janet Makua, Dr. Walton Shim, and Christopher Shim at the celebration of the 99th Anniversary of St. John's, Kula. The Shims are the grandson and great-grandson of St. John's founder, the Rev. Shim Yin Chin.

Following the Founder's Day service, Dr. Shim showed slides on the founding of St. John's and his grandfather's life. Born in Kwanqung in the South China District of Pao-on on November 25, 1868, Fr. Shim attended a German Lutheran Basel Mission School in Canton and was ordained as a Lutheran priest when he was 24. Encouraged to come to Hawai'i, Fr. Shim arrived in Honolulu

in 1899, leaving his wife and four young children in China. After being accepted into the Anglican Church by Bishop Willis at St. Andrew's Cathedral, he traveled to isolated Keokea to serve the large group of Hakka Chinese farmers, the main inhabitants of the area, at the turn of the century. Father Shim was ordained as a Deacon on May 8, 1905, and was ordained to

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nap I headed towards registration. Who do you suppose was sitting at the registration desk? Why, none other than our very own Lucille Tamura. Bishop Chang and Ms. Tamura were the only people I knew beforehand and I would like to thank them both for keeping "an eye out for me" and for all of their support.

One thing I recognized immediately was the diversity of people within the Province, something we dioceses within it are separated by great distances, just like in our own diocese, but on a larger scale. It is very hard for me to see that such a Province could have existed and functioned fifty years ago.

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## Coon Entrusted with Bishop Estate Position

In the wake of the removal of the five standing Kamehameha Schools' Bishop Estate trustees, former Iolani Headmaster, the Reverend David Coon, found himself thrust into the leadership role of one of the nation's largest tax-exempt trusts.

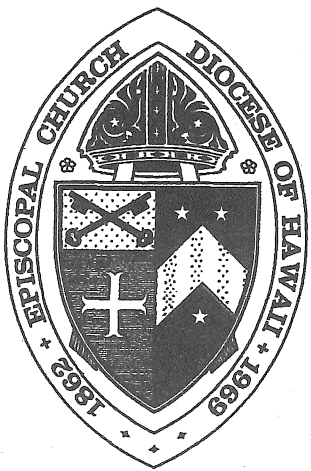
Rev. Coon, who served as headmaster of Iolani from 1970 until 1992, was appointed by District Court Judge Kevin Chang as one of five interim trustees to oversee the operations of the trust, which is valued at over \$6 billion.

"David brings a high degree of integrity and credibility to the institution," said Nathan Aipa, the estate's

acting chief operating officer. "His educational background will be instrumental in providing strategic educational insights which will facilitate Kamehameha Schools' ability to reach its full potential."

Bishop Estate trustees are appointed by the courts with the sole function of carrying out the mandates dictated by Bernice Pauahi Bishop's will, as well as overseeing the institution known as the Kamehameha Schools.

Excerpted from an article by Deven Higa, Staff Writer of Imua Iolani of the Iolani School, Honolulu, May 28, 1999.



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## Bishop's Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My summer was busier than expected with the ordination to the Diaconate of Pam Junge and Drew Van Culin, the celebrations of New Ministry at the Church of the Good Samaritan and St. George's Church, the marriage of our younger daughter Hannah to Daniel Birnbaum, the transitions at Camp Mokuleia, and the Convocation and Synod for Province 8 in San Diego. Of course, there were the anticipated and unanticipated demands of Episcopal ministry.

But now I'm on vacation on Maui relaxing at the Grand Wailea Hotel. I'm here because Dee is conducting seminars on meeting management with hotel and visitor industry managers. Many don't realize that Dee has a life other than accompanying the Bishop on visitations and diocesan events. Since 1987 she has headed ProMeet, Inc., a corporate meeting management company that she founded when we lived in New Jersey. Over the years she has been a trainer and consultant for individuals and corporations, such as Marriott Hotels and AT&T. Mrs. Eileen Carey, wife of the Archbishop,

The Right Rev.  
Richard S. O. Chang

BISHOP OF HAWAII



asked Dee to conduct the spouses training for the nearly 70 small group and Bible study leaders at the Lambeth Conference.

While on Maui, Dee is the consultant from ProMeet, Inc., rather the Bishop's lovely wife. She gets the attention and gets welcomed first by the hotel manager. Then I'm introduced as her husband who came along with her since I was on vacation. So while Dee leads her seminars, I am running errands to support her work, making arrangements for meals and transportation, or taking messages from her students and clients. My vacation ministry is supporting Dee, in

## Bishop's Visitations

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- 17 St. Christopher's
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much the same way that she does in my ministry. It is a wonderful change that refreshes and renews both of us. So here we are vacationing on Maui, living mutual ministry as we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and doing something very different. But I'll be back in the office when this issue of *The Hawaiian Church Chronicle* arrives at your home.

Yours in Christ,  
+Dick

## In Memoriam ✻ John Chae Ik Park ✻ May 6, 1936 – May 16, 1999

EXCERPTED FROM EULOGY BY  
ROLAND M. KAWANO

*In the midst of life we are in death,  
of whom may we seek for succor  
but of thee, O Lord, who for our  
sins are justly displeased.*

The life of John Park, gentle as it was, is reflected and marked by this hymn, the paeon and canticle that John said over the graves, over the ashes of his parishioners, for John and his family were the children of war, cradled by the global conflict fought out on the Korean peninsula.

