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Pacific Rim's Indigenous Anglicans Gather on Kaua'i ✦ 1999 Anglican Indigenous Network Meeting

BY PUA HOPKINS
St. John's-by-the-Sea, Kahalu'u

Indigenous Anglicans from Aotearoa (New Zealand), Australia, Canada, Hawai'i, and the US Mainland gathered on Kaua'i on September 8, 1999, for the fifth international meeting of the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN). The network is composed of indigenous Anglicans and Episcopalians who are minority peoples in their own lands, and whose countries border the Pacific Ocean. For the second time in its nine-year history, the gathering was hosted in Hawai'i by the Commission on Native Hawaiian Ministry.

The delegations, including bishops, priests, and lay leaders, were welcomed by Bishop Richard S. O. Chang before the opening Eucharist at All Saints Episcopal Church, Kapa'a, the venue for the three-day meeting. Hawai'i's delegation, unchanged since the initial gathering in 1992, included the Rev.

Darrow K. Aiona, Malcolm Chun, the Rev. Charles G. K. Hopkins, Pua Hopkins, and Linda Sproat. Attending as observers were Mokihana Arce, Yvonne Kaiahua, Robert Kekuna, and the Rev. Tom Van Culin.

The first day was devoted to reports from each constituency, updating the gathering on developments in their own countries since the last meeting in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, in 1997. Presentations on native spirituality were also heard, as well as reports on education and jurisdiction and authority issues.

Friday morning was devoted to a review of the history of AIN and the identification of uncompleted business from previous meetings. As a result of this review the following actions were taken:

- *Anglican Consultative Council representation:* Whatarangi Winiata, who was en route to the ACC meeting in Scotland, was asked to

represent AIN and to request recognition of AIN as an Anglican indigenous network with observer status at ACC and funding support. (This request was subsequently granted at the ACC meeting by the adoption of a resolution to that effect.)

- *Church and the Peoples of the Land:* A draft paper prepared by Bishop Mark McDonald addressing the issue of jurisdiction and authority of the peoples of the land in the context of the Church was distributed for

discussion in the participating constituencies, and a working group was established to follow through on these discussions.

- *Working groups:* International working groups were appointed to address common concerns before the next general meeting in North Queensland, Australia, in 2001. The working group areas include prayer and support, communications, youth participation, and women's issues.

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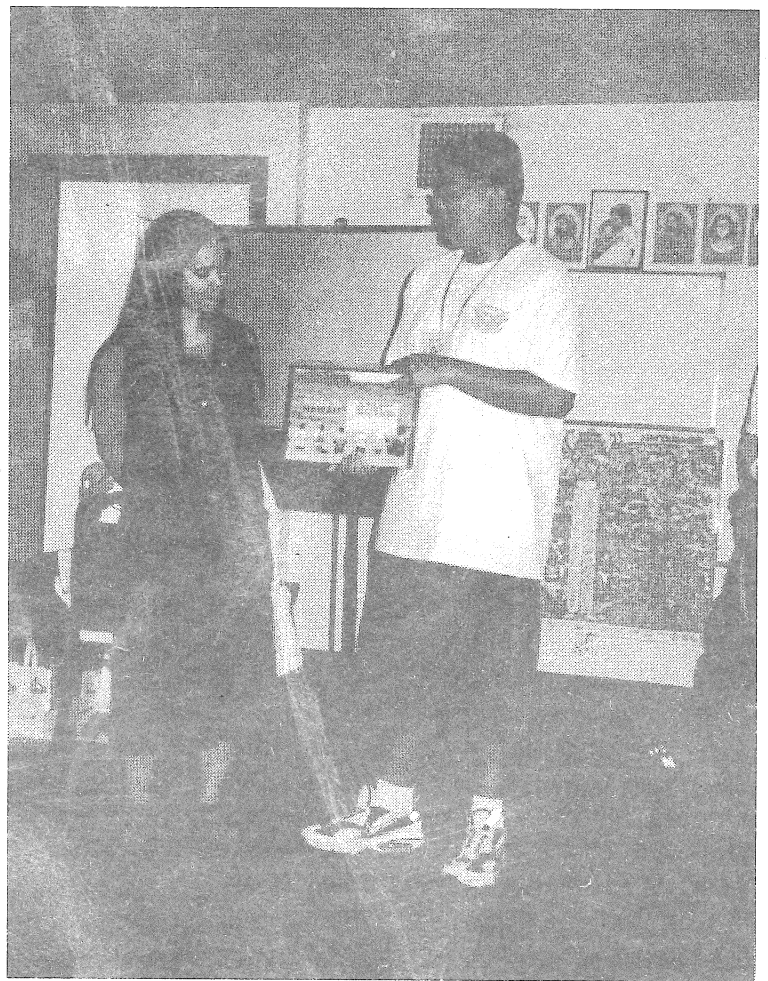
Stewardship Help Available

BY NANCY ROWE
Emmanuel, Kailua

On Saturday, September 18, the Diocesan Stewardship Education Committee offered a "Stewardship Short Course." Over 40 persons from Oahu and the Neighbor Islands attended.

