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Parishioner Crafts New Baptismal Font for St. Paul's, Kekaha

BY THE REV. FRANK COWELL
St. Paul's, Kekaha, Kauai

Members of the Episcopal Church on West Kauai gathered at St. Paul's, Kekaha, on August 1, for the consecration of a new Baptismal Font. The old font, consecrated in memory of Maria Notley and Thomas Henry Hughes, was heavily damaged in Hurricane Iniki.

The new font was crafted of monkeypod by parishioner Shigeo Uyeda, and it was consecrated in honor of the life and ministry of Mrs. Ruth Okihara, widow of the late Satoru Okihara, who died in 1992. Ruth continues to be very active in the life of the Episcopal Church on West Kauai. She has been a member of the Bishop's Committee, Senior Warden, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and she is presently directress of the Altar Guild for St. Paul's.

The Episcopalians on the west side of Kauai are very fortunate to have many talented and committed Christian craftsmen/women. Mr. Uyeda has crafted many things out of local wood for the church. Among them are sanctuary lights for both St. John's, Eleele, and St. Paul's, Kekaha; holy water fonts for both churches, the alms basin at St. John's, this new Baptismal Font, and many other items.

Following the Eucharist on August 1, Bishop Chang also dedicated a new kitchen donated by Mrs. Inez (Riki) Moe.



A few of those present to celebrate the consecration of a new Baptismal Font for St. Paul's, Kekaha. Pictured, from left to right are: The Rev. Tim Quintero, Grace Morimoto, Ruth Okihara, The Rt. Rev. Richard Chang, the Rev. Frank Cowell, Shigeo and Ruby Uyeda.



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Congregational Development in Action

✦ Christ Church Responds to Being "Guinea Pig" at Alice Mann Workshop

BY THE REV. CAROL ARNEY
Christ Church, Kealahou

The vestry of Christ Church Episcopal was taken by surprise at the Alice Mann conference on May 1 at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The vestry had decided to use the Alice Mann conference, including both the weekday and the Saturday sessions, instead of having a vestry retreat this year. We suspected we might be the largest contingent from one congregation (8 vestry members including the Senior and

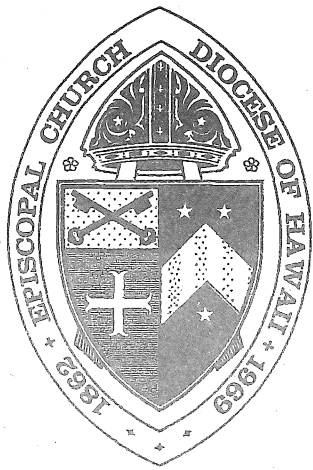
Junior Wardens). But we were not expecting to be pulled up front to be the example of the S.W.O.T. method of strategy planning. S.W.O.T. stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. In a short ten minutes, we had analyzed the situation at Christ Church, established our priorities, and begun a plan.

When we returned to Kealahou, the first action of the vestry was to share the new information with the rest of the congregation. We held special presentations between the Sunday services, as well as taking the weekday

presentation to the next ECW meeting. Our Senior Warden, Penny Kidder, wrote a synopsis of the core frameworks for the next newsletter. And finally, we repeated the S.W.O.T. strategy planning session at our next vestry meeting.

The most immediate benefit was the sense of understanding of the processes that were underway in the congregation. Christ Church has been through a period of transition for the past several years, and the information

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Bishop's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In early September I attended the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) Meeting held on Kauai at All Saints' Church, Kapa'a. Our Diocesan Commission on Native Hawaiian Ministry was the host for this meeting. The AIN is comprised of English-speaking indigenous Anglicans, and has met in Hawai'i (1992), New Zealand (1994), Alaska (1995), and Canada (1997) since its organizational meeting in Hawai'i (1991).

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders from Australia, Maoris from New Zealand, Inuit and First Nation People from Canada, Native Americans from Alaska and the Mainland came and shared personal stories about their churches and ministries. Christian Formation, the role and authority of bishops, Native spirituality, youth ministry, evangelism, and justice for native peoples were topics of thoughtful discussion. Dee and I shared three days with these members of the Anglican Communion renewing friendships made at the Lambeth Conference last August. The wife of the Maori bishop had been in the same Bible Study group with Dee.

At our Diocesan Convention we will welcome a delegation from the

The Right Rev.
Richard S. O. Chang

BISHOP OF HAWAII



Diocese of Okinawa to initiate a formal Companion Diocese Relationship. I met Bishop Tani for the first time at the Lambeth Conference and got better acquainted during my visit to Okinawa last October. We are the same age and have been serving as diocesan bishops for about the same time. I was pleased that he accepted my invitation to be the preacher at the Convention Eucharist on Friday afternoon, October 22.

The presence of these representatives from the Diocese of Okinawa provides us with a wonderful opportunity to renew a ministry partnership that began when Bishop Kennedy sent two priests to serve in Okinawa. I

Bishop's Visitations

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strongly encourage all members of our diocese to take every opportunity to meet our brothers and sisters from Okinawa when they come to your island, your congregation, and to our Convention. Listen to their story, and your faith strengthened. Share your story with them so they may know the faithful people of Hawai'i.

In Christ,
+Dick

Kishpaugh Returns to Islands for Book Signing

The Rev. Howard "Sud" Kishpaugh, who formerly served in the Diocese of Hawai'i, will be visiting the Islands from late September to early October for a series of book signings at Oahu churches.