In 1964, he graduated from St. Michael's Theological College in Seoul, was ordained priest, and sent to St. Bede's, Seoul. In 1965, he was posted to St. Peter's, Pusan, at the southern tip of Korea. In 1969, he went to St. Andrew's, a four-point rural parish on an isolated island. He traveled by a small scooter, and in these parishes, he lived together with his widowed mother.

In 1972, the Diocese of Seoul sent John on an exchange program to the Diocese of Hawaii, and he was posted at Holy Nativity, Aina Haina, in Honolulu. In this year, the revered Anglican healer, Agnes Sanford, held her final teaching workshop outside of

the continental United States, and John signed up. John, always a slow eater, found he was one of the last to leave the refectory, and he noticed that Eugenia Kawano was also trying to finish the meal.



They started conversing and so began the courtship between John and Eugenia. In 1975, they married at the Cathedral in Seoul. In 1977, the Parks returned to the Diocese of Hawaii. Later, they moved to the Diocese of Toronto. While there, John worked at the Mission-to-Seamen, where he came to wear the Greek sailor's cap, which

would come to be an indispensable part of his dress.

On June 13, at Bedford Park United Church, the Korean Community in Toronto held a memorial service for John. The former Moderator of the United Church, the Very Rev. Sang Chul Lee, spoke about John's gentle nature, about someone who was not outwardly ambitious, about someone who spoke kindly about everyone.

At the Funeral Mass for John at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu, the first reading was from Isaiah, "the spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me...." the reading that Jesus would later take as his touchstone. It is a reading that reflects the Lord's actions of grace and graciousness upon our lives. When John was nine years old in the midst of World War II, he and his family were forced to flee together south from North Korea. John tells the story that in the midst of the fleeing refugees came a truck that had room on the back. Everyone who could would attempt to scramble up the truck to get a ride. And John tried also.

But John was small and each time he attempted to get up on the truck and to get his family on, he was pushed off, and this happened again and again until the truck moved on over the rise and disappeared. John sat on the edge

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# THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

## “How Do I Go About Living a Life with God?”

### ✠ Young Adult Festival, San Francisco

BY BAVI RIVERA

The people gathered in the lobby Friday night of Memorial Day Weekend. The joy of reconnecting with old friends, the stories of lost luggage, delayed planes, hotel rooms that weren't ready, the interest in meeting new ECUSA staff, were all the same as at any other church meeting, except that the median age and the mean age were about thirty years younger than usual. This was the 1999 Young Adult Festival meeting at the Holiday Inn in the Financial District of San Francisco.

After supper we gathered in small groups and dove deeply and quickly into the subject at hand. In one-on-one interviews, we listened to each other talk about our spiritual lives, our hopes and dreams for them, our willingness to lay down our lives for God. The stories were varied and interconnected. Many participants were considering or preparing for ordination, and the church will be richer with their commitment to strengthening the Christian community.

Bible study and worship were central to the weekend, but there wasn't anything ordinary about either

one. Bible study was clearly Anglican—"answering questions with questions" (Thom Chu)—but it was also by immersion. As we considered Luke 1:26-35, we looked at words and phrases using Koine Greek syntax, we looked at art and read poetry and ancient hymns based on the passage, we made "family sculptures" (including ones of Mary, Gabriel, and God, in pipe cleaners), we considered the connections of the passage to our own lives, we meditated and prayed. It was an enlivening, enlightening, and nurturing couple of hours!

Worship was designed to contain the traditional elements, and it was centered in the stories of Scripture and the lives of the saints, but it was done in a whole new language. "Here we are," Chaplain Julie Graham said, "sitting in a hotel room around a table with dirt on it, with marigold growing out of the dirt." In the center of the table, also emerging from the dirt was a large Christ candle, and next to it a bowl of water, and another bowl later used to contain our abundance of thanksgiving prayers. Stones, which were used to physically symbolize the

presence of Christ within us, bordered the table.

Themes included baptism, incarnation, confession, suffering, death, resurrection, and the empowering and sending forth by the Holy Spirit. My favorite of the stated goals was "to reveal the subversive and dangerous life we have chosen." I at least was challenged and moved by these beautiful rituals or ceremonies, which included music, action, and the prayers of the Saints—both those visible in the room and those in greater service.

A panel of folks who live in various kinds of religious communities spoke of their communities, and of the Rule of Life that helps define those communities. In small groups we wrestled with the challenges a Rule of Life presents to each of us, and with some of the disciplines, commitments, and other elements of such a rule.

Spirituality or "our life with God" isn't lived out only in the prayer and study within the community. The walk with Jesus takes us into the world. There were Field Trips! Some went to the beach or to the labyrinth to pray in quiet, in a more solitary way. Others were called to service with children or with Project Open Hand (an AIDS ministry). Others went to the Mission District where they viewed and studied San Francisco's many murals—where the "words of the prophets are written on the...walls."

Sunday morning also offered choices for participating in the greater church. Some visited Grace Cathedral for a (generally twentieth-century, white mainstream) traditional experience, others visited True Sunshine Church to worship with a primarily Chinese-speaking congregation, and others visited Saint Gregory of Nyssa to worship in a more ancient tradition, where the service includes circle dancing and interactive preaching. Unfortunately, I had to leave Saturday afternoon (I stayed until the last possible minute!) for another young adult event (my goddaughter was being married), but I want to end my report by celebrating the lively, faithful creativity and community of both the planners and the participants.

I am grateful for the lessons I learned; I am even more grateful for the friends I had and the friends I made at the Festival. We as a church can learn from them to proclaim God's abundance and to celebrate the beauty of the Body of Christ. Thank you for making it possible for me to attend.