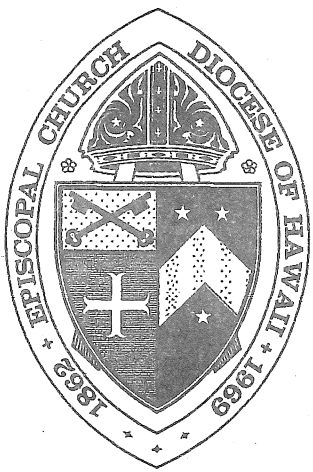
The morning included a presentation on "Elements of a Successful Parish Financial Commitment Program," with summaries of and "how-to" instructions for six well-known parish stewardship methods: Festive

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Big Brother Jashua Dela Cruz presenting gift to Virginia MacDonald, spouse of the Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska, on the Happenings trip to Alaska in August. Photo by Lucille Tamura.

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Bishop's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The long Pentecost Season comes to a close with the First Sunday of Advent on November 28. The approach of Advent is marked by a variety of signs in a variety of places. Advent programs are being advertised in parish newsletters. Advent calendars, wreaths, and candles have made their appearance on store shelves in the most unexpected places. I was amazed to find Advent items in the gift shop of the model train museum in Balboa Park, San Diego.

I have always looked forward to the arrival of Advent, not because Christmas was only four weeks away. Advent was a time for "shifting gears" after a long summer of green altar hangings. Advent was a time for "taking a deep breath" before the hectic chaos of Christmas and New Year. Advent was a time for "looking forward to and thinking seriously about" the Second Coming of Christ Jesus. Advent was "self-examination and preparation" for receiving the Incarnate Word into our lives. The Advent experience was preparing a meal using familiar recipes of favorite foods while anticipating the

The Right Rev.
Richard S. O. Chang

BISHOP OF HAWAII



savory delights that would be enjoyed when the meal was served to family and guests. Despite the chores related to preparation, the joys of sharing the feast overshadowed every one of the tasks.

Advent 1999 as a time of preparation will be particularly significant. Will our preparation for the Coming of the Christ be less than our preparations for Y2K? Are we more concerned about the impact of Y2K and the Millennium than the impact of the Christ in our lives? What will this Season of Advent mean for you as we begin another new

contrast between the radiant promise of the faith and the bleak darkness of the church's missed opportunities and failures throughout its history. Repeatedly, she reminds the Christian that faith is the light in the darkness and must be exercised in love. Near despair peaks in the Easter sonnet with its unforgettable image of the sunlight skimming the bare surface of the ocean, while in the depths below swim "ruthless beasts of greed and violence." The final two sonnets celebrate Christians who transform their faith into loving action wherever they are called.

To illustrate each sonnet, John Hays has photographed either the appropriate stained glass window in the Cathedral, or a scene from nature. His photograph of the light of the sun gilding the ocean's calm surface is perfect for the Easter sonnet.

Christmas Comes to Hawai'i

BOOK BY WILLIS MOORE

Willis Moore, Adjunct Professor of History at Chaminade University, has released his book, *Christmas Comes to Hawai'i*. From the first-known celebration of Christmas aboard the Discovery and the Resolution by Captain James Cook in 1777, the Festival of Christmas worked its way into the life and times of Hawai'i slowly. This is an

Bishop's Visitations

NOVEMBER

- 7 St. Michael & All Angels
- 14 Christ Church
- 21 St. Matthew's
- 28 Holy Cross

DECEMBER

- 5 St. George's
- 12 Holy Nativity
- St. Stephen's
- 19 Holy Innocents



Church year? I invite our Diocese to give serious attention to your Advent observance by continuing faithfully in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. "For our King and Savior draws near: Come let us adore him."

Yours in Christ,
+Dick

Anglican story! King Kamehameha and Queen Emma proclaimed the first official observance of Christmas in the 1850s even though many in the community were observing the day in a variety of forms. This book is a good history of our church, and of the great Feast of Christmas in Hawai'i.

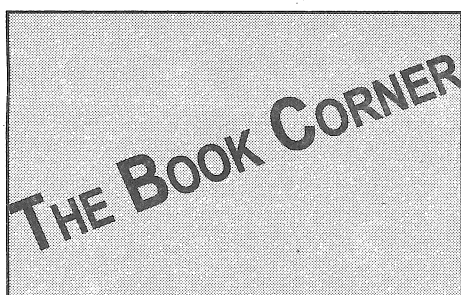
Both Sonnets for the Seasons and Christmas Comes to Hawai'i are available from Hawai'i Geographic Maps & Books, 538-3952 or 1-800-538-3950. Sonnets is also available from Logos Bookstore in Ward Warehouse.

What to Do When Death Occurs

A handy, readable brochure is available free from the Memorial Society of Hawai'i: *What to Do When Death Occurs*. It is clear, readable, and informative and is helpful for clergy, helpers, and just "plain folks."

The Memorial Society of Hawai'i is part of the "Funeral and Memorial Society of America, Inc. (famsa@funerals.org). It seeks to assure dignified, appropriate, and relatively inexpensive memorial services: The US average funeral now exceeds \$5,000 while Memorial Society members usually spend only about \$1,000.

What to Do When Death Occurs is available free of charge by phoning 946-6822 and requesting that one be sent to you.



Sonnets for the Seasons

BOOK BY MARGARET STEELE,
ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN HAYS
REVIEW BY ANN BESENBRUCH
St. Andrew's Cathedral

Margaret Steele and John Hays, members of St. Andrew's, have produced this small jewel of a book.

The sonnet, the most challenging form of poetry still in use today, originated in Sicily in the thirteenth century. Gradually working its way northward, it arrived in England by the sixteenth century, where it was shaped and adapted by Spenser, Sir Philip Sydney, Shakespeare, and others, and in the seventeenth century by John Milton and John Donne. Its appeal lies in its demand for strict discipline of form while expressing everything from frivolity to strong emotion. This appeal was what sustained Ms. Steele throughout several years devoted to composing her sonnet sequence.