Kishpaugh is the author of a new novel, *Shake Off the Dust: A Novel of Ministry, Romance, Mystery*, published earlier this year by Vantage Press and already in its second printing. The Rev. Tom Yoshida, retired priest in the Diocese, wrote the foreword to the novel and will accompany Kishpaugh on his visits. The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, September 26: St. Stephen's Church, Wahiawa. Preaching at the 9:00 AM service, with book signing to follow.
- Sunday, October 3: St. Timothy's Church, Aiea. Preaching at the 9:00 AM service, followed by breakfast and book signing.
- Tuesday, October 12: St. Clement's Church, Honolulu, 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Meet the author and book signing.

The novel, which Kishpaugh calls a book "about sin, redemption, renewal, pastoral ministry, and romance," features as its major character Fr. Dus Byrd Habak, who takes up a new

ministry in the Appalachian Mountains. The female lead is Karol Marson, with whom Habak falls in love.

Ann Dowdle, writing in *The Star of Meridian*, Mississippi, calls *Shake Off the Dust* "a gutsy piece of fiction for an Episcopal priest who retired after 43 years.... Gutsy because he strips away the myth that a 'good' priest has most if not all of life's answers. Gutsy in unveiling the human frailties of a man torn apart by the senseless death of both his wife and son. Gutsy because he allows this priest to react in anger to God, his parishioners, and even his close friend and bishop. Gutsy, too, because this priest encounters the powerful temptations of the flesh and is forced to come face-to-face with moral dilemmas."

Dowdle concludes her review by saying: "Fair warning: If you read like I do (as if there is a race to finish and the stop watch is ticking), I invite you to slow down and s-t-r-o-l-l through *Shake Off the Dust*. Stop and ponder the spiritual musing, lessons, and even the grace of God."

Kishpaugh served St. Stephen's from 1963-69, was the Chaplain at St. Andrew's Priory from 1970-71, and was Rector at St. Timothy's from 1971-73. He has also served in

Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and Tanzania. For more information about *Shake Off the Dust* or about Kishpaugh's visit, contact the Rev. Tom Yoshida at 947-2465.

Clergy Transitions

The Rev. Barbara Moran-Smith, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, has been licensed by Bishop Chang to officiate in the Diocese of Hawai'i. Barbara and her husband will be residents of Hilo for the next year or two while he works on an astronomy project on Mauna Kea. Barbara already has supplied for the Rev. John Connell while he was on vacation during the month of August.

The Rev. Pam Junge, in addition to her duties as Campus Missioner, has joined the staff of the Parish of St. Clement's as the Associate for Pastoral Ministry.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Church Prepares "Homegrown" Advent Devotional

St. Michael's has a new venture in the offing. They are planning to make a homegrown devotional guide, one page a day for the parish community to use in their personal Advent meditations. Beginning in October, Deacon Barbara Coan is soliciting contributions from the members of the parish—"no more than a page, no less than a paragraph"—which she will compile into a booklet in November. The "St. Michael and All Angels' Advent Devotional" will then be distributed to everyone in the parish to help them in preparing for the celebration and birth of Jesus Christ.

Coan is encouraging members to share an original writing or, if that is too intimidating, to share a favorite author with the rest of the congregation—for example, one of the saints, one of the psalmists, C. S. Lewis, Oswald Chambers, or someone else inspirational. She concludes "This should be a project filled with the joy of new discovery!"

Diocesan Task Force on HIV/AIDS Expands Opportunities

The Diocesan Task Force on HIV/AIDS has sponsored several events at St. Andrew's Cathedral over the past few months. These events have included a healing service followed by a light meal and discussion group.

While we are still in the formation stage, we feel that we are able at this time to broaden the scope of this diocesan endeavor by sharing with others who may wish to initiate similar groups on neighbor islands. We feel that we can be a resource for education and worship by offering statistics, information regarding prevention and treatment, and community resources. We can also share insights into worship format and opportunities for spiritual development through personal reflections and testimonies.

Any member of the committee will be happy to discuss this with you at Diocesan Convention. Please visit us at our display at that time. You may also call Canon Kay Johnson at the Cathedral at 808-524-2822, ext. 213.

The members of the Task Force are as follows: Honey Becker, Taylor Clark, the Rev. Rob DeWolfe, Canon Kay Johnson (Convener), Bill Lucas, and Duane Peterson.

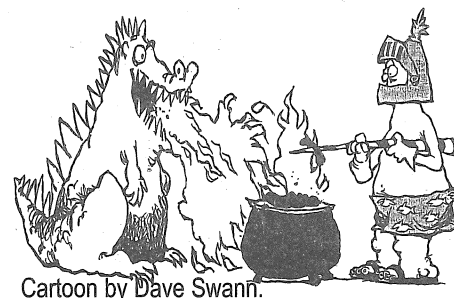
Church for Animals (Coffee Hour, too!)

Emmanuel Church, Kailua, will celebrate its Annual Blessing of the Animals at 9 AM on Sunday, October 3. All animals are welcome, and they should be in an appropriate carrier or be on a leash. In the past we have blessed cats, dogs, birds, fish, and a turtle (whose name is Turtle!). Because this is a celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4 in the Church calendar), every animal will receive a St. Francis medal to commemorate the

occasion. There will be a calabash offering for the Hawaii Humane Society to assist them in their work of caring for animals who have no one else to care for them. Refreshments for animals and their humans will be served. For information, call 262-4548 or email <pvh@aloha.net>.

"Pig Success" at St. George's

On Labor Day, September 6, St. George's, Pearl Harbor, held a Southern-style barbeque on the church grounds. Dubbed the St. George's "Haole" Barbeque (to distinguish from other varieties of barbeque available in the Islands), the day featured hickory-smoked pork, barbequed chicken, ribs, and a collection of other traditional foods from the American South, such as baked beans, cole slaw, "sweet tea," pecan pie, and peach cobbler. A variety of both homemade and bottled Southern-style barbeque sauces were available, so that those "pigging out"



Cartoon by Dave Swann.

could choose their own (the proper sauce being a crucial matter of individual taste). Members of the church pitched in to prepare the foods, both

on and off site, and to cook and serve on the day.