*Note: Becky Thomason from St. Christopher's, Kailua, and Carla Achol from Holy Apostles, Hilo, also attended the Festival. The Diocese is forming a task force to enhance ministry efforts among young adults. Additional materials about the Festival are on the web at: <<http://ecusa.anglican.org/mvp/festival99.htm>>.*

### John Park

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of the road crying his heart out for the truck seemed to be their salvation. And then they heard a terrific explosion. On running over the rise, they saw it had hit a land mine or a rocket. It took a long time for John to recognize the hand of grace and the graciousness of the Lord in this experience.

The Parks returned to the Diocese of Hawai'i to serve at St. Luke's, Honolulu, almost a decade ago. John underwent open heart surgery in March and suffered an infection and a stroke two weeks later. He was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of Queen's Hospital, and the family and friends began a vigil with him until his passing on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. John leaves his wife Eugenia and son Titus.

At his funeral mass the following Saturday, the group "Skylark" played Renaissance and Baroque music. Andrea Kawano, John's niece, played Chopin's "Nocturne in E Minor." The altar of the Cathedral was decorated with bird-of-paradise and anthuriums,

while the great red-and-yellow-feathered torches of the *ali'i*, the Hawaiian chiefs, stood on either side of the altar. As the service ended, and the procession from the Cathedral followed the ashes outside where John would be interred in the columbarium, the St. Andrew's bell ringers began pulling the great bells, each named for one of the Hawaiian monarchs.

And the bell ringing continued throughout the committal. There would be a reception and tea in the nearby Davies Hall with a Korean buffet. The caterers, when they realized that the deceased was the Fr. John who had come to their restaurant each Monday after golf, had decided to double the recipes.

So, John Chae-Ik Park is laid to rest at the Cathedral at Queen Emma Square, where the tradewinds blow off the heat of the day, the Hawaiian Mass reminds us of the traditions of the Islands, and the bell ringing tells us to enjoy life, both now and ever.



## Diocesan Nominations: Testimony on Stewardship

BY JANE M. TONOKAWA  
*Secretary of the Convention*

It took a few Diocesan Council meetings in the fall of 1994 to start realizing what "The Diocese" is. I started to look outside of the box — the box being Emmanuel Church in Kailua. What a whole *new* world!!

Until that time, I admit I served Emmanuel well for over 15 years and enjoyed it very much. I continue to serve and enjoy it. Working on the diocesan level, however, opened my eyes to a different perspective on God's work. It was the operations of a single church on a much grander scale. It was very rewarding to work alongside professionals in our community who also volunteered their time and talents as stewards of God. *Bingo!* This is about stewardship, about giving back to God in thanksgiving.

Why did I volunteer? Was I crazy? I was in a comfort zone. My two children had just turned five and one. I was told the commitment to the Council was two monthly meetings, one of which was on a Saturday for several hours. I agreed to be nominated because I wanted to help and because my husband and flexible work schedule would support me. Over the course of my three-year tenure on the Council, I have devoted many hundreds of hours to the diocese, and I continue to serve, as do others. I will stand by the saying, "*You get out of it what you put into it.*"

This October, my children will be ten and five years old. They know that Mommy does work for the "Big Church." They know that Mommy does work for Emmanuel. I pray that they, too, will someday be faithful stewards of their time and talents. *THAT*, I must admit, is the real fruit of my labors.

A few months ago, I dog-eared a page in a book that contained this quote:

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# AROUND THE DIOCESE • CHURCHES

## Good Shepherd Receives Grant for Day Care Center

At their most recent meeting, the Atherton Family Foundation authorized a \$5,000 grant to fund capital improvements at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wailuku. These funds match a similar grant received earlier this year from the Fred Baldwin Memorial Foundation.

Good Shepherd Church has a long history of operating a school, or other educational programs, for the community. No daily programs or classes, however, have been offered for the past fifteen years. Members of the community, the vestry, and the congregation all agree that the Wailuku area needs more day care centers. Not enough spaces exist to accommodate the growing number of children needing day care as more parents work at one or more jobs to make ends meet. All current day care centers in the area have waiting lists.

To help meet these needs, Good Shepherd Church is seeking to operate a licensed day care center on its Wailuku premises. The church's current classroom buildings were originally built for educational purposes, but there is an obvious need for capital improvements to meet the required State and County codes and guidelines. These significant costs are outside the normal operating expenses of the church. The church's proposed day care program cannot be offered without proper facilities. Funds from these local foundations will now enable Good Shepherd Church to proceed with these much-needed improvements.

For more information please call the church office at (808) 244-4656 on Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

## Christian Formation at St Luke's

St Luke's Church in Nu'uuanu is a small congregation with some creative approaches to Christian formation. A monthly soup & bread supper brings a dozen or two on the second Wednesday of the month. Senior Warden Francis Park is a gourmet soup chef, and fresh-baked bread rounds off the food. Fellowship, worship, and then a program, such as a speaker, fill the evening until 8:00 PM.

St. Luke's members meet on Thursday evening for Bible study, which is lay-led and supported by church members. In addition, lay

readers gather for a "Lectionary Breakfast" on the first Saturday of the month to review the Lectionary for the coming month, practice the readings, and discuss illuminating the readings to enhance understandings.

## Cathedral History Available

A history of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu, entitled "From Royal Garden to Gothic Splendor," by Rianna Williams, is available at the Cathedral office. Mrs. Williams, a local writer, became interested in St. Andrew's history while she was in charge of the docents at Iolani Palace. She was intrigued by the parts played by the later monarchs of the Kingdom in the development of the Cathedral. The beautifully illustrated book of 156 pages sells for \$15.00.

