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An Annual Meeting, Plus So Much More!

✠ Delegates Gather October 22-23 for Diocesan Convention

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Although the Church is not "of the world," it is "in the world," and therefore a certain amount of "business" must be taken care of. Things such as budgets, resolutions, elections, and the like must be accomplished to satisfy church canons and corporate law. Often, however, the Holy Gospel and the true Mission of the Church seem to get lost in the process.

Prayer, Worship, Scripture, Respect

But things were different at the 1999 Diocesan Convention held October 22-23 at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu. All of the legal requirements were met with "due order and propriety," but they were accomplished within the context of prayer, worship, scripture, and "respectful conversation."

From before the convention opened to the sound of the final gavel, there was a constant prayer vigil that we would be empowered by the Holy Spirit to discern God's will, acknowledge our diversity, and be true to our individual consciences, even while celebrating our unity in Christ.

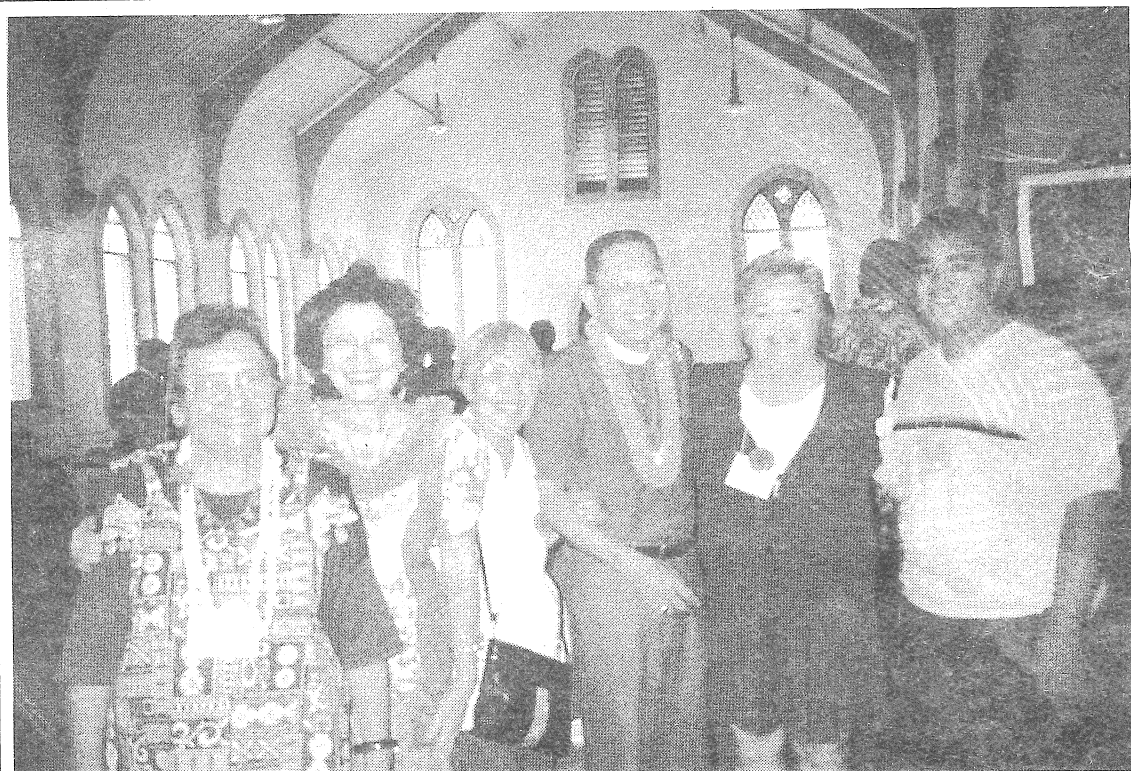
The Clergy Meet With the Bishop

Thursday, October 21, the clergy of the diocese met with Bishop Chang to discuss matters affecting the church at large, including the

Lutheran-Episcopal Concordat on "full communion," the Cambridge Accord dealing with the Lambeth statement on sexuality, the Zacchaeus Report survey of the successes and failures of the Episcopal Church, and clergy deployment. But even here, the session started with prayer and Bible study, and with remarks by Bishop David Tani of Okinawa.

That night Bishop Chang hosted a dinner for all clergy and their spouses, which gave them a chance to catch up on what has been happening in the lives of the clergy family throughout the diocese.

Friday morning began with a breakfast hosted by the Hawaii Episcopal Clergy Association, and focused on professional improvement and issues coming before the convention.



Chatting after the Convention lunch in Davies Hall are Martha Ho, Annette Jim, Eva Kum, Bishop Richard Chang, May Holokai, and Keane Akau.