The high holy days of the church year plus St. Andrew's Day form the framework for her theme of the

AROUND THE DIOCESE

All Saints Preschool Conducts Capital Campaign

By CHRIS WATAYA
All Saints, Kapa'a

All Saints Preschool is an Episcopal school founded in 1966, licensed by the Dept. of Human Services and a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. Serving children 2 1/2 to 5 years old, the school is located on the grounds of All Saints Church at 1065 Kuhio Hwy in Kapa'a on the island of Kaua'i and housed in the Sloggett Center Building. Our Director is Mr. Warren Dastrup and our staff consists of Mrs. Kay Rabot, Ms. Marlene Makishi, Mrs. Modesta Baldovino, Ms. Nilene Peters, and Mrs. Wendy Hustad; Mrs. Mary Day Wilson is our School Board Chairman.

All Saints admits children regardless of race, religious background, or nationality. In a warm, nurturing environment, we foster a lifelong love of learning. Our primary goal at All Saints Preschool is to help develop a child's self-esteem and instill positive feelings toward learning. We strive to nurture the development of the whole child by creating an atmosphere that offers an appropriate balance between "academics" and

creative expression—with an emphasis on having fun!

We know that early childhood education may be the most important single factor in the intellectual and social development of a child. The choice of preschool may be more important than the choice of college! Current research in education tells us that access to stimulating learning experiences during the preschool years can result in many long-term benefits—



the most important being a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

Our philosophy at All Saints is that children are a gift from God entrusted to us by parents. In partnership with parents, we are dedicated to developing each child's full potential.

Currently our enrollment is 30 students and our goal by the new year is 35. Prior to "Iniki" our enrollment was 49 students, and we always had a waiting list. Due to the present economic conditions on Kaua'i, many families cannot afford to send their children to preschool. In our efforts to help the families who want to send their children to our Preschool we have kept our rate the same for the

past 7 years, and we offer scholarship assistance to those in need. We are about to begin our Second Annual Giving Campaign and this year we plan to send letters to all the Episcopal churches in Hawai'i. Last year we focused only on Kaua'i and were able to collect \$2,600 toward the scholarship program.

Anyone who would like to support our preschool program is invited to send a donation to All Saints Church, P.O. Box 248, Kapa'a, HI 96746.

A Godly, Fun Group

By MARY WILSON
All Saints, Kapa'a

The Diocesan Altar Guild (DAG) is a terrific group of ladies who find "heaven" in the midst of fabrics, threads and needles, cutting, and "sewing-like-mad" for the Love of God. There are 35 members, and 12 to 18 consistently come together every Tuesday morning, simply serving God willingly, energetically, and imaginatively, bringing them on a closer walk with God.

At Convention in October, everyone will be able to see the Quilt/banner that they have put together depicting all the Episcopal Churches in Hawai'i. Tahmi Brodhead and Jean Aeby did the preliminary work of analyzing and aligning the pieces and selecting matching fabrics. Joette Comstock made additions of pieces that came in very late. Some churches could not participate, so Tahme, Elsie Ching, Joette, Kishiyo Kawano, Mary Miller, Rosella Newell, Kate Roberts, and Gertrude Tyau assisted in designing and sewing those pieces. DAG members did the final finishing. It was minimal, considering the extensive work done by Jean, Tahmi, and Joette. The Altar Guild thanks God for their generosity and talents.

The main purpose of the Diocesan Altar Guild is to provide new church linens, vestments, etc., at a minimal cost to all the churches in Hawai'i, large or small. They also recycle religious vestments, linens, and church banners to churches that need them.

One doesn't have to send to the mainland for any vestments or church linens—some of the most beautiful ones you see in our churches were made by our own DAG.

Effective October 1999, the two new chairs of the DAG will be Rosella Newell and Juliet Shimabukuro.



St. Matthew's to Hold Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, November 20, St. Matthew's Church in Waimanalo will be celebrating their fiftieth anniversary with a benefit Hawaiian lu'au. There will be live local entertainment and ono-licious kau-kau served. Take-out orders will also be available. There will be two seatings, at 4:00 PM and at 6:00 PM. Tickets cost \$15.00 each. For information and tickets call 259-5936 or 259-7157. Aloha.

Camp Mokuleia Receives Donations through "Give Aloha" Program

During the month of September, customers of Foodland had the opportunity to support Camp Mokuleia through "Give Aloha,"

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. Through this program, Foodland customers make donations of up to \$249 to their favorite charities at any Foodland or Sack N Save checkout. Foodland's matching gifts were distributed proportionately among the participating charities.

And from Frank Embree, Coordinator:

The total given to Camp Mokuleia was \$2,750.00. There were over 1,000 groups that signed up for the Give Aloha Program and we were in the top 100. In all, the community benefited as a grand total of \$1,042,225.97 was raised. This included the \$200,000 in matching funds from the Sully family and Foodland. Thank you all for giving so generously.

New Web Site Address for Your Cathedral

Check out St. Andrew's new web site: <<http://www.saintandrews-hi.org/>>.

A Far-Flung Congregation!

Jeannette Lee Teruya commutes to Honolulu from Los Angeles to worship with her mother, Alice Lee, and her brother, Jeff Lee, at St. Luke's Church. A successful professional mortgage banker and long-time resident of Southern California, Jeannette attends almost every weekly service at St. Luke's. She was baptized at Easter 1999 and confirmed on August 15, along with her mother, Alice Lee.