## UTO Grant Awarded to St. John's by-the-Sea

The Rev. Walter Harris, Vicar of St. John's by-the-Sea Church, Kahalu'u, joyously announced that a UTO Grant for \$30,000 toward a \$45,000 renovation project was awarded this past June for use through June 2000. "I am so excited and feeling really blessed for St. John's 'Ohana and the surrounding community that it serves!" said Fr. Walt.

The money will be used to upgrade Ho'okano Hall, a facility used frequently by the church and the community. "We are in desperate need of space for storage, which takes up about one-third to a quarter of the usable floor space," said Gene Naipo, head of building and grounds. "Everybody and his brother uses the hall for respite child care, hula Halau, Hawaiian language and culture programs, worship and Bible study, luaus, meetings, funeral and wedding receptions, family reunions, birthday parties, youth and church school activities, including overnight lock-ins, and we don't even have access for the handicapped. We can't wait to get started," Gene went on to say.

The plan will expand the hall enough to add storage, develop handicapped bathroom facilities and handicapped access to the hall and church, and install showers for overnight church and community retreats. The UTO letter announcing the grant "said it all" by identifying the project as "a center of Hawaiian church presence and outreach mission in the community."

Not only do we congratulate St. John's but also all of you in our diocese who make this blessing possible through your contributions to The United Thank Offering Fund and its wonderful and much needed ministry.

*Remember that United Thank Offering contributions will be collected at the Convention Eucharist in October.*

## Healing Service and Discussion at St. Andrew's

On Sunday, September 12, at 4:00 PM, St. Andrew's Cathedral will hold the second in a series of gatherings that explores spiritual healing for those affected by HIV/AIDS. The event will seek to incorporate various paths of spiritual understanding and expression, such as using the Psalms, story, Taize chant, Hawaiian chant, and Lomi Lomi, as well as reflections and discussion. A personal reflection will be offered by Drew Kovach, MD.

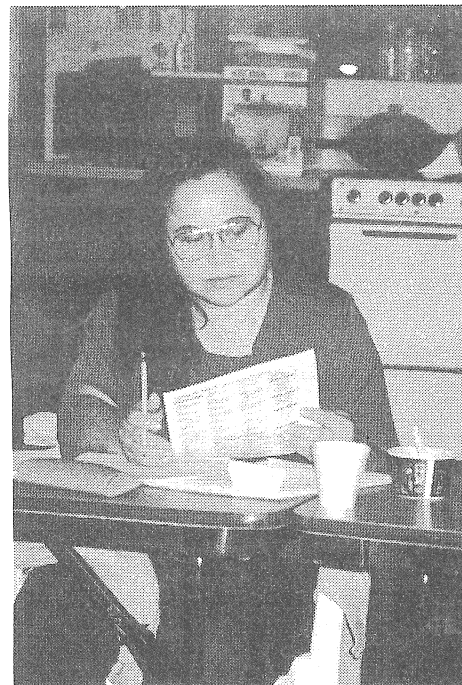
A light meal and an opportunity for discussion follows the healing service. "During this time," says Canon Kay Johnson of the Diocesan Task Force on HIV/AIDS, "we hope to provide a safe space where dialogue can take place around issues such as uncertainty, loneliness, and other challenges related to coping with illness."

All are welcome to attend. Choir members are invited to support this diocesan ministry with their voices. For more information, please call 949-9679 or 524-2822, ext. 213.



## Deaneries Consider Diocesan Budget in a Series of Meetings

For ten days in a row in June and July, Jim Putnam, chair of the Finance and Real Estate Department; Peter Pereira, Diocesan Treasurer; and Lucille Tamura, Program Officer, made a whirlwind tour of all the deaneries in the Diocese to present the diocesan budget for the year 2000. Attendees had the opportunity to look over the budget and ask questions about the various proposed expenditures. Some deaneries offered resolutions for changing parts of the budget. The final budget will be considered at the Diocesan Convention, which takes place on October 22-24.



Mrs. "Hana" Arce of Grace Church, Moloka'i, looks over some documents at one of the Diocesan Budget Meetings.



John Decker and Eugenia Sitts, both of Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku, at the Diocesan Budget Meeting on Maui.



# AROUND THE DIOCESE • PEOPLE



Hawaii Happening Team on August 3 on their way to introduce Happening weekend in Alaska. Front Row, L to R: The Rev. Joe Carr, David Caldwell, Pomai Akiona, Evan Carr, Lucille Tamura. Back Row, L to R: Celeste Carr, Rowena Vila, Marc Contee, Rheena Acidera, Joshua Dela Cruz, Jeana Nakamura.

## Evangelista and Uno Take DAV Posts

KAILUA-KONA — At the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Hawai'i Department, held on June 18 and 19 at the Royal Kona Hotel, **Roger Evangelista** was elected Department Commander of the State DAV. Roger, an active member of **Good Shepherd, Wailuku**, is a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam conflict, and served as a Staff Sergeant. Roger is currently on the vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and represents his parish on HEPAM. He lives with his wife Nenita and son Edward. Also, at the DAV convention, **Deacon Ernest Uno** was appointed to be the Department Chaplain for Hawai'i.

## Teacher Honored

**Jeanne Chun** of **St. Peter's, Honolulu**, was honored during Iolani School's graduation ceremony for being the teacher who has taught the longest at that school. Jeanne has been with Iolani for 40 years. Congratulations, Jeanne!