T-shirts were also available, with drawings by cartoonist Dave Swann of the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. The church hopes to make the barbeque a yearly event, so look for it next year!

Diocesan Institute Fall Semester Begins

The Fall Semester of the Diocesan Institute began on September 25. This semester two classes are being offered. They both meet on the following Saturdays: September 25, October 16, November 13, December 11, and January 8.

Spiritual Group Formation: A Group Experience in Prayer/Meditation and Spiritual Direction

Instructor: The Rev. Kay Johnson
Time: 8:30 AM - 11:45 AM through December; 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM on January 8.

This course will provide an opportunity for a deepening experience in contemplative presence, as well as assist in one's ongoing awareness of God's invitations in our lives. Attention will be given to intentional silent presence together, as well as the articulation and discernment of God's presence in daily life.

Participants must be willing to commit to daily prayer and reflection as well as the development of their own workable rule of life.

History of the Church of England

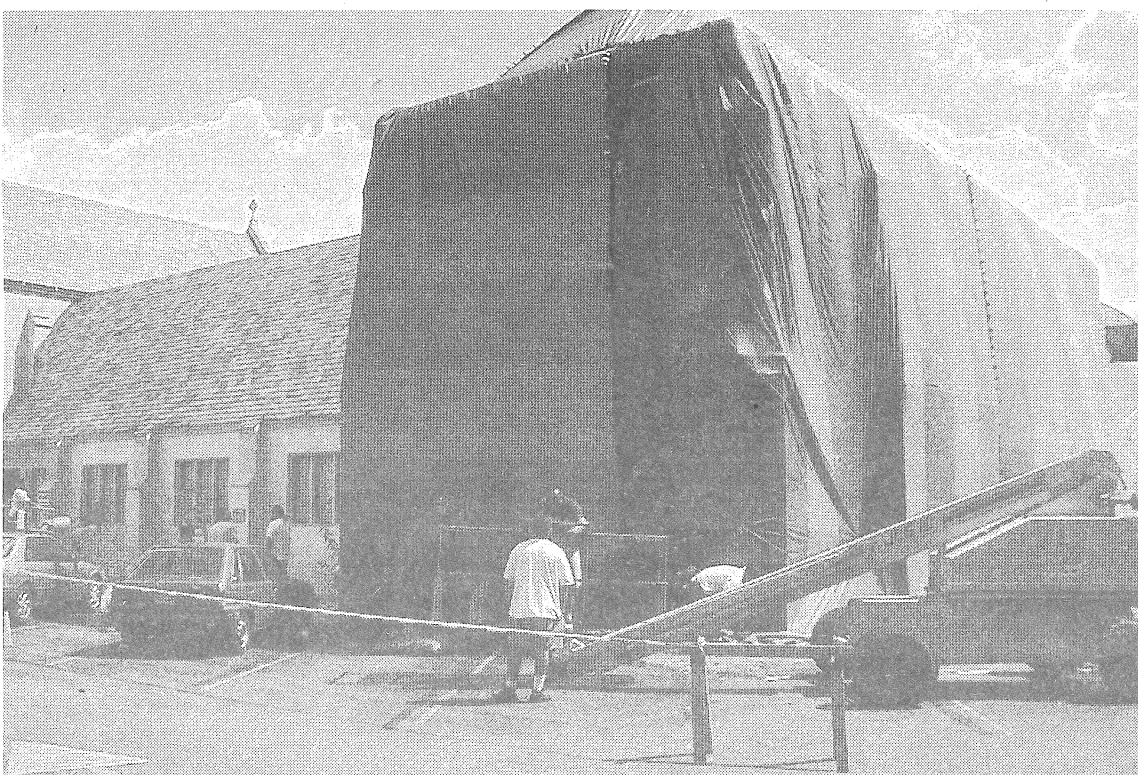
Instructor: The Rev. Layton Zimmer
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

This course will provide a survey of our roots in the British Church, to provide an understanding the similarities and differences we share.

These courses may be taken for audit or credit. Fees are \$150.00 for credit and \$100.00 for audit. Credit students will receive letter grades based on the instructor's evaluation of their assigned work and examinations. Auditors enroll for informational instruction only and attend classes with the consent of the instructor.

All classes are held at St. Andrew's Priory, Kennedy Hall. The Eucharist is celebrated on Saturday morning with Noonday Prayers to begin the afternoon session. Participants should bring their Book of Common Prayer and Bible to classes.

The deadline for registration for these classes was September 24. For more information about the Diocesan Institute, contact Lucille Tamura at 536-7776, ext. 105.



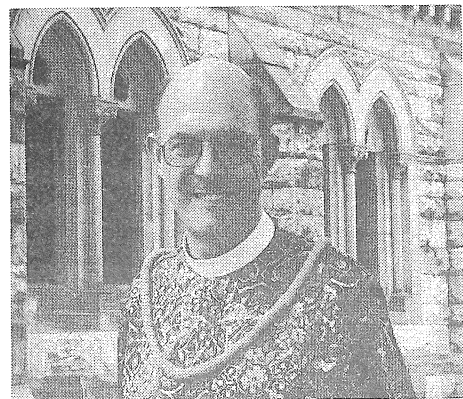
St. Andrew's Memorial Hall was tented for termites over the Labor Day weekend. The entire building covered with exterminators' tents was quite a sight!

DIOCESAN CONVENTION • NOMINATIONS

Given below are the nominations received for Diocesan Convention as of press time. The information for each nominee includes his or her name, church affiliation, church and community service positions in this or any other diocese, and a statement, when provided, of why the nominee wishes to serve. Pictures of the nominees are included when available.