In the recent St. Luke's Church Women MANDOO-making, Jeanette came directly from the airport to the kitchen to get involved. Returning home on Sunday evening, she regularly works 12 to 14 hours on Monday in her office!

Besides having a keen interest in her Korean heritage, Jeannette keeps close touch with her husband's Okinawan heritage both in Honolulu and in Southern California.

In Memoriam

✦ Markatheryn Allender Gilliam ✦

MarKy Gilliam, wife of Bishop Jackson Gilliam, Assisting Bishop of Hawai'i, and beloved to many throughout our Diocese, died in Eugene, Oregon on Tuesday, September 28. A Requiem Eucharist was held at St. Jude's, Ocean View, on Saturday, October 9, for which Bishop Richard Chang delivered the sermon below.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Star Route Box 6026, Ocean View, HI 96737.

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we have gathered to celebrate the life and ministry of Markatheryn Allender Gilliam, aka MarKy.

We come together to offer our love, prayers and pledge of continual support to our brother Jackson, as well as Mary, Bill, Leslie, Kathy, Cheryl, Gretchen, Keith, Rich, Sarah, John, Janos, Steve, and all the grandchildren.

We come together as the People of God whose identity and existence are grounded in faith in a risen Lord and Savior—Jesus Christ the Son of God. It is faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God. For Jesus came into the world that you and I might have a more “abundant life.” It is faith in the power of God’s love over death and the grave when Jesus was raised from death to eternal life on Easter. This Easter faith gives hope in times of sorrow and despair. It is a faith that sustains and gives new life. It is the faith of the apostles who after the Resurrection recognized the Risen Lord among them. It was MarKy’s faith. That is our faith.

By our baptism we are made one with Christ and share in his death and resurrection. Therefore, we now come together as the Easter community to this Eucharist of celebration of the life

and ministry of MarKy. Each time we gather to share in the Body and Blood of the Eucharist we remember Easter, the promise of life eternal, and our unity as the Body of Christ. We are people of the Resurrection. We are an Easter people. That is why we can unashamedly say in our times of greatest darkness, “Alleluia. The Lord is Risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.”

Christ Jesus calls each of us to live our lives in witness to our faith in him. Each and every moment of our life is a gift from God, and as disciples of Jesus we use this gift in the ministry to which we have been called. We are called as we are and to live faithfully with what gifts we have been given.

The life and ministry of MarKy stands as an icon before us—a life lived fully and in service to God and the

Church. In all that she did, MarKy’s ministry gave hope and reflected the promise of life as it could be if we were faithful in our discipleship. Whether as Senior Warden, as chair of the Congregational Development Department, as a cook and kitchen helper for the Gourmet Dinners, as wife, as mother, and as friend, as critic and chastiser, her life and ministry gave a gift of hope and life to others. Think how her ministry touched us. Her presence among us brought the possibility of new life. The hope of resurrection became reality for those whose lives seemed hopeless or futile. That’s the faithful discipleship to which you and I have been called by Christ Jesus.

Let each of us give thanks to God for the gift of MarKy. Let us commend her to God’s presence. Let us pray for Jackson and each other in our sorrow that united in the faith of the Risen Christ we will be comforted. May the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ fill us with all hope that we, like MarKy, will come to share in God’s eternal kingdom where a dwelling place eternal is prepared for us. And may our faith in the resurrection give us hope and peace now and always.

All I Need to Know About God I Can Learn from a Baby

BY THE REV. HEATHER MUELLER-FITCH
St. John's, Kula

I have had the opportunity to spend a bit of time with my granddaughter this summer. I have been on sabbatical and after an extended time in Europe and other travels in the USA, I eagerly looked forward to spending time with my daughter’s family. During part of July, all of August, and half of September, I have been sharing in the care of this precious child. I am grateful to her parents, Anne and Scott, for welcoming me into their lives and sharing their precious child.

I have always marveled at the scripture where Jesus proclaims to his disciples that “unless you become as a child you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven....” I have preached on this passage and have pointed out the usual things. The time I have spent with Alexandra, who was born October 14, 1998, has clarified a lot of what I believe Jesus may have meant by that statement. Alexandra has helped me understand that scripture a bit more fully.

First of all there is the obvious essence of a child. They are completely helpless and therefore unable to care for themselves. They must depend

upon the graciousness of the people around them to feed them and care for them. Having that same dependence and trust in God is, of course, a challenge we face as relatively untrusting adults. Unlike small children we become very good at depending upon our own devices and desires and accomplishments for getting what we need. A small child has reminded me of the futility of my own efforts in providing what I need. What is most important in my life cannot be provided by myself or any other human source. I am utterly dependent upon God. Alexandra has taught me a bit about utter dependence upon the “other.”

Gretchen Pritchard came to St. Barnabas on the Desert, Scottsdale, Arizona, and preached one Sunday about her ministry with and for children. She was talking about the importance of children as role models for adults. She made the point that children are used to living life, not being in control of things around them. They are also surrounded by mystery and many things they don’t understand. The need to control everything and have things solved and wrapped into neat packages is a need that creates great obstacles in our search for a relationship with God.

Sometimes, we adults live life with great needs to control the things, people, and events around us. Some of us often are nervous about loose ends and issues that are unresolved. This control stuff and worry about unknown aspects of life will certainly distract us from being in-the-moment and resting in God’s grace.