## Governor Appoints Dingley

The Reverend **Alison M. Dingley**, Rector of **St. Luke's Church, Honolulu**, has been appointed to the

Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS). Alison joins a select group of health professionals in advising the Department of Health on programs, needs, and issues arising from alcohol and drug usage in the Islands. Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon and Governor Ben Cayetano officiated at the swearing-in ceremonies in the Capitol last July.

Since ordination in 1978, Alison has worked in the field of drug and alcohol abuse. She continues to serve the field as a counselor-certifier for the Hawai'i Department of Health. Since February 1999, Alison has been Rector of **St. Luke's Church**.

## Living the Covenant: Consultation 1999

The Rev. **Alison Dingley** and **Willis Moore** attended the "Living the Covenant" consultation at **St. Olaf's College** in June. Sponsored by the North American Association for the Diaconate and also by Associated Parishes, the consultation brought ordained and non-ordained people to a "level field" of conversations about "Total Ministry: The Ministry of All Baptized Christians." Generic nametags, with only first names readable, helped make the conversations lively and candid.

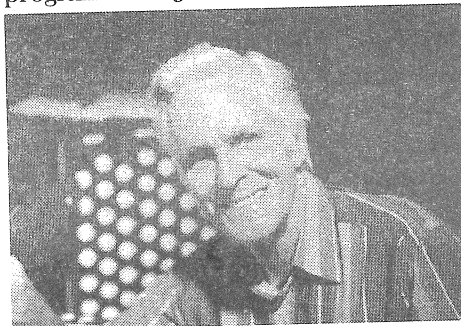
"The Episcopal Church is a denomination of small congregations," says **Willis Moore**. "Total Ministry is

being done in some exciting ways in Nevada, Michigan, North Dakota, and Nebraska, where the dioceses feature ways of training and utilizing all baptized believers as ministers to and in the world."

## Organist Emeritus Goes to New York

**John McCreary**, Organist Emeritus of **St. Andrew's Cathedral** and former Senior Master at **Iolani School**, is taking a vacation from retirement. He has been asked to be Interim Organist and Director of Music at **St. James Episcopal Church** on Madison Avenue in New York City. He assumes his duties on September 1 and will stay until a permanent replacement is named. He hopes to be back home in Nuuanu putting in his garden in January, but may be away through April.

**St. James** has an extensive music program, with eight choirs: four children's choirs, three adult choirs, and a handbell choir. John will also be responsible for the "Friends of Music" program at **St. James**.



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the Priesthood at **St. Andrew's Cathedral** on July 4, 1909.

**St. John's** Founder's Day and 99th Anniversary celebration also included an "international" potluck following **Dr. Shim's** slide presentation.

Planning is underway for **St. John's** Centennial Celebration in the year 2000 and its Founder's Day activities on June 24 and 25, 2000. Anyone in the Hawai'i church community interested in the Church's 100th anniversary activities should write to **St. John's** (RR 2 Box 212, Kula, Hawai'i 96790) to be added to the Church's Centennial Celebration mailing list.

## Province 8 Synod

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However, with the continual rapid growth of technology and communication, this Province will flourish.

"The Episcopal Church in Province 8" used to be known as "The Province of the Pacific," but the old name did not include dioceses like Utah or Nevada, which now are also in the Province. Therefore, included in the ordinances passed by this Synod (the legislative part) was this name change, but of course this was not a major issue. The big Synod issues were the budget and the restructuring of the province.

The Synod on Friday went by swiftly. This was good experience for me because **Denver 2000** will be my first General Convention; it will be like the Synod times twenty. As one of your lay deputies, I pray that I may truly serve God and this Diocese.

The Synod/Convocation opened by eyes to a larger Episcopal Church and other ministries that I had no idea existed, and it introduced me to more brothers and sisters in Christ. My experience here was extremely rich and valuable. I invite all of you to take advantage of the support Province 8 has to offer and urge more to attend the next Convocation, which is open to all Episcopalians in the Province.

This opportunity that you have given me challenges me to be a more active member in the church and to start really opening my heart to what the *Lord* is calling me to do.



# THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

## Team Makes Pilgrimage to Ancestral Homelands

By HATSUNE SEKIMURA  
*Good Samaritan, Honolulu*

In response to the invitation of the Anglican Province of Hong Kong, the Episcopal Asiamerican Ministry (EAM) 1999 National Consultation engaged in a most unusual and ambitious program from May 18-27. The members undertook a pilgrimage to their ancestral homelands of Hong Kong, Manila, Seoul, Taipei, and Tokyo. The visit enabled to Convocations to observe and share in the contemporary concerns of the churches in their homelands, experience God through corporate worship, Bible study, and fellowship, witness how the local churches are growing in faith, and to see how the gospel message is extending beyond the local churches and communities. After the pilgrimages to the respective homelands, the EAM members assembled in Hong Kong for special meetings of the Young Adults, Women, and Clergy groups. Town Hall meetings and plenary sessions discussed "Anglican Contributions to Asian Christianity" and "New Challenges and Partnerships to Asian Ministries." New convocation conveners were elected and the Women's group was officially accepted as a convocation. The first

Laotian Episcopal priest was introduced to the members. A bright note for the Japanese Convocation is that a young man named Eric Suzuki from St. Mary's Church in Los Angeles was elected Convener of the Young Adult Convocation.