STANDING COMMITTEE

CLERGY



Name: The Very Rev. Peter Courtney
Church: St. Andrew's Cathedral

Service Positions:

- Compensation & Review Committee
- Church of the Epiphany School Board of Directors
- St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls Board of Directors

Statement:
I bring 31 years of ordained ministry in a variety of contexts to bear on the issues which come before the Standing Committee. Bishop Chang has been a wonderful support and friend for me in my years here in Hawai'i. I would consider it a privilege to serve on his council of advice.



Name: The Rev. Hollis E. Wright
Church: St. James's, Kamuela

Service Positions:

- Hawaii Episcopal Youth Board, current
- Youth Ministry (lay), St. Christopher's, 1991-93

- Founder & Past President, Hawaii Chapter Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 1989-93 (recipient of Jefferson Award)
- Past President, Hawaii Society of Corporate Planners

Statement:
Our church needs to seek ways to grow without relinquishing its identity, to meet the spiritual needs of generations to come while serving Christ present in the people who are here today. I am interested in working with the whole of Christ's church as move into the next century.

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Name: Wallace "Bud" L. Doty, Jr.
Church: Resurrection, Hilo

Service Positions:

- Diocesan Council
- Standing Committee
- Lay Reader
- Lay Eucharistic Minister

Statement:
Having served the unexpired term of Winifred Burgess for the past two years, I would now like to serve our diocese by offering myself for election to a full term on the Standing Committee. I feel that the experience I have gained will qualify me to serve a full term.

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION

Name: Jane Tonokawa
Church: Emmanuel, Kailua

Service Positions:

- Secretary of the Convention, 1998-99
- Chair, Finance & Real Estate Department, 1995-97
- Diocesan Council Member, 1994-97

Statement:
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. (*Quoting Edward Everett Hale.*)

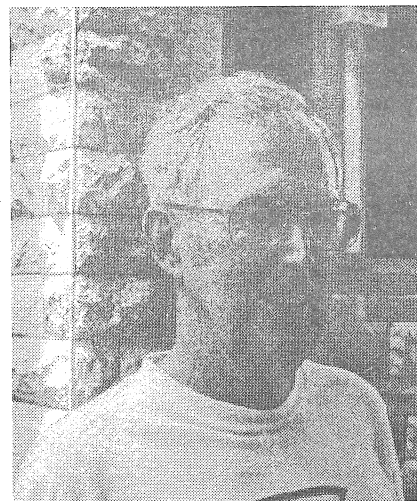
CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Name: Anna Derby Blackwell
Church: St. Clement's, Honolulu

Service Positions:

- Choir Member, St. Andrew's / St. Clement's
- Trustee, Cooke Foundation Ltd.
- Outreach (lay) Chair, St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle
- Press Officer, Good Shepherd, Wailuku

Statement:
At St. Andrew's Cathedral, young and old, kings and common folk, sojourners and *kama'aina* have mingled and become one in Christ. Our Cathedral can do and be even more. It would be a joy and a privilege to be a thankful part of that doing and becoming.



Name: Ken Fleming
Church: Epiphany, Honolulu

Service Positions:

- Lay Reader
- Volunteer at IHS
- Active in Diocesan Cursillo movement
- Former vestryman and Junior Warden at Epiphany

Statement:
I would like a chance to serve on the Cathedral Chapter because it would be an opportunity to learn about the workings of the Cathedral and offering my help in any way possible.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Name: Linda L. C. Burnz
Church: St. Michael and All Angels, Lihue

Service Positions:

- Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Senior Youth Group Leader
- Education for Ministry, Mentor and Fourth-Year Student
- Girl Scout Council of Hawaii

Statement:
Since I have already served one term on the Diocesan Council, I am now more aware of the challenges, procedures, requirements, and responsibilities

of that service. I believe I am better prepared to serve not just my island but the entire Diocese.



Name: Rosemary Jordan
Church: St. Andrew's Cathedral

Service Positions:

- Lector, Chalice Bearer, and Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Diocesan Council
- Bishop's Search Committee
- Pastoral Care Committee

Statement:
I love involvement and participation in the life of our diocese. As a cradle Episcopalian, I've seen issues come and go, each offering opportunity for growth. Issues tend to revisit: racism, sexism, homophobia, and many smaller matters. I am committed to confront these with unity rather than division, with love rather than separation.



Name: Mary W. Schulz
Church: All Saints, Kapaa

Service Positions:

- Vestry
- Lay Reader
- Convention Delegate
- Past President, Serenity House (substance abuse rehab)

Statement:
My wish is to apply the above, and other, experiences on a diocese-wide basis. I was a therapist for years with a great deal of experience working with people. Having served on many community boards, I feel I would be suitable for the council.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

New Seabury Program Brings Undergraduates to Seminary

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary has a new twist on the tradition of college students taking a "junior year abroad." Now there's a "fall term at seminary"! The Chicago Collegiate Seminarians Program, funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, will enable undergraduates considering careers in ministry to explore seminary life firsthand. This winter, applications will be accepted from college students interested in spending the fall term, 2000, on campus at Seabury, or at one of three cooperating seminaries in the Chicago area: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (United Methodist), North Park Theological Seminary (Evangelical Covenant), and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

The program seeks to encourage academically gifted young people to pursue ministerial vocations through direct experience of the intellectual stimulation, spiritual formation, and sense of community and hands-on

social ministry that a Chicago-area seminary environment has to offer. Students accepted into the program will take introductory graduate-level courses at a participating seminary, to be credited to his or her undergraduate degree, as well as an ecumenically oriented seminar for all participants taught by the program director, Dr. Horace Griffin.