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The Ministry of the Episcopal Church Women

The Episcopal Church Women met Friday morning to report on their activities and to elect their officers. They approved financial grants to Bishop Chang's Discretionary Fund, to the Samaritan Counseling Center, and to the YWCA youth "Peace Festival."

The opening worship service in the majestic St. Andrew's Cathedral was inspirational, with delegates lifting their voices in song, the clergy marching in procession, the presentation of the ECW United Thank Offering, the installation of the Diocesan Altar Guild, and the stirring sermon by Bishop Tani from our sister diocese of Okinawa.

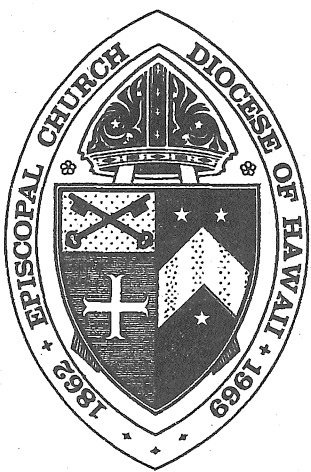
An especially moving experience occurred during noon prayers on

Saturday, when representatives of each congregation read the names of their members who passed into the larger life since last year.

"Respectful Conversations"

At 3:00 PM the business meeting was called to order, we voted for various church leadership positions, and then Bishop Chang began his "State of the Church" address by sharing part of his own "spiritual journey." He spoke of life-transforming experiences, and said that much of the talk about change in the church was just that, "talk." He challenged us to rethink our future as a Diocese, our vision, and what resources might be needed. This may mean a complete

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All contest entries will subsequently be entered in the National Contest to be exhibited and judged at the 73rd General Convention to be held July 5-15, 2000, in Denver, Colorado. The entries will become the property of the Office of Stewardship of the Episcopal Church Center and may be included in future publications.



Heidi Junge and Beckee Morrison in the "jungle."

Good, Dirty Fun

BY BECKEE MORRISON
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We were in the rainforest, and it was raining. Several members of the Episcopal Campus Ministry of the University of Hawai'i had gathered with hiking boots and garbage bags at the Kalawahine Trail off Round Top Drive. Our mission: to fight one of Hawaii's most dangerous weeds, *Clidemia hirta*, aka Koster's Curse.

Clidemia first appeared in these islands about fifty years ago. It has been called the second biggest threat to our local native vegetation in the plant kingdom (after strawberry guava). *Clidemia* seeds spread from trail to trail and island to island by clinging to the boots of hikers (which is why brushing your boots after a hike is good stewardship of the 'aina). In some places it is found only in the middle of the trail or right next to it. In other places, the infestation goes deeper into the woods.

Our hikers in September managed to obliterate all traces of *Clidemia* on some sections of the trail to the Nuuanu Valley Overlook before the rains came and the afternoon got away from us. We did make one mistake, though. We started pulling up the first *Clidemia* plants we saw, instead of hiking to the end of the trail, surveying the situation first, and then attacking the worst areas. By the time we found the biggest plants—a meter high and full of berries ready to discharge their seeds to the winds—we had run out of time.

We'll be back, though. Oh, yes. And this time, we're bringing garden tools and more people!

In the meantime, we meet every other Sunday evening for dinner, fellowship, and more. Without a usable building, we lead a kind of nomadic existence. If you want to join us, you'll have to contact the Rev. Pam Junge at 571-3235 or at <honeybee@lava.net>, or Beckee Morrison, <rmorrison@hawaii.edu>. We're starting out small but we keep repeating to ourselves, "Where two or three are gathered together...."

Women of Vision Training Held

The Women of Vision presented their program at a weekend retreat on Maui to seven women of Good Shepherd, Wailuku. The retreat was held at St. John's, Kula. Presenters were Janet Goff, Gretchen Jong, and Karen Huston. Participants were Louise Aloy, Guadalupe Ruiz, Cindy Foltz, Karol Steele, Genie Sitts, Gemma Idica, and Bessy Cacayorin. The weekend began Friday night as the ladies all rushed in from their busy lives, to a peaceful, serene setting where God's presence was evident. Everyone experienced the truth in "Differences Do Count."

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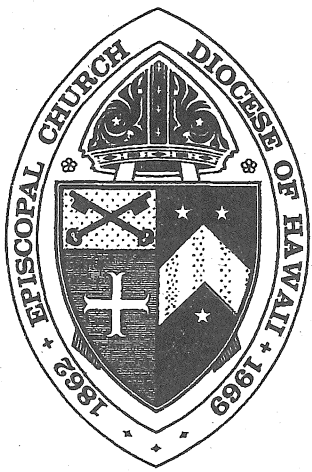
"Communicating the Truth in Love."