One of the highlights of our four days in Japan was the visit to the provincial office of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (NSKK). We had a very informative session with the Primate, his staff, and other NSKK members, with much sharing and learning taking place. At one session with the NSKK members we had the privilege of meeting with two of the three recently ordained women priests. The group attended the Eucharist celebrated by one of the priests, the Rev. Tazu Sasamori at St. Patrick's Church in Tachikawa.

In retrospect, the 1999 EAM Pilgrimage to Asia was a gigantic and powerful experience for all the participants, both from the "homelands" and from the United States. Everyone learned a lot and shared much. We thought and worked as one body no matter where our roots. Truly in Christ there is no East or West, but one Body and Spirit.



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Bishop Dick Chang with Bishop and Mrs. David Tani of Okinawa in October 1998.

## Okinawa Delegation to Attend Hawai'i Diocesan Convention

By JANE IBARA  
*St. Andrew's Cathedral*

The Rt. Rev. David Tani and his wife Toshiko will lead a delegation to Hawai'i from the Diocese of Okinawa, and Bishop Tani will deliver the sermon at the opening Eucharist of the fall Diocesan Convention. The other representatives will be Mrs. Abeleth Kohchi, Deacon Kotaro Takara, Mr. Akira Makiya, Fr. Eisho Uehara and Fr. Robert Walden. Fr. Walden was at All Saints on Kaua'i before becoming the rector at All Souls Church in Chatan, Okinawa.

The visitors will arrive on October 15 and will stay with host families. A full schedule of church visitations, sightseeing, and convention activities are being planned by the Companion Diocese Relationship Committee, which consists of Jim Benson, Myrtle Kaneshiro, Fr. David Kennedy, Peter

L'Orange, Barbara Maeshiro, Sue Ann Wilson, and Jane Ibara.

At the 1995 Hawai'i Diocesan Convention, a resolution introduced by the Hawai'i Episcopal Pacific Asiamerica Ministry authorized an unofficial companion diocese relationship with Okinawa. Now that both dioceses have elected permanent bishops, plans are underway to formalize the relationship. In October 1998, Bishop Chang, Fr. and Mrs. Norio Sasaki, Jane Tonokawa and Jane Ibara visited Okinawa and learned of the ties between Hawai'i and Okinawa since World War II.

In the 1950s Bishop Harry Kennedy of Hawai'i was the overseer of the ministry in Okinawa, and when Okinawa was made a missionary diocese of the Episcopal Church in 1967, Bishop Edmond Browning became the first bishop. In 1972, the church in Okinawa was transferred to the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan, and Bishop Paul Nakamura was elected the first Japanese bishop of Okinawa. Bishop Tani succeeded him in 1998.

It is hoped that strong support and friendships will continue to develop and that each diocese will be strengthened in outreach and mission work.

## Testimony

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*I am only one. But still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.*

In God's love,  
Jane M. Tonokawa

*Note: Please submit photographs of all nominees to the Chronicle for publication in the October issue. The deadline for submission is **September 9 at 4:00 p.m.** Earlier is preferable. If you have any questions about nominations, please contact the Rev. John Millen, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at the Church of the Holy Nativity, 373-2131, ext. 18, fax: 373-2133, or by e-mail at <jmillen@holynativity-hi.org>. Jane Tonokawa can be reached by e-mail at <djtono@aloha.net> or at her business phone, 535-8717.*



# REFLECTIONS

## Church Cat Defines Ministry

BY SHIRLEY HAINES CANNON  
*Holy Innocents'*

Church cats are famous enough to warrant their own calendars and picture books, but our very uncommon Episcopocat is so famous he receives fan mail. A postcard with a treetop view of Bend, Oregon, arrived recently, addressed to "Jack, Holy Innocents' Church, Front Street, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii."

*"Dear Jack, Thank you for making us feel so welcome at your church during our recent trip to Maui. You are a very good greeter. Sincerely, Liz and Jon."*

Jack spends much of the daylight hours relaxing in new and interesting ways on the usher's bench at the front door of church, pleased that he can attend to this part of his ministry while sleeping.

He also gets messages on the answering machine. Well, we received the following message *about* him one night: "Hi, this is Sharon and I'm calling about Jack. He seems OK. It's just that, like, well, he's been hanging out down here at the harbor and over under the banyan tree with all the sailors and artists and stuff, and like, well, the guys around here say that, well, he doesn't seem to have an agenda." (Our hero, by the way, at the time was sitting on the kitchen floor in his elegant gray tabby suit, looking unconcerned.)

At vespers, the following night, Jack didn't show up. After service I announced, "I'm going to town to get my kid." (I've done this before.) And marched out the driveway and down the sidewalk headed for town.

King Kamehameha III School is next door to the church and about a block wide. A hibiscus hedge/chain-link fence follows the sidewalk. I stomped along, trying to look mad and trying to get aerobic, when...

A (barely discernable but very familiar) "Brrrip!" halted my progress abruptly. I turned slowly and spoke to the fence, "Jack?"

"Brip." (The barely discernable reply.)

"Git your furry tail over here." (I turned into my mother.) And stood there trying to sound angry talking to a hibiscus hedge/chain-link fence.

In his own sweet time (a full ten seconds later), Jack sauntered out from

under the hibiscus hedge, glanced at me briefly, "Briped" again and looked away. Where does he get that attitude?

Through a suppressed smile, I hissed, "Get your furry tail home this minute! Just-what-do-you-think-you-are-doing?" Ah, the mother lines are hard-wired, aren't they?

I kicked the chain link—it made a satisfying crash—and whirled around and stomped for home. Jack disappeared into the darkness of the school grounds and it occurred to me that a school playground at night was probably a safe place for him. He's already learned (the hard way) about dogs.