Griffin joined the faculty of Seabury-Western on September 1 as Director of the Chicago Collegiate Seminarians Program and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology. He holds a doctorate degree in Religion and Personality from Vanderbilt University. Griffin comes to Seabury from the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he taught undergraduate religion courses and, as Director of Service Learning, advised students about voluntary work experiences at local social service agencies. Contact Dr. Griffin for more information on the program at (847) 328-2788, or by e-mail at <h-griffin@nwu.edu>.

Diocese Launches "Project for Hope" Program

BY GRETCHEN JONG
St. Peter's Honolulu

The Diocese of Hawai'i is participating in a new approach to world mission called "Projects for Hope." Developed by the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, the program presents a list of outreach programs in need of funding from different areas of the world. The list will be distributed throughout the diocese. Individuals, organizations, and congregations are invited to sponsor one or more of these projects, which vary in locations, purpose, and financial need.

Each year the Fund receives hundreds of worthy requests for funding that exceed its resources. Through Projects for Hope we are giving individuals, organizations, and congregations the chance to see some of these needs and the opportunity to respond to these specific projects. Each project has been endorsed by the Bishop or Archbishop in their area. It is our hope to be able to share follow-up reports with donors. Some of the current projects include: help for Sudanese refugees, food, clothing, and medicine for blind students in Kenya, sheep and goats to provide food and

income in South India, rebuilding of schools in Tanzania, and seeds and fertilizer for families in Rwanda.

The Presiding Bishop's Fund is the compassionate arm of the Episcopal Church reaching out to those in need throughout the world. The Fund receives and distributes funds for emergency relief, rehabilitation, and development in the United States and throughout the world.

For more information please contact: Gretchen Jong, the Diocesan Fund Coordinator, through telephone (839-5452) or e-mail <gretchen_jong.parti@ecunet.org>.

Episcopal Church Responds to Tragedy in Turkey

The Episcopal Church, through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, is responding to the tragedy of the earthquake in Turkey. It is providing monetary assistance and working with ecumenical partners in the region.

"As soon as is feasible," said Sandra Swan, Executive Director of the Fund, "we will also be involved in rehabilitation and development efforts."

"The scope of the tragedy is nearly incomprehensible," Mrs. Swan continued, "but in faith we extend our support with that of others in compassionate response to the immediate and continuing needs of the people of Turkey."

In 1940 the Episcopal Church created The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief to be the primary means through which all Episcopalians can express their compassion for all people in need throughout the world. The Fund raises, receives, and distributes funds for the relief of human suffering. It provides emergency relief in times of disaster; assists in the rehabilitation of lives, property, and organizations; and joins in partnership with those who identify and address root causes of suffering.

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief is a major response by the Episcopal Church to God's call to serve Christ in all persons, to love our neighbors, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Anyone wishing to respond may send a contribution to:

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief
Turkey Earthquake Relief
P.O. Box 12048
Newark, NJ 07101

You may also visit our web site at www.pbfr.org.

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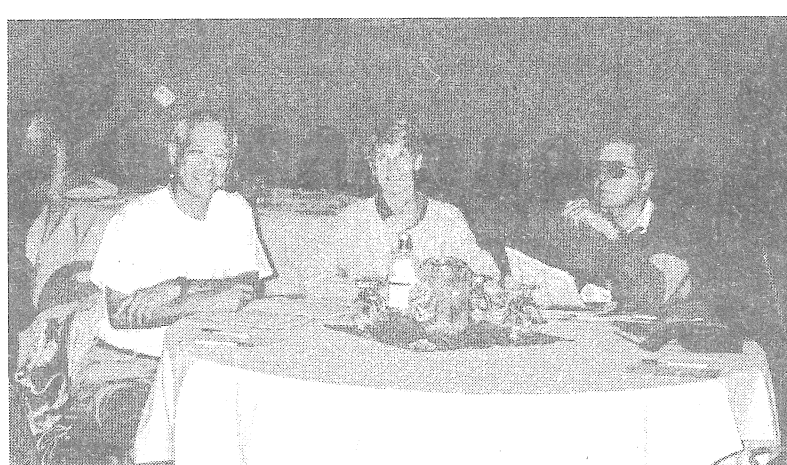
shared by Alice Mann allowed us to see a new perspective on our past. We could understand it in terms of congregational development, and see that it was a normal if uncomfortable occurrence given our circumstances. We saw that we are now in a period of transition between a family-size and a pastoral-size congregation. We are finding ways to honor the strengths and gifts of our Kupuna (matriarchs and patriarchs) while we move into a new stage with our growth.

In defining our priorities, we all agreed that we wanted to place our accent on youth and children. We are a part of the West Hawaii Youth Ministry with St. James's and St.

Augustine's, and our new Youth Minister, the Rev. Drew Van Culin, is attracting our teens from their hiding places, as well as attracting lay leaders to help with the ministry.

We also decided to use a new Sunday school curriculum, "The Whole People of God," and to divide our Sunday school into three classes by age. New Sunday school teachers joined the team, and we held a training session with Jenny Wallace, the Director of Christian Education at St. Andrew's, and chair of the Christian Formation Commission.

In the past three weeks since school started, our efforts are already bearing fruit, as our attendance is *increased* from the prior September. And best of all, the new attendees are young children and their parents, many of whom formerly came only for the church holidays! Now we are looking to our future, as one of our other priorities has been to improve our physical facilities. While we treasure our 132-year-old historic church building, our other public facilities are suffering at their 60+ years of age. We are in the process of discerning what to build in the form of a new multipurpose building with social hall, kitchen, and offices. While many of these things were long dreams of Christ Church, the time spent with Alice Mann allowed us to put structure on our dreams and begin to make them realities.