That morning we also assessed our gifts, skills, and talents. We had a nice lunch and spent the afternoon identifying areas at home, in the church, and in the community where we could use those gifts effectively. We closed with Compline and returned to the busy lives we had left behind with renewed spirits. One lady shared: "This weekend was such a high for me. I am rejuvenated, empowered, and enlightened to push on and receive all of God's blessings and share them."

Women of Vision is a program available to your parish. Other presenters include Daphne Kennedy, Yvonne Kaiahua, and Geri Tom. Please contact any presenter for more information.

Group attending the Women of Vision training at St. John's, Kula. First row: Cindy Foltz, Louise Aloy, Bessie Cacayorin, Janet Goff. Second row: Karol Steele, Lupe Ruiz, Eugenia Sitts, Gemma Idica. Top row: Gretchen Jong and Karen Huston.





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Entries must be submitted no later than January 31, 2000, to Nancy Ries, St. George's Church, 511 Main Street, Honolulu 96818. For further information, contact Nancy at 808-422-7888, fax 808-421-1511, <nries@lava.net>.

All contest entries will subsequently be entered in the National Contest to be exhibited and judged at the 73rd General Convention to be held July 5-15, 2000, in Denver, Colorado. The entries will become the property of the Office of Stewardship of the Episcopal Church Center and may be included in future publications.



Heidi Junge and Beckee Morrison in the "jungle."

Good, Dirty Fun

BY BECKEE MORRISON
University of Hawai'i

We were in the rainforest, and it was raining. Several members of the Episcopal Campus Ministry of the University of Hawai'i had gathered with hiking boots and garbage bags at the Kalawahine Trail off Round Top Drive. Our mission: to fight one of Hawai'i's most dangerous weeds, *Clidemia hirta*, aka Koster's Curse.

Clidemia first appeared in these islands about fifty years ago. It has been called the second biggest threat to our local native vegetation in the plant kingdom (after strawberry guava). *Clidemia* seeds spread from trail to trail and island to island by clinging to the boots of hikers (which is why brushing your boots after a hike is good stewardship of the 'aina). In some places it is found only in the middle of the trail or right next to it. In other places, the infestation goes deeper into the woods.

Our hikers in September managed to obliterate all traces of *Clidemia* on some sections of the trail to the Nuuanu Valley Overlook before the rains came and the afternoon got away from us. We did make one mistake, though. We started pulling up the first *Clidemia* plants we saw, instead of hiking to the end of the trail, surveying the situation first, and then attacking the worst areas. By the time we found the biggest plants—a meter high and full of berries ready to discharge their seeds to the winds—we had run out of time.

We'll be back, though. Oh, yes. And this time, we're bringing garden tools and more people!

In the meantime, we meet every other Sunday evening for dinner, fellowship, and more. Without a usable building, we lead a kind of nomadic existence. If you want to join us, you'll have to contact the Rev. Pam Junge at 571-3235 or at <honeybee@lava.net>, or Beckee Morrison, <rmorrison@hawaii.edu>. We're starting out small but we keep repeating to ourselves, "Where two or three are gathered together...."

Women of Vision Training Held

The Women of Vision presented their program at a weekend retreat on Maui to seven women of Good Shepherd, Wailuku. The retreat was held at St. John's, Kula. Presenters were Janet Goff, Gretchen Jong, and Karen Huston. Participants were Louise Aloy, Guadalupe Ruiz, Cindy Foltz, Karol Steele, Genie Sitts, Gemma Idica, and Bessy Cacayorin. The weekend began Friday night as the ladies all rushed in from their busy lives, to a peaceful, serene setting where God's presence was evident. Everyone experienced the truth in "Differences Do Count."

Saturday we started with a continental breakfast and a presentation on

"Communicating the Truth in Love." That morning we also assessed our gifts, skills, and talents. We had a nice lunch and spent the afternoon identifying areas at home, in the church, and in the community where we could use those gifts effectively. We closed with Compline and returned to the busy lives we had left behind with renewed spirits. One lady shared: "This weekend was such a high for me. I am rejuvenated, empowered, and enlightened to push on and receive all of God's blessings and share them."

Women of Vision is a program available to your parish. Other presenters include Daphne Kennedy, Yvonne Kaiahua, and Geri Tom. Please contact any presenter for more information.

Group attending the Women of Vision training at St. John's, Kula. First row: Cindy Foltz, Louise Aloy, Bessie Cacayorin, Janet Goff. Second row: Karol Steele, Lupe Ruiz, Eugenia Sitts, Gemma Idica. Top row: Gretchen Jong and Karen Huston.



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CONVENTION ELECTION RESULTS

STANDING COMMITTEE

Clergy: The Rev. Hollis Wright

Lay: Wallace "Bud" Doty

The newly formed Standing Committee chose Dr. Rhoda Hackler to be the chair.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Clergy:

The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch

The Rev. Frank Cowell

Lay:

Linda Burnz

Rosemary Jordan

Robert Kekuna, Jr.