To approach our journey in faith with openness and a sense of awe and mystery is a childlike gift that we as adults may be able to emulate a bit better by watching our children. I like what Julian of Norwich said about giving and receiving. She proclaims that they are the same action. Bishop Burrill came to the Diocese of Hawai'i in 1998 to speak to us about Stewardship and reflected to us what he had learned by watching his grandchildren. He noticed that they would give a special toy or object to him and right away they would want it back. The back-and-forth process was the play. The children demonstrated to him that the act of giving was also the act of receiving. He has suggested that this is a great prototype for the stewardship process: our interaction with the things that we have received from God, giving and receiving, can also be thought of as one action. I have observed the very same process with Baby Alexandra: the

giving and receiving are the same motion. I am enriched when I think of “my possessions” as a process of receiving and giving back and forth to and from God. It is a flowing and shifting that can be enjoyed, as the back-and-forth giving and receiving is enjoyed by a baby.

I have watched Alexandra spend the longest time examining a piece of bread or some other object. She will intently touch it, and turn it over again and again. She will taste it and then re-examine it. As she respectfully scrutinizes this gift before her, I am reminded of what Julian of Norwich says about the hazelnut. She sees the hazelnut as the smallest of things and yet it is completely cherished by God. “God is the maker, lover, and keeper of the hazelnut” as God is the maker, lover, and keeper of all that is. When I see Alexandra, or any child, examine a small part of God’s creation, with such intensity, I am reminded of the precious nature of all creation in the sight of God. The sacrament of the Eucharist is a small bite of bread within which, when shared, is the Body of Christ. It is a small part of creation which represents our salvation in Jesus Christ. I also need to take the time to

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Stewardship Help for Congregations

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Meal, Personal Note, Cottage Meeting, Telephone Appeal, Loyalty Sunday, and Personal Delivery.

These methods then were reviewed in small discussion groups.

If your congregation is considering how to organize its annual financial commitment campaign for the fall of this year, the Diocesan Stewardship Education Committee will be pleased to send you a copy of the 14 pages of notes summarizing the campaign methods, and suggestions for steps to be taken in the congregation. This material will come to you promptly and **free of charge** from our Committee. If you wish to have a copy, please email me, or telephone me at 808-262-4548 (Emmanuel Church, Kailua, Oahu).

The members of the Diocesan Stewardship Education Committee also are ready and willing to come to your congregation and offer training for your Vestry, Bishop's Committee,

and/or your parishioners who have volunteered to work in your financial commitment campaign. If you wish to arrange for this training, please contact someone on our committee. Our names, with daytime phone numbers and e-mail addresses, are below.

Aloha and best wishes from your Stewardship Education Committee!

Specific instructions for each of the stewardship programs mentioned above, as well as other information from the Stewardship Short Course, are available through the Diocesan web page. Mahalo to the Rev. Peter Van Horne, who supplied the notes, and the Rev. Peter Besenbruch, who put them on the web! To reach the notes, go to <www.dfms.org/hawaii/> through your Internet browser, click on "Workshops and Lectures," and then on "How-to' on Stewardship." (You might browse some of the other links while you are there!)

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notice the wonder of God's creation, things large and small, and marvel at it with the eyes of a child.

I have been fascinated by the sense of presence in Alexandra. I feel the expansiveness of her being. I am aware of the presence of her soul in a room or a space as I come near her. It is the same sensation, of a mingling of soul, that I feel as I come into the space of others—family and friends. Her spirit fills a room or space with such light and a feeling of "goldenness." I am often surprised when I look at how small she is compared with her spirit. Her body is that of a ten-month-old and her spirit is full size! This experience has led me to the belief that the soul of a person does not grow in the same way as the body does. I have always believed that a soul grows with age and experience. I now have a different belief. Age and experience are human devices. (I have perhaps made idols of age and experience.) What we

are given by God is our essence and our essence just is...unchangeable. Scripture tells us that this holiness within the Christ child was recognized by Anna and Simeon within days of his birth. It is also true that the Episcopal Church teaches that baptism, even of a tiny infant, is full and complete membership into the Body of Christ. The passage through life, then, is realizing and knowing the perfection within, which has been placed in us by God, rather than seeking it or developing it. The Grace of which St. Paul speaks is a free gift. It is not earned, worked for, or developed. This is what I experience and have learned from this precious Alexandra.

I have watched Alexandra explore her world via all of the senses: touching, smelling, hearing, tasting, and seeing. I have watched her respond immediately to even the smallest and faintest impulse. She smiles and dances

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Poster Art Competition from the Episcopal Network of Stewardship

The Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development of the Episcopal Church is inviting Christian Education Programs and Episcopal Schools to contests for original poster art that depicts the theme:

Giving—Discerning Another Way of Life.

Local contest winners (as submitted by parish, mission, or school) will be exhibited at the 73rd General Convention to be held July 5–15, 2000, in Denver, Colorado. Final judging will be held at the General Convention.

Contest Guidelines

Size: Maximum 11" x 17"

Entry Categories:

Preschool (3–5 years old)
1st and 2nd Graders
3rd and 4th Graders
5th and 6th Graders
7th to 9th Graders
10th to 12th Graders
OPEN to all ages

Final Date for Receipt of Entries: May 15, 2000

Winners in each category will be awarded a commemorative Bible or Prayer Book appropriate to the age group.

Entries will be judged on originality. They will become the property of the Office of Stewardship of the Episcopal Church Center and may be included in future publications.