L to R: Lot Lau, St. John's-by-the-Sea, Kahalu'u; Beverly Van Horne, Emmanuel, Kailua; Chan Rowe, Emmanuel, at the Fourth Annual Conference of TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship), June 1999, Jackson, Wyoming. Photo by Nancy Rowe.

“Happening” Weekends and the Holy Spirit in Alaska

BY RHEENA ACIDERA
Good Shepherd, Wailuku

As I was checking my email I looked anxiously for an email that would say “Alaska” or something to do with that. Finally, one day in April or some month close to that, I pressed the button on the mouse to open the mail from Lucille Tamura. When I read it I started to get excited and finally I jumped out of the seat. Finally, we got word that it was official that the Bishop of Alaska wanted the Happening team to go there.

I was so happy! First, I called Rowena Vila because she was on the team too and we both were screaming on the phone. Then I started to tell everyone and they were very excited for us.

Soon enough the team started to have meetings. Everyone was so excited to be able to have the opportunity of a lifetime to go to Alaska. The only thing I could remember at the meetings were people saying, “What how much fuzzy things we gotta make? I’m so not good at that. Why you like do them for me, please I be your best friend!” The next thing I know I’m on a plane with Rowena to Oahu for our last meeting.

Then a couple of days after I’m at the Cincinnati airport in Kentucky crying my eyes out because I thought I was never going to get home to catch my flight to Alaska. I was in Cincinnati for EYE (Episcopal Youth Event). It was actually in Indiana but we got rerouted and it was all down hill from that. I finally got home and spent about 20 hours on Maui and got ready to go back to Oahu. Once again, I’m at another airport ready to go to Seattle. I was so excited because I had never been to Alaska. Then we finally hear the pilot say, “Flight attendants prepare for takeoff!” That’s when I knew we were leaving Hawaii for two weeks and going to Alaska to freeze. When we were landing in Seattle we encountered a lightning storm. Thanks to God we landed safely and then we had to journey all the way to our connecting gate that seemed a mile and a half away. What do you know, I’m in another airport and hear, “Flight attendants prepare for takeoff!”

The village was so awesome that you knew it was a creation of God. We met really nice people and it felt like we were back in Hawaii because of them.

Twelve o’clock AM Hawai’i time and 2:00 AM Alaska time we hear, “Flight attendants please prepare for landing.” I get off the plane dead tired and with an excruciating pain in my stomach, but I did find our ride. I found Angie, the Diocesan Youth Coordinator of Alaska, and I met Ginny Doctor, Assistant to the Bishop of Alaska. We got to the church and unloaded and got ready for bed. It was hard for us to sleep because it didn’t get that dark. It’s hard to explain, but the sun came up about two or three hours after we went to bed.

The next day we started to set up for the Happening weekend. It was a hardworking day. Then the Happening weekend started and I was kind of nervous. So many things ran through my head: do my clothes look alright, did I brush my teeth, am I going to be a good rectora [lay leader], what are the kids going to think about me, will they like the weekend, where did I put my pen, and I hope the team doesn’t get mad at me because I forget what I’m supposed to do. As soon as I knew it, people started to show up. That Friday was a long day, maybe because the sun went down at 11:30 at night. When we met the other teens and adults, we ourselves were shocked and some of us didn’t know how to act but we tried our best to bring them into God’s love. I’m not going to lie, it was hard work for all of us on the team to work with the other teens and adults because some of them had never been with so many people.

Saturday was the longest day that I had while I was up there. The weekend was going great and we did encounter some problems on the way, but we all learned from them. I can tell you that the Holy Spirit helped us during the weekend and the new Happeners left the weekend as new people. Sunday was not too bad but it was sad because our friends had to leave us because as soon as you knew it, the weekend was over. We did go to the fair that is held every year. It’s kind of like the fair in Oahu but the one we went to was a little more interesting.

Tomorrow came and six or seven in the morning we were off to the village of Minto. Two and a half hours in the cool van with eleven of the team members and our guides Amanda

Frank and her mom, Robin, who actually lived in the village, and finally we got there. I can’t explain how beautiful and unbelievable the village was. It was so awesome that you knew it was a creation of God. We met really nice people and it felt like we were back in Hawaii because of them.

I really wanted to go fishing so my friend Amanda, who I met at Happening, borrowed some fishing gear and we were off to the lake. I didn’t catch anything except a rock. We went on a boat ride on the lake—that was so cool. This cute little boy climbed up on the tree and watched us. I just had to add that, he was cool. The boat ride was awesome! But again it was time to go home. When we came to an intersection, left was to the Yukon River and to the right was Fairbanks (home). We were debating whether to go, when Marc comes up with this good answer. “Hey, when is the next time we’ll have the opportunity to see the Yukon.” Everyone agreed—I mean we’ve been on the road for like two hours so what’s another hour? Right. Try like another two and a half more hours. I was really losing faith that we would ever get there. But finally we reached this small little bridge with a lake and I thought that was it but it wasn’t. We saw a couple of caribou and wolves and squirrels and stuff on the way. That was cool. Finally we did reach the Yukon River. Then about twenty minutes and fifteen pictures of the river later we were bound for home. It was about 1:30 AM when we got to church and we had to leave Fairbanks at 3 AM. So some of us didn’t go to bed. When 3:00 came we packed up and left for Denali Park.

Eight o’clock in the morning we reached the park for a tour. We all wanted to see a bear and we got on the bus and about thirty minutes later a bear comes walking by the bus. We were totally stoked and we wanted to go home after that. But we had like another six hours of the tour. The tour was awesome and it was good because we got to see more bears, caribou, and different kinds of wildlife. It was so awesome. The tour was ending and we were going back to the parking lot when a bear and her cub were on the road. Then all of us were going crazy taking pictures when another bear comes out from the forest and passes behind the bus. I felt so special to see all those bears. The tour ended and we were in the cool van going to another church, St. David’s, to sleep in. I was

so tired. The next day we were off to St. Mary’s in Anchorage. We got ourselves settled and we finally took a shower. After my shower I really had to thank God for it because I knew how much I usually take a shower for granted.