Jack followed me all the way home that night, through the schoolyard. I didn't see him but I knew he was in there, trotting along. We connected at the church driveway and, like a couple of old pals, went into the rectory for a little treat.

Every time I see Jack I give thanks to God for the fact that he's still alive today, still here with us, still reflecting love without condition.

Is it unconditional? No, I think Jack is actually quite discerning. He leaves early or just doesn't show up if

the vibes are bad. Unlike many of his species, our guy is a party animal and he loves people, even kids, classical

music, shy brides, silent prayers, and plainsong chant...but he, too, can pull a mood.

Jack arrived at Holy Innocents' five years ago with Fr. Chuck and me, after nearly a year underway or living at anchor on our thirty-eight-foot sailboat. The cat still acts like a sailor: one of the crew, someone to talk to on the long night watches.

One evening, while I was closing the Gothic arches at the front door of church, a young man, apparently in some need, boldly stepped forward, grabbed Jack, and held him close.

"This cat and I have been through a lot together," he told me. "Every night I come here and talk to Jack." I left the two of them male bonding, I believe.

We borrowed an organist from the Methodist Church for the summer (well, they weren't using her), and one day, while practicing hard (Bach, I believe, Toccata and Fugue), suddenly

she felt a cold, wet nose touching her arm. She screamed and jumped in surprise, but was pleased to find Jack curled up beside her on the bench. She petted him and loved on him a bit and

went back to work at her practice.

Then (she says), "He did the strangest thing. He crawled up slowly to the keys, reached into the air with one paw and, began, well, patting

the air, conducting, waving his little paw around, and the rhythm was just a little softer and slower than before."

"...Then he stepped onto the keyboard, looked back at me as if to let me know I'd better take it easy, kid, this is Maui you know, 'hang loose.' Remember, love is the best thing." (Local knowledge.)

The hazards and dangers of showing God's love at the front door of church (and elsewhere) are clear and present. Clergy family life among the natives is not for the faint-hearted.

Yes, this cat is a big responsibility and like all love relationships, living with Jack is complex, many-faceted, very personal, and prayerfully related to God.

What can I do besides worry about this cat? I can care for him, feed him, love him, comb him and powder him, and thank God for every day, every minute, every opportunity wherein I am allowed to learn why Jack (or anyone else) is in my life.

I don't think he's been to town lately. He shows up for services morning and night, and he hasn't missed any meals. He's looking good, healthy, fit, a little too fat, but God sent us a kitten to keep, and after a mere two-year adjustment period, Jack is in better shape than ever, thanks to regular workouts with his personal trainer.

Jack continues to define his ministry, sleeping through weddings, strolling through services in an approving way, tolerating children to a point, showing up when we expect him, and creating love from the passersby on Front Street.

The way people act when they see Jack is nothing short of blasphemy, Fr. Chuck says. "It's a good thing he's not a golden cat."



Jack the Cat, head resting on a mighty tome, enjoys a snooze on the usher's bench, ready to greet visitors to Holy Innocents', Lahaina.

## New Look for the Chronicle

BY LIZ BEASLEY  
*Editor*

Welcome to a new look for the Hawaiian Church Chronicle! Since February, the Chronicle's Editorial Board has been investigating possibilities for recasting the diocesan newspaper. A preliminary "mock-up" of the new design was presented to Diocesan Council in June and then shown to all those who attended the Diocesan Budget Meetings in June and July. We inaugurate the new design with this issue, along with an additional four pages of news.

I extend a sincere thanks to the Editorial Board—Ryan Kusumoto, Elizabeth House, Arlene Lum, Frank Morgan, and Pat Osgood—for their help and support as I have taken over the position of Editor. I especially thank Elizabeth House for her contributions. She designed the Chronicle's "new look," including the new banner (the top of the first page), and helped me when I ran into problems in putting together this issue.

I want to emphasize here that I welcome all contributions to the Chronicle. This is an opportunity to let the Diocese know of any special milestones or upcoming events in the lives of the congregations or its members. It is also an opportunity to exchange ideas and to read about what is happening on the diocesan level. I also accept "Letters to the Editor" for inclusion in the issue.

The easiest way for me to accept contributions is by e-mail (<chrncle@aloha.net>) or on PC disk. Any written contributions should be on typed on white paper and should be sent to: Hawaiian Church Chronicle, Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813-2304. I also glean some material from church newsletters. If you do not already have the Chronicle on your newsletter's mailing list, please add it, at the above address. If you have any questions, I can be reached at St. George's Church, 422-7888.

# COMING SOON

## SEPTEMBER

### 1 Monday

- Finance Department 11:30 p.m.
- Diocesan Institute Board 3:00 p.m.

### 2 Tuesday

- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

### 6 Monday

- Labor Day. Diocesan Offices Closed

### 7 Tuesday

- Deadline for Resolutions for Diocesan Convention

### 9 Thursday

- Chronicle Deadline, October issue.
- East & Central Honolulu Clericus 12:30 p.m.

### 10 Friday

- Planned Giving Seminar, St. James'
- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.

### 11 Saturday

- Planned Giving Seminar, Holy Apostles'
- Council Department Meetings 9:00 a.m.
- ECW. Meeting at the Cathedral. 9:30 a.m.
- Diocesan Council 12:30 p.m.

### 12 Sunday

- Healing Service and Discussion, St. Andrew's 4:00 p.m.