The following information must be on the back of each entry:

- Artist's name, address, and telephone number
- Artist's home parish name, address, telephone number, and name of Rector/Vicar

Contact for further information and submit entries to:

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What Does the Prayer Book Say about Stewardship?

"The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray and give for the spread of the kingdom of God."
—The Catechism,
Book of Common Prayer, page 856

"The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."
—Book of Common Prayer, page 445

YOUTH

Reflections on the Alaska 1999 Happenings Mission Trip

BY THE REV. JOSEPH J. CARR
Calvary, Kaneohe

It began as a call from God, a heavenly invitation extended by the Father himself to a surrendered group of youth and adults gathered on the island called Oahu. The Hawai'i Happenings team had been faithful in sharing the Good News with high school youth from the Islands; now the Holy Spirit stirred in our hearts and called us to go to a land He would show us, a land of incredible beauty, populated with people from many different streams called Alaska. A few short months later after a dangerous plane ride, with lightening breaking right outside the windows of the plane in flight, we landed in Fairbanks at 1:00 in the morning to a summer-twilight-lit sky. Following a few "brief" hours of rest on the hard floor of a parish hall, we arose to begin our physical and spiritual preparatory work for the Senior High Happening Weekend. Our youth worked hard with the adults to be ready in all ways.

On Friday evening the Alaskan youth and adult candidates arrived. From that moment on, there was little doubt that God was large and in charge as each of our team members over the next three days shared from their hearts the truth of the gospel and the gift of the church. Hawai'i had nurtured and disciplined these young people well! They could match in maturity, faith, and power some of the great preachers of the Islands. Slowly walls came down and trust was built between brothers and sisters in Christ from two different, yet very similar lands 5,000 miles apart. The team came to give, yet received much in the process. From learning to dance the Athabaskan Jig to drinking in the local spirituality shared by the youth and adults, we became stronger in Jesus through the feast laid out by God before us.

One week later the team now in the city of Anchorage did it again in a new and different setting, after an exciting and adventurous few days' travel into the heart of Alaska in a fifteen-passenger van graciously loaned to us by the diocese. What an experience it is to drive to the Yukon River, 60 miles south of the Arctic Circle, and then next morning finding yourself at 4:00 as the sun is coming up being raced by a moose traveling 40 miles an hour next to you on the highway to Anchorage. Tired upon our arrival, yet renewed by the Holy Spirit, once again the team from Hawai'i shared their gift of a mature faith and brought change

and new life into the hearts of many youth from Alaska. Isn't that really what this trip was all about? Our hearts and their hearts being transformed by the awesome God of the universe!

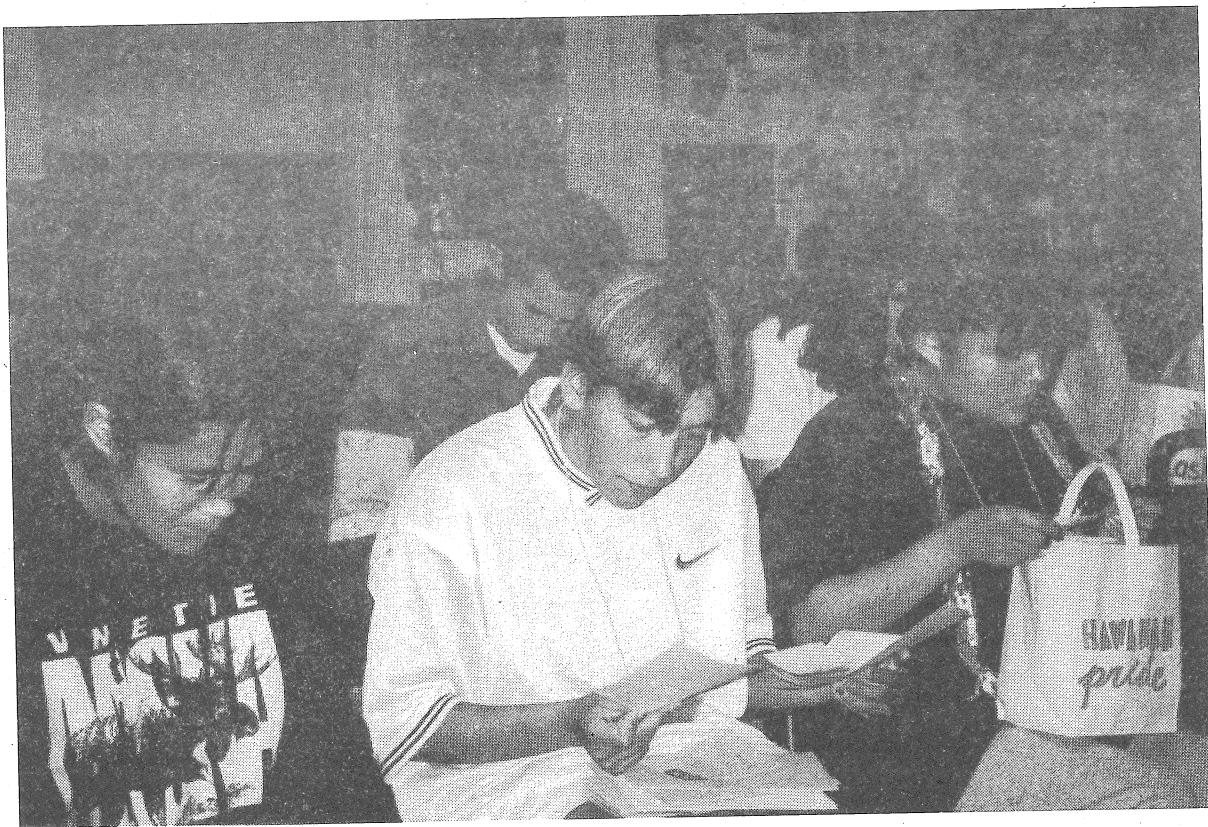
As the "guest" spiritual director who worked alongside the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Alaska, it is with great joy that I hear they have now established the date for their upcoming Happening Weekend early next year. Not only have we shared our faith, but we have equipped them with a method of strengthening their ministry to the youth of Alaska. Thank you to all of

you in Hawai'i who held this trip up in your prayers and gave so generously through your financial contributions. Our youth and their youth will never be the same!