Friday another busy day! Once again, the thoughts ran through my head. I thought to myself, what mis-

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takes did I make at the other Happening that I can make right here and how did I break Lucille’s pink pen? I was nervous again but a little more confident. The team was very close now because we had bonded more and we were ready for an awesome weekend even though we hadn’t had enough sleep. Meeting the other teens and adults was awesome. They were very different from the other group but they were just as filled with the Holy Spirit at the end of the weekend. The weekend was going great and the food was *ono*. Then with a blink of an eye it was Sunday again and we were giving hugs and telling each other to keep in touch. Once more, God was with us and helped us through the weekend and made it a successful one.

That night we went to this restaurant where they sell salmon and crab. Let me tell you that the food was so good! The next day we got up and we went shopping. This day would be our last in Alaska. It was kind of sad but I was kind of glad because I wanted to go home to see darkness. I loved the weather, it rained, but it wasn’t really that cold. Once again, we were in the cool van and at another airport. I felt like I just arrived yesterday. The two weeks just flew by.

At the airport we went into some shops and looked around till our flight. Ginny Doctor came to the airport to take the van and gave us all gifts from the bishop. He wanted to thank us for coming. Ginny also had hooked us up with air mattresses so we could sleep better on the floor during our stay.

“Flight attendants please prepare for takeoff!” Then eight hours later—Aloha, and welcome to Honolulu International Airport. The temperature was about 85 degrees. I thought to

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Discovering the Diversity of the Episcopal Church at EYE

More than 1,300 Episcopal teenagers and adults gathered for five days in July at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, for the seventh Episcopal Youth Event (EYE). The Diocese of Hawai'i sent a delegation of teenagers and adults to participate in the gathering. Following is a report of the event by one of the participants.

By LAUREL NAKANISHI
St. Andrew's Cathedral

The highlight of EYE was spending time and growing close to young Episcopalians, like me. Seeing their views, and diverse culture. And knowing that our little Hawai'i diocese is not so alone as I thought. We are all one body.

The people were friendly and generally accepting. The design team was really helpful, too. It kind of bothered me that a lot of people were "hooking up," 'cause that's not what it's about. But generally the people there were good people, and interesting to talk to. I also have to say that if it weren't for my diocese being so supportive and like a family, I wouldn't have the strength to go out and meet people like I did.

At EYE, I discovered that you can't go into an experience expecting something. I am not alone as an Episcopalian. I also discovered how diverse our church is. PB stands for Presiding Bishop, and he's a cool person.

As I return to Hawai'i, I would like to share with my church the diversity of our church. Accepting some one, or some culture, is not just putting up with them but respecting them. I would also like to share my experiences and perspective of youth in the Episcopal Church.

I would like to share with the diocese how important and great these events are for youth. We can work together, as different members, and come out with something beautiful.

After attending EYE, I will share my gifts and talents God has given me by finding a ministry that suits me, and using it to let Christ shine through me. Living my life in such a way that would make God happy and being in good relations with him. And being open about my faith with other people, and making a good example.



EYE Participants:

Seated: The Rev. Drew Van Culin, The Rt. Rev. Richard Chang

1st Row: The Rev. Cass Bailey (Chair of Hawai'i Episcopal Youth), Noe Dela Vega, Rheena Acidera, Jackie Johnson, Jezrin Hirose, The Rev. Marvin Foltz

2nd Row: Marc Contee, Evan Carr, Jay Peralta, Genevieve Baraan, Tara Phillips, Emily Fisher

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myself, I'm going to fry it is so hot. We were at the baggage claim saying our good-byes, but I had this feeling that I didn't have to say bye because I felt we were going to see each other again just like a family. For everyone the trip was over and we had to go back to the real world. But for Rowena, Jeana, and I there was one more, "Flight attendants please prepare for takeoff" and "Flight attendants please prepare for landing."

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August 29, 1999, 4:00 PM exactly, I'm sitting here in front of my computer thinking what a great time I had in Alaska and how many people I met. I'm actually thinking about going to

college there. I'm thinking that I really miss everybody because we were like a family and I think we still are. You know Celeste Carr and David Caldwell as our mom and dad. Joe Carr as our uncle and driver and Josh DelaCruz and Jeana Nakamura as our big brother and our big sister. My brothers Marc Contee and Evan Carr and my sisters Rowena Vila and Pomai Akiona. Oh, and my grandma who doesn't pick up after me, Lucille Tamura. I really do love them all and I always thank God for them.

The last thing on my mind is what a miracle this trip was. We talked about it in like February and it was like nothing. I wanted to go but I wasn't sure. Then sure enough God once again impacted my life with this trip and two awesome Happening weekends. Thanks for reading my long synopsis about Alaska.

The Happening team consisted of Joe, Celeste, and Evan Carr, of Calvary; David Caldwell, Marc Contee, and Lucille Tamura, St. Timothy's; Josh DelaCruz, St. Paul's; Jeana Nakamura, All Saints; Pomai Akiona, St. Philip's; and Rowena Vila and Rheena Acidera, Good Shepherd.

From the Rev. Joe Carr, Spiritual Director for Happenings:

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers as we journeyed through Alaska this past month. The Hawai'i Sr. High Happening team did a splendid job, sharing their faith in the Lord Jesus and sharing their experience of life in the body of Christ. We were sent forth as missionaries to equip the Episcopal youth of Alaska in a new method of spiritual evangelism and faith renewal. Our multicultural team was well received by the youth of Alaska, and we received even more than we gave. One Alaskan youth summed it up by saying at the end of a weekend, "I see and know God in a new way."