### 13 Monday

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mailing Deadline, Diocesan Convention

### 16 Thursday

- Mokuleia Board 7:30 a.m.
- Cathedral Chapter 4:30 p.m.

### 17 Friday

- Deadline — Convention Registration

### 18 Saturday

- Stewardship "Tune-Up." St. Andrew's, 8:30 a.m.

### 22 Wednesday

- House of Bishops Visitors. Bishops of other dioceses will visit the Islands, through September 27.
- Compensation Review 12:00 p.m.
- Stewardship 12:00 p.m.

### 23 Thursday

- Priory Board 7:00 a.m.

### 24 Friday

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention Mailing Deadline for Diocesan Convention Reports

### 25 Saturday

- Episcopal Schools Commission
- HEY Conference
- Diocesan Institute 8:30 a.m.

### 29 Wednesday

- Companion Diocese 3:30 p.m.

## OCTOBER

### 1 Friday

- Seabury Board 8:00 a.m.
- Sexual Misconduct Awareness Training. All day. Call Lucille Tamura, 536-7776, ext. 105.

### 5 Tuesday

- Finance Department 11:30 p.m.

### 6 Wednesday

- Diocesan Institute Board 3:00 p.m.

### 7 Thursday

- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

### 8 Friday

- Chronicle Deadline

### 9 Saturday

- Deacons' Meeting
- ECW

### 11 Monday

- Diocesan Offices Closed. Discoverer's Day Holiday

### 15 Friday

- Okinawa Visitors Arrive
- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.
- HEPAM

### 16 Saturday

- Diocesan Institute 8:30 a.m.
- Council Department Meetings 9:00 a.m.
- Diocesan Council 12:30 p.m.

### 21 Thursday

- National Provincial Youth Coordinators. Meeting in Hawai'i through Sunday, Oct. 24.
- Cathedral Chapter 4:30 p.m.
- Clergy and Spouses Gathering. Reaffirmation of Vows.

### 22 Friday

- Diocesan Convention Begins. St. Andrew's Cathedral, through Sunday, Oct. 24.

### 25 Monday

- Diocesan Offices Closed

### 27 Wednesday

- Stewardship 12:00 p.m.

### 29 Friday

- Oahu Cursillo. Through Sunday, Oct. 31.

## Deadlines for Submitting Convention Forms and Reports

*from the Secretary of the Convention*

### September 17

- Registration & Meals: Submit one per congregation

### September 22

- Room Reservation Request Form for the Ilikai Hotel Nikko Waikiki or the Outrigger Hobron
- Exhibit Request Form

### September 24

- Convention Reports

### September 30

- Shirts & Bags: Submit orders by congregation

### October 8

- Necrology List and Baptismal List: Submit one each per congregation

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## Clergy Transitions

The Rev. Pam Junge was ordained to the Diaconate on Monday, July 5, at St. Timothy's Church, Aiea. Pam has started her new position as the Cam-

pus Missioner of the Diocese for the University of Hawai'i, Manoa Campus.

The Rev. Drew Van Culin was ordained to the Diaconate at St. Christopher's, Kailua, on Sunday, July 18. Drew has been appointed as the

West Hawai'i Youth Minister, serving Christ Church, Kealahou; St. James', Waimea; and St. Augustine's, Kapaau. Drew is the son of the Rev. Tom Van Culin, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Waimanalo.

The Rev. Jeanette Meyers, who recently moved to the Diocese of Hawai'i from Boston, has begun interim ministry at St. Jude's, Ocean View. Some may remember

Jeanette from her presence at All Saints, Kapaa, in 1977-78.

Good Samaritan, Honolulu, celebrated their new ministry with the Rev. Rob DeWolfe on Sunday, June 13.

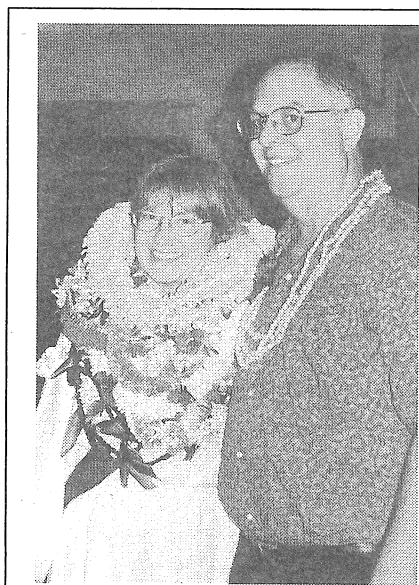
After a year's time, the Rev. Elizabeth Beasley was installed as the Vicar of St. George's, Pearl Harbor, on Sunday, August 8. The service included the ringing of a ship's bell, in recognition that the church is the Pearl Harbor Memorial of the Episcopal Church.

Transitions are the order of the day for The Rev. Tancred Pastores. Tancred, who not only is a priest but also serves in the U.S. Army, recently was accepted to be an Army Chaplain. As he awaits his orders, he also is serving as Interim Vicar at Holy Cross, Kahuku.

## Givers' Names Safe from Telemarketers

BY FRANK EMBREE  
Planned Giving Officer

On the radio I heard there were a lot of complaints of unsolicited telephone calls (or telemarketing) from companies trying to sell something. It seems a charity had been selling their list of donors to the telemarketers. I want to assure you no names will ever be sold, given, or traded of any of our Episcopal family. Any donor who has made a bequest has my assurance their name will never be used unless permission is given to do so. Giving is a private action between you and God.



Bedecked with lei, the Rev. Pam Junge and her husband Dennis celebrate her ordination to the Diaconate on July 18.