Lysandra Padeken

Chandler Rowe

Sylvia Rowland

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Clergy: The Rev. Robert DeWolfe

Lay: Ken Fleming

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

Jane Tonokawa

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT

Nathan Cockett, Jr.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

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HISTORIOGRAPHER

Stuart Ching

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Lay: John Hawkins

Clergy: Rev. Polly Hilsabeck

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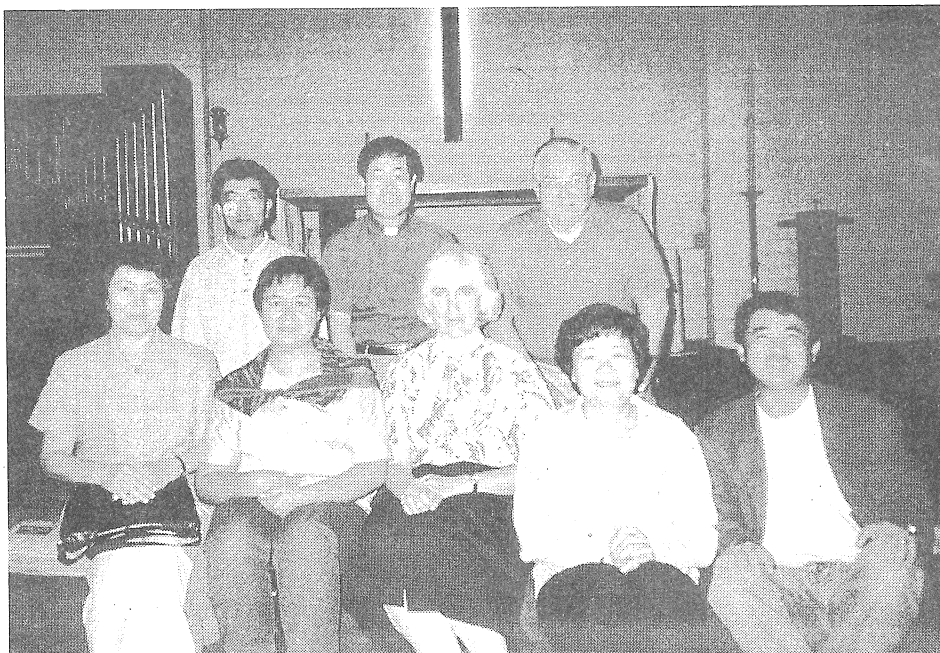
Lay: Belinda Chung

Clergy: Rev. Franklin Chun

DIOCESAN COMPENSATION REVIEW

Lay: Jim Putnam

Clergy: Marilyn Watts



Okinawa delegation visits St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor. Front row: Naomi Makiya, Abeleth Kochi, the Rev. Liz Beasley, Toshiko Tani, the Rev. Eisho Uehara. Back row: The Rev. Kotaro Takara, Bishop David Shoji Tani, the Rev. Bob Walden.

Okinawa Delegation Visits the Islands

Bishop David Shoji Tani, his wife Toshiko, and five other representatives from the Diocese of Okinawa arrived October 15 to visit various churches throughout the state and attend the 31st Convention of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i. Bishop Tani was the guest preacher at the Convention Eucharist, and on Saturday the delegation witnessed the adoption of Resolution #1, which outlines the covenant for the Companion Diocese Relationship with Okinawa. The group enjoyed the hospitality of many church members and returned to Okinawa on October 24 with many impressions and ideas.

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restructuring to encourage partnerships in ministry. He called us to begin "respectful conversations" with each other to discern God's call, gain mutual understanding, and to be willing to "risk all for Christ's sake." He received a prolonged standing ovation.

Education, Social Time, and Elections

Next came an open forum to ask questions and get clarification on issues to come before the business session for action the next day.

had been decided on the first ballot, and no runoff elections were necessary.

Sharing, Calling, and Experience

Then the delegates broke into small groups for "Conversation." They started by reflecting on 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 in which Paul says that he simply passed on to the Corinthians the knowledge of Christ that he had received, and that through the Grace of God he was who he was, and they came to believe. The groups were asked to discuss one of three topics: (1) how sharing one's personal story might contribute to mutual understanding; (2) how we determine what God is calling us to be; and (3) how our

experience in the Church has been life-giving and contributed to our sense of identity and direction. The discussions were so stimulating that people did not want to stop.

Youth, Elderly, and Stewardship

There were three special orders of business to inform the delegates about special ministries in the Diocese. One was on the need of good stewardship. Another recognized the ministries of our elderly members through the granting of the *Makule E Akamai* awards. The third featured various activities of the young people.