Happening team from Hawai'i, with their trusty van, at St. David's Episcopal Church in Wasilla.

Visit the Happening web page at www.happening.org/.



Youth from the villages of Venetia and Ft. Yukon during a quiet moment at Happening #1.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Call for Papers for Anglican History Conference

On June 23-27, 2001, a conference entitled (Re)Making Anglican Tradition(s) in North America will be held in Toronto, Canada, at Trinity and Wycliffe Colleges. The conference is sponsored by members of the Canadian Church Historical Society, the Episcopal Women's History Project, the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church in the US, and the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists.

When Anglican missionaries and ministers came to the New World, they soon recognized that religious traditions which had taken root in Great Britain could not always be readily transferred to different social realities. Which traditions should be preserved, which should be discarded, and which should be changed?

The Church of England had long recognized that Christian traditions must vary from culture to culture. The 1549 edition of the Book of Common Prayer, for example, included a statement "On Ceremonies, Why Some be Abolished and Some Retained," which offered a vision for change and continuity. It said in part, "For we think it convenient that every Country should use such Ceremonies as they shall think best to the setting

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and responds to music, people, and activities with her whole being. Her responses seem so honest and from her soul. There isn't a need to impress anyone. This illustrates the importance of the Beatitudes and the importance of paying attention to the small, poor, and meek things in this world, with all of our heart and soul and mind.

She is a master at communication. With her body gestures and verbal utterances she is able to express with intensity and accuracy what it is that she wants. We, the caregivers and lovers, only need eyes to see and ears to hear. I believe we adults could enrich our lives immensely by hearing the needs of one another beyond the words and seeing the beauty beyond the surface.

Alexandra—when given the choice between a toy, an image on the screen, or a human interaction—will always choose the human interaction. She likes to sleep in the proximity of another person and she enjoys being close to the people in her life and her animals. She is powerfully connected with the rest of God's creation and

forth of God's honour and glory, and to the reducing of the people to a most perfect and godly living, without error or superstition; and that they should put away other things, which from time to time they perceive to be most abused, as in men's ordinances it often chanceth diversely in divers countries."

The Articles of Religion expressed a similar vision in Article XXXIV, "Of the Traditions of the Church."

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG), immediately upon its founding in 1701, became a major vehicle for the extension of the Anglican tradition in North America, and, in the process, served as a vital agency for the creation of diverse Anglican traditions in the regions that became the United States of America and Canada. The activity of the SPG was a principal influence in the making and the remaking of the Anglican heritage within the diverse cultural and religious milieu of North America.

While the Conference commemorates the SPG, it is not devoted to the history of the SPG. It is intended to be an opportunity to explore the many facets of the making and remaking of Anglican tradition and traditions in North America. Our various Anglican expressions in North America have retained many continuities with the parent churches in Great Britain and Ireland, even as they have produced remarkable changes belonging to the new and transforming cultures of this continent. How can these continuities and changes be understood historically?

enjoys it unabashedly. I believe this must be the way God feels about creation. God loves the creation! Otherwise why did God create? The covenant between God and the created order is powerful and each is responsive to the other with even the slightest impulse. A baby has demonstrated something for me and helped me relearn that interacting with others, and all of creation, is something to choose and is just plain fun!

Hebrew people understood eternal life as their identity that passed on through the ages and generations via their descendants. I have a sense of my life continuing in the chain of generations. We have four generations living in this chain: Esther Selfridge, Heather Mueller-Fitch, Anne Elizabeth Mueller Thoits, and now Alexandra Michelle Thoits. We are just the latest four generations in a chain of life extending

Written proposals are invited, and should be one page in length, together with a one paragraph curriculum vitae or résumé of the proposers. Proposals should treat the general conference theme by way of one of the six following sub-themes. Proposals that touch on the SPG are especially welcome, but any proposals related to the conference theme are invited.

1. Church History and Information Technology
2. The Church and First Nations/Indigenous Peoples
3. Taking Anglican Tradition across Cultural Frontiers
4. Integration, Assimilation, Alienation: Women and the Church
5. The Church and Public Culture
6. Worship and Church Order: American and Canadian Anglicanism

Proposals may be for scholarly papers, panels, videos, performance, and other forms of public presentations and events related to any aspect of the conference theme. Please send proposals by October 1, 2000, to: Dr. Barbara B. Schnorrenberg, 3824 11th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35222 USA; FAX: (205) 595-2191; E-mail: <bbschnorrenberg@juno.com>

Researchers are eligible to apply for funding from the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church. For information about the grants program, please consult recent numbers of Anglican and Episcopal History of *The Historiographer*.