In a land where the summer sun sets for only about four hours a night, leaving only twilight, we joined a world that hardly ever sleeps. I know your prayers helped us physically adjust and sustained us. I often said to God, please keep those people at home in Hawai'i praying! It was good to know we had a community back home supporting us on this mission trip. Thank You!

COMING SOON

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, November issue
- Necrology and Baptismal lists due to Diocesan Office. Submit one per congregation.

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.

NOVEMBER

3 Wednesday

- Diocesan Institute Board 3:00 p.m.

4 Thursday

- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

9 Tuesday

- Chronicle Deadline, December issue

11 Thursday

- Diocesan Offices closed. Veterans' Day Holiday
- East & Central Honolulu Clericus 12:30 p.m. at St. Peter's

12 Friday

- ECW 9:00 a.m. at Cathedral
- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.

13 Saturday

- Diocesan Institute 8:30 a.m.
- Secretaries' Workshop 9:00 a.m.

14-16 Sunday - Tuesday

- Clergy Spouses' Retreat, Mokuleia

16-18 Tuesday - Thursday

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17 Wednesday

- Stewardship 12:00 p.m.

19-20 Friday - Saturday

- HIM Christian Ed Conference

19 Friday

- Seabury Board 8:00 a.m.
- Diocesan Council Orientation 6:00 p.m.

20 Saturday

- St. Matthew's Luau
- Diocesan Council Orientation & Meeting 10:00 a.m.

21 Sunday

- St. Matthew's 40th Anniversary

24 Wednesday

- Clergy Newsletter

25-26 Thursday - Friday

- Diocesan Offices closed. Thanksgiving Holiday

28 Sunday

- ConHM Service for King Kamehameha and Queen Emma 5:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2000

- Saturday, February 26: Church Leaders' Workshop
- Friday & Saturday, April 7-8: BACAM Weekend
- Saturday, April 29: Cathedral Day
- July 5-14: General Convention

Proposed Itinerary for Okinawan Visitors to Convention

15 Friday

- Arrival in Honolulu
- 5:00 pm Potluck dinner and meeting at St. Andrew's Cathedral

16 Saturday

- Travel to neighbor islands
Bishop & Mrs. David Tani (Maui)
Mrs. Abeleth Kochi (West Kauai)
Deacon Peter Takara (East Kauai)
Mr. Akira Makiya (West Hawaii)
Fr. Bob Walden (East Hawaii)
Fr. Eisho Uehara (Molokai)

17 Sunday

- Church Services
- Return to Oahu

18 Monday

- Free day for rest and activities of personal choice

19 Tuesday

- Visits to Arizona Memorial, St. George's, St. Timothy's, Hawaii Okinawa Center, Central Oahu churches

20 Wednesday

- Visits to St. Mark's, Good Samaritan, Holy Nativity, and Windward Oahu churches
- Dinner meeting with Companion Diocese Committee

21 Thursday

- Transfer from host families to convention hotels
- Meet with diocesan clergy
- Bishop's dinner for clergy and spouses

22 Friday

- ECW annual meeting
- Diocesan Convention
- Convention Banquet

23 Saturday

- Diocesan Convention

24 Sunday

- Sunday services on Oahu
- Early AM departure for Bishop and Mrs. Tani
- Departure for others to Okinawa

Host families on Oahu will be Bishop Chang, Fr. Norio Sasaki, Fr. John Millen, Deacon Noriaki Ueda, Deacon Ernest Uno, and Fr. Walden's son. Neighbor Island coordinators are Fr. Chuck Cannon (Maui), Fr. Frank Cowell (Kauai), The Rev. Lynette Schaefer (Molokai), and Peter L'Orange (Big Island).

Cursillo Weekend in Late October

From Cursillo Brochure

"Cursillo" (pronounced cur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning "short course." A Cursillo in Christianity, then, is a short course in Christian living. As a movement it had its origin on the Island of Majorca, Spain, in the 1940s as a means for reviving Christian commitment.

Cursillo is a weekend experience of sharing and learning in the atmosphere of a Christian community. The weekend is open to all adults: men and women, single and married, laity and the clergy. Husbands and wives may make the Cursillo together or separately. Christians of any denomination are welcome.

A Cursillo weekend is attended by about 60 people, including the "candidates" and the "team." The "candi-

dates" are people from all walks of life and come to the weekend with a variety of feelings and expectations, including eagerness, curiosity, or apprehension. The Cursillo tries to meet each individual's needs during the weekend.

The leaders of the team are the Rector and Rectora (lay persons) and the Spiritual Directors (clergy). Others who have already made their Cursillo weekend share with new participants through talks, discussions, food preparation, music, and prayer.

Among the things one can expect on a Cursillo weekend are these:

- An experience shared within a small, closely knit group representing a variety of expressions within a unique Christian community.
- A way of spiritual renewal through a new approach to teachings, sacraments, devotions, and ministry.
- An opportunity to renew or expand a base in the faith from which action in

the individual's church and everyday life is encouraged.

- A realization that as individuals we are far from finished products, but that we have God's assurance of power to work toward perfection.
- A continuing support system to nurture one another as we work to renew all things in Christ.

A Cursillo weekend is coming up on the last weekend in October and is open to any who would like to take part. The weekend is free, as fees are paid entirely by voluntary contributions from those who have already made weekends. Every applicant should have a sponsor who has previously made a Cursillo weekend. To register, or for more information, write or call Ecumenical Cursillos in Christianity at the Diocesan Office: Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813; Phone: 536-7776.