Throughout the convention there were booths displaying the ministry and resources provided by numerous church-related organizations.

Money, Organization, and Compassion

All of this prayer, worship, and bonding laid the framework for the business that was conducted on Saturday. The meeting was facilitated by computer technology, which allowed information and proposed amendments to be immediately projected on the screen so that all delegates could know on what they were voting.

A budget of \$2,041,463 was adopted for the year 2000.

The resolutions passed were as follows:

1. Renew the "Companion Diocese" agreement with the Diocese of Okinawa.
2. Increase clergy salary scale by 4 percent.
3. Reorganize the Deaneries into seven "Regions" with three-year terms for Council Representatives.
4. Allow missions to request to be resolved.
5. Limit speakers on convention business to three minutes.
6. Study the establishment of a new mission in North Kailua-Kona.
7. Begin long-range strategic planning to include prioritizing goals, and analysis of the diocesan assessment, the budget process, and a possible capital campaign.
8. Support the "full inclusion" of gays and lesbians in the life of our church.

Resolution 9 relating to the UN Convention on the "Rights of the Child" was postponed to next year in



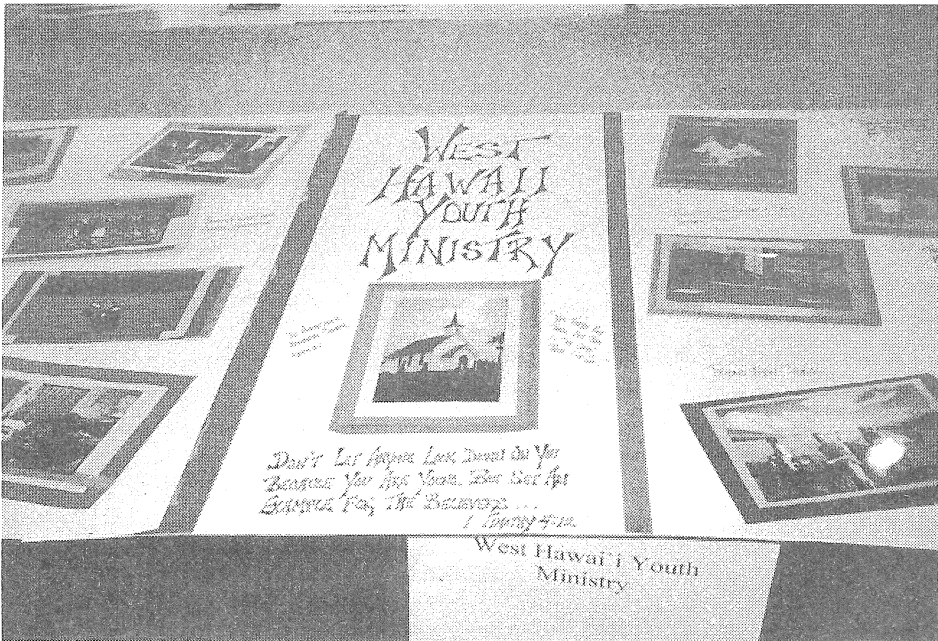
The Episcopal Church Women leadership changes hands: outgoing ECW president Barbara Vlachos and incoming president Janet Goff.

That night the annual banquet was held at the Ilikai Hotel. There were excellent food, wonderful friendship, and a moving performance by the Hula Halau from Iolani School.

Saturday morning began with the announcement that, for the first time in recent history, all of the elections

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SCENES FROM CONVENTION



Top: A colorful photo exhibit of Drew Van Culin's ministry on West Hawai'i.
Middle: Nancy Minuth admires the quilt displayed by the HIV/AIDS Task Force.
Bottom: The actors in the ECW skit lift high the cross. Back: Mary Wilson, Janet Goff, Yvonne Kaiahua, Donald Kaiahua. Front: Hekili Kaiahua.



Recipients of the 1999 *Makule E Akamai* Award

At the 31st Annual Meeting of the Convention, Bishop Chang presented the *Makule E Akamai* Awards, on behalf of the Diocese of Hawai'i, to the following senior members in recognition of their exemplary ministries in church and community.

The *Makule E Akamai* Award is given to members of the Church who are seventy years of age or older and have given outstanding service in their congregation and community. As they were presented to the Diocesan Convention, they were given a letter of congratulations from Bishop Chang, a certificate, and a lei.

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| Emmanuel, Kailua | The Rev. Dr. Eleanore G. Akina |
| All Saints, Kapa'a | Mrs. Doris Beinhart |
| Holy Nativity | Mrs. Jan Bonds |
| St. James, Kamuela | Mrs. Helen Burlingame |
| West Kaua'i | Mr. Robert Burnz |
| St. Andrew's | Mrs. Betty Digman |
| St. Paul's | Mr. Cirilo R. Gamponia |
| St. Clement's | Mr. Donald Hill |
| St. Stephen's | Mr. Sadao Honda |
| St. Elizabeth's | Ms. Laura Iwami |
| Holy Apostles, Hilo | Mrs. Kikuye Kohashi |
| St. Timothy's, Aiea | Mr. Robert Leigh |
| St. Matthew's, Waimanalo | Mrs. Frances Lucas |
| Calvary, Kaneohe | Mr. William Lum |
| Diocese of Hawai'i | The Rev. Robert Moore (posthumous) |
| St. John's, Kula | Mrs. Barbara Morrison |
| St. Mark's | Mrs. Violet Mossman |
| Good Samaritan | Mrs. Louise Nakamura |
| St. Mary's | Mr. Albert Oki |
| Holy Cross, Kahuku | Mr. David Pallister |
| Waikiki Chapel | Mrs. Angie Poole |
| St. John's-by-the-Sea, Kahalu'u | Ms. Ann Thomas |
| St. Luke's | Mrs. Soonhe Sung |
| Trinity-by-the-Sea, Kihei | Mr. Aurel Trailov |
| St. Augustine's, Kapa'au | Mrs. Kikue Yee |
| St. Peter's | Mr. Clifford Young |

A few of the people who were presented with *Makule E Akamai* Awards and recognized by the Convention for their exemplary ministries in church and community.



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order to obtain more education on the issues involved.

Some of the resolutions received passionate testimony, both pro and con, because of deep feelings. But everyone had an opportunity to be

heard, and all speakers were treated with respect.

Delegates left the Convention with the distinct opinion that it was no longer going to be "business as usual." We have the opportunity to be part of a life-giving transformation, and to become truly faithful disciples.

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Bishop's Address

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millennium. For others, the changes in lay and clergy leadership within congregations have been transitions creating too much ambiguity for consideration of a diocesan vision for mission.

During the past year we initiated and experienced New Beginnings #1, Happening #13, the Happenings Mission to the Diocese of Alaska, the Alice Mann Workshops, Journey to Adulthood, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the Alpha Course, and other programs and ministries of Christian formation. Tomorrow afternoon you will experience a youth presentation that demonstrates the faith and energy of our youth generated by their participation in New Beginnings, Happening, and the Episcopal Youth Event. These young people and the adult leaders have taken Christian formation seriously.

We must honestly assess how members are nourished and supported in discipleship as they seek to live their baptismal covenant. We need to ask ourselves the embarrassing questions regarding our own formation as a follower of Jesus Christ. I don't believe the cliché, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" is applicable when it comes to Christian formation—a lifelong enterprise of faithful discipleship. We need to pay serious attention to how we incorporate and nurture people on spiritual journeys within the life of our congregations. I am interested in growing faithful disciples of Christ, not statistics. For statistics can be like seeds falling on rocky ground that wither and die because they lack roots and a nurturing soil. We must nurture and support all people through ministries of Christian Formation within our congregations. Christian Formation must continue as a Diocesan priority.

In two weeks I am convening the first of a series of conversations with leaders from the diocese to discuss our future as a diocese, how we might build our vision, and what resources would be needed to make that vision a reality. The first questions will be "What does it mean to be faithful disciple of Jesus as a member of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i? Who must I become and what will I do when I follow Christ as Lord and Savior?"

At the November meeting of the Diocesan Council, I will direct the Finance and Real Estate Department of the Diocesan Council to revise the budget process for the 2001 Budget. We have tinkered with a budget process long enough and used EHH as the rationale for not moving forward in

mission. We use an institutional process that does not allow the setting of priorities, that does not encourage realistic allocation of resources for ministry, and that does not allow prompt response to emerging mission needs. For example, regional input must come earlier in our budget process, not in the last few months before the Annual Meeting.

I will ask each Department of the Diocesan Council, Diocesan Committees, Boards, and Commission to



The bishops of Hawai'i and Okinawa and their spouses join for dinner at the Convention Banquet. Left to right: Toshiko Tani, Bishop Richard Chang, Bishop David Tani, and Dee Chang.

complete by the end of January 2000 a review of its mission statement, its structure, its support of members and congregations of our diocese, and its need to continue as a diocesan organization. I do not believe that our current institutional structure provides vehicles by which we as the Diocese of Hawai'i can be the Church in the new millennium. We must develop a structure that encourages partnerships in ministry, the ministry of all members, and the sharing of all ministry resources. I hope that this will begin a process for a restructuring of diocesan programs and ministries. Like the Taco Bell dog calling, "Here, lizard, lizard!" we will need a different and bigger box for ministry as the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i in the new century.

In response to Resolution 3B of last year's annual meeting, in my naiveté I sought to appoint a committee whose membership would be respectful of the gay and lesbian community, be composed of persons holding differing views on the issues, and be able to remain in communion with each other. I was not able to appoint such a committee. Attempts to identify a curriculum that could be used in this diocese were just as unsuccessful.

Because of my experience at the Interim Meeting of the House of Bishops with the panel of gay and lesbian persons, listening to conversations between two seminary professors on the theology of our sexual identity, and conversations with members of the

House of Bishops, I have invited members of our diocese to join me in respectful conversation on the issues related to human sexuality. I was profoundly moved by personal testimonies describing how conversations by persons of faith holding opposing points of view impacted continuing relationships to their church communities. These conversations led to deeper appreciation and understanding of people, issues, and the importance of the church community. I am con-

vinced that personal respectful conversation between people of faith is the means by which we will find ways to support each other as we deal with human sexuality, racism, and other issues that may capture our attention in the new millennium.

I call the Diocese of Hawai'i to a higher level of commitment to respectful conversation. We must each make a personal commitment to engage in respectful conversation and create a community of mutual respect. Our community must be the fruit of our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being. Ours must be a community where everyone is welcome as a child of God. We must hear each other's personal and faith story that describes both pain and resurrection. We must unashamedly share our own story with others. We must not allow legislative barriers to keep us from these conversations and

from remaining in communion with each other. We have demonized those who are different long enough. I pray that our conversations will enable and encourage others in the wider community to engage in respectful conversations when there are differences of opinion.

In October 1996, I spoke of Brother Lawrence and how his ministry has been a model for my understanding of servant ministry. This is my fourth Annual Meeting address. We are not the same diocese. We are not the same diocese since the last Annual Meeting. We will not be the same at the conclusion of this annual meeting. We will continue to be people in transition grounded and "united in Christ through baptism."

Are we willing to listen to each other as we seek to discern God's call? Are we willing to live with ambiguity as we travel together doing ministry to which we are called? Can we adequately do ministry without knowing whom we are as church, without hearing each other's spiritual journey, or without hearing the call to mission in God's world? Are we willing and determined to be transformed?

I invite you, my brothers and sisters, into respectful conversations with each other that we may discern God's call to each of us and to our diocese. I invite you, my brothers and sisters, to share your stories with each other that we may gain mutual understanding and remain in communion. I invite you, my brothers and sisters, to risk all for Christ's sake. I pray that we like Zacchaeus may be transformed to become truly faithful disciples.

Let us pray. "Lead us, we pray, O God, to commit our lives and talents to you, in the confidence that when you give your servants any work to do, you also supply the strength to do it through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."



The Little Roses Orphanage in Honduras. In the past, the home received a donation from the Diocese of Hawai'i ECW.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Response to the Bishop's Convention Address

Richard, our Bishop,

May we offer three introductory remarks before we get to the substance of your powerful presentation.

First, the standing ovation of the Convention delegates and observers to your words of yesterday is the true response to your Address.

Secondly, we admire and applaud your willingness to share yourself, your story, and your spiritual journey with us.

Thirdly, you are in good company with the philosopher, theologian, poet, and saint, Thomas Aquinas.

Bishop, a number of key words and concepts leap from the pages of your address; namely, spiritual journey, spiritual formation, respectful conversation, without fear, with hope and promise, priorities, transformed hearts, ambiguity, mission, Zacchaeus, Jesus the Christ, and the Kingdom of God.

We thank you for opening your heart so that we may see your journey and accept the challenge as Christians in the Episcopal Tradition and as a community of faith under your leadership and guidance. May each of us find that prayer, that verse of Sacred Scripture, that hymn which becomes our source of daily Grace. We note that the hymn of Thomas Aquinas is in the present tense. Thus daily it gives fresh meaning and renewed strength as you live out the vocation of your office as our bishop in our needy society.

You have been challenged from day one in your call to be our bishop. In your own Zacchaeus journey you have confronted major issues known to all of us—the EHH saga with its many facts, the transition of many of our clergy—and also other issues known to you alone.

We agree that Spiritual Formation—becoming one with Christ and one another, living and implementing the Gospel in our lives and in our communities, and sharing Good News with all—must be our priority. Not only must we be formed, but priority must be given to assure a solid spiritual formation for the diversity we find in our Church. This includes proper funding, priority funding.

In his encounter with Jesus in Jericho, Zacchaeus becomes a changed person. Grace penetrates his heart. His anxiety, fears, and self-centeredness disappear. He invites Jesus to his family table. In our journeys you challenge us to find our own Zacchaeus stories, to come down from

the perch of our own trees, and to invite Christ into our lives so that we may be changed by His transforming presence.

Like you, Bishop, we must not only believe but witness to that belief by our own stories—a reluctance we frequently find in our Episcopal Church.

We accept your call for respectful conversation, but we may need to move beyond ourselves and our Church for assistance in mutual talk. As a church we are known for facing many ambiguous issues. But if we cannot hold serious conversations as the People of God with all our diversity, where then can we converse?

You call for a major overhaul of our Church. Most companies, institutions, and governments are doing so in our society. Should we be exempt from your challenge for structural and priority changes? We think not!

Your insight forces us to raise these questions as we move into a new millennium:

Are we approaching the challenges of the twenty-first century with nineteenth-century European models for ministry?

Are we hindering Christ's mission by focusing primarily on saving the saved?

Are we merely a constellation of individual parishes held together by the term "Episcopal"; or are we a community of faith, hope, and love, transcending the limits of our parochial and canonical limitations in order to bring Christ to our world and our world to Christ?

Finally we recognize your gentle yet direct paternal scolding of us for our failure as individuals and as the Body of Christ for not fully walking the walk. We accept your kind reprimand and the challenge it offers us, and we support your decision to take charge.

In your consecration as our bishop we were asked by Bishop Browning would we uphold you in your ministry as our bishop? Resoundingly we acclaimed, "Yes, we will!"

It is now time to put our minds, hearts, and wills where we have already put our mouths!

Thank you, Richard, our Bishop.

DAVID BARRATT

MYRTLE KANESHIRO

THE REV. DR. VINCENT O'NEILL

THE REV. JAN RUDINOFF



Executive Council Builds Homes in Honduras

BY HATSUNE SEKIMURA
Good Samaritan

San Pedro, Sula, Honduras was the site of the Fall meeting of the Executive Council from October 28 to November 2. It was a year ago that Hurricane Mitch had devastated this beautiful Central American country. There was still much evidence of Mitch—rough bumpy roads, debris of all kinds, homes in dire need of repair, and more. The Council members reported for the meeting two days early in order to help construct much-needed homes. Geared with working shoes, gloves,

hats, and jeans, they worked side by side with the Hondurans. It was hot and humid and the wheel barrels were heavy. The grounds were soggy and rocky, but the Council carried on. The climax of the two-day work

was the dedication of the Frank T. Griswold Clinic at the entrance of the housing project. Plans are to build 500 homes on the site. The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief is a major source of income for the project.

Our Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold celebrated the Eucharist at the Cathedral in Spanish. Hundreds of

Hondurans were inside as well as outside the Cathedral. There were many worshippers who traveled eight hours to attend. Firecrackers, rockets, dancing, and singing added to the celebration. An interesting visit to the Little Roses Orphanage brought back memories of the Diocese of Hawai'i ECW's contribution to the home through the women's special fund.

Other highlights of the Council included the good news of our Lutheran partners, the ELCA, having approved the amended Agreement. The Episcopal General Convention will follow up on this matter at the



Hatsune Sekimura (right) with members of the Executive Council.

Convention in Denver in July 2000. The Council passed a resolution to seek legislative or administrative remedies to extend the stay of 90,000 Honduran nationals residing temporarily in the United States.

This visit to Honduras will live long in my memory. Although the country is poor, the people are rich in spirit and their love of God is immeasurable.



Cottages being built in Honduras for people made homeless by Hurricane Mitch.

COMING SOON

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.

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.

JANUARY

2-3 Monday-Tuesday

- Diocesan Offices Closed. New Year's Holiday.

5 Wednesday

- Diocesan Institute Board 3:00 p.m.

6 Thursday

- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

7 Friday

- Chronicle Deadline 4:00 p.m.

8 Saturday

- Diocesan Institute 8:30 a.m.

12 Wednesday

- Finance Dept. 11:30 a.m.

14 Friday

- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.

17 Monday

- Diocesan Offices Closed. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

19 Wednesday

- Clergy Newsletter

20 Thursday

- Christian Formation 10:00 a.m.
- Cathedral Chapter 430 p.m.

21 Friday

- Grant Request Mailing

22 Saturday

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

26 Wednesday

- Stewardship 12:00 p.m.

28 Friday

- Seabury Board

FEBRUARY

2 Wednesday

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

3 Thursday

- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

4 Friday

- Certificate of Elections Church Officials' List Deadline

4-6 Friday-Sunday

- Happening #12

9 Wednesday

- Chronicle Deadline 4:00 p.m.

9-12 Wednesday-Saturday

- DOCC Training

12 Saturday

- Stewardship Annual Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

17 Thursday

- Cathedral Chapter 4:30 p.m.

18 Friday

- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.

19 Saturday

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

21 Monday

- Diocesan Office Closed. Presidents' Day Holiday.

17-21 Thursday-Monday

- Provincial Youth Council at Mokuleia

23 Wednesday

- Clergy Newsletter
- Stewardship 12:00 p.m.

26 Saturday

- Church Leaders' Workshop