For further information, please contact Dr. Alan L. Hayes, Wycliffe College, Toronto M5S 1H7; phone: (416) 946-3532; FAX (416) 946-3545; E-mail <alhayes@chass.utoronto.ca>; .

back and back to beyond our memory and, God willing, extending into the future forever. It is easy to see how the Hebrew people saw this as life eternal.

God chose to become flesh in the birth of a baby. After living with and loving Alexandra, I can see even more deeply why a baby is the Incarnate Word and thus grows to be The Christ and Savior of the world. A baby is the embodiment of hope for all of us. I am so grateful to be Alexandra's Tutu, and I appreciate very much this time that we have shared together this summer. I look forward to many adventures with this baby—my teacher!

PBFWF Provides Relief in Taiwan Earthquake

BY GRETCHEN JONG
AND LOIS LUCAS
Diocesan Fund Coordinators

Excerpted from a letter written to Honolulu newspapers.

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief raises, receives, and distributes funds for the relief of human suffering around the world. In 1998 alone, The PB Fund received \$7 million, providing emergency and development grants to 31 countries. Celebrating its 60th anniversary, it provides emergency relief in times of disaster, assists in the rehabilitation of lives and property, and joins in partnership with those who address root causes of suffering.

In its Mission Statement The PB Fund describes itself as 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.

This summer The PB Fund began building the first 95 houses in a community near San Pedro Sula, Honduras, for the victims of Hurricane Mitch. This initiative, called *Faith, Hope and Joy: A Project for Living*, will eventually build a community of some 500 homes, including a church, clinic, and community center.

The PB Fund has received over \$2 million in donations for relief in the Kosovo crisis. Some of this money was used to help those in refugee camps and for the resettlement of refugees in the United States.

The PB Fund's extremely small 5% administration costs come from endowment fund interest, *The National Episcopal Church*, and unrestricted PB Fund monies. Our work is in no way limited to the Episcopal Church membership.

The PB Fund name has a place on the list of disaster relief agencies. It is an agency that has proven itself, one that is in place, and stands ready to help the relief effort in Taiwan today. For more information, please contact Gretchen Jong through the diocesan office, 536-7776, or write to The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Also, you may visit The PB Fund's website at <<http://www.pbfwf.org>>.



COMING SOON

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

- **Clergy Retreat**, Mokuleia

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

- **Diocesan Council Orientation & Meeting** 10:00 a.m.
- **St. Matthew's Luau** 4:00-7:00 p.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.

DECEMBER

1 Wednesday

- **Finance Dept.** 11:30 a.m.
- **Diocesan Institute Board** 3:00 p.m.

2 Thursday

- **Commission on Ministry** 3:00 p.m.

3 Friday

- **ECW Christmas Lunch** 11:00 a.m.

3-5 Friday-Sunday

- **EFM Mentor Formation/Advanced Training**, Holy Nativity
- **Senior High Retreat**, Camp Mokuleia

10 Friday

- **Diocesan Staff Christmas Lunch** 12:00 p.m.

11 Saturday

- **Diocesan Institute** 8:30 a.m.
- **Deacons' Meeting** 9:00 a.m.

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- *AIN expansion:* It was agreed to offer participation as observers to other minority indigenous Anglicans.
- *Interim administrative management:* It was agreed that the office of the Bishop of Aotearoa will coordinate AIN administration until the meeting in 2001.

Following the completion of business, the delegates were taken on a tour of the east coast of Kaua'i, including visits to Limahuli Botanical Garden and Kilauea Lighthouse. The gathering concluded with a closing Eucharist and dinner and Hawaiian entertainment and farewells.

The Commission on Native Hawaiian Ministry thanks Bishop and Mrs. Chang for their attendance, interest, and wholehearted participation. Mahalo also to the congregation of All Saints Episcopal Church and their rector, Fr. Jim Hargis, for the use of their facilities and Fr. Hargis's hospitality and hard work to help make this event a success.



14 Tuesday

- **East & Central Honolulu Clericus** 12:30 p.m.

15 Wednesday

- **Clergy Newsletter**

16 Thursday

- **Maui Clericus** 10:00 a.m.
- **Cathedral Chapter** 4:30 p.m.

17 Friday

- **Standing Committee** 9:30 a.m.
- **HEPAM** 4:30 p.m.

18 Saturday

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

24, 27 Friday, Monday

- **Diocesan Offices closed.** Christmas Holiday.

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

Thomas Keating is Coming

BY NANCY CONLEY

St. George's Church and Spiritual Life Center

Begin the two-thousandth year of Jesus by attending a contemplative retreat with a master. Fr. Thomas Keating is an author, teacher, and Trappist monk who has worked for many years to foster understanding among the world's religions. A member of the Cistercian order founded in 1098, Fr. Keating, now in his 70s, has served at monasteries in Snowmass, Colorado, and Spencer, Massachusetts. He will direct a retreat here in the practice of centering prayer, a cornerstone of Christian contemplative practice. Register early for this five-day intensive retreat, to be held at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on January 6-11, 2000. The retreat begins Thursday at 5:00 pm and ends on Tuesday after brunch. The cost is \$300. Contact Sr. Katherine Theiler, MM, at 988-6540 or request a registration form from the Spiritual Life Center at 523-1170.

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for the December/January issue

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(Note: There will be no separate January issue. The next issue will be in February, with a January 9 deadline.)

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of Hawai'i for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Prayer for a Church Convention or Meeting,
Book of Common Prayer, page 818

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Benefit Luau Saturday, November 20, 1999



Tickets - \$15.00
First Seating - 4 pm
Second Seating - 6 pm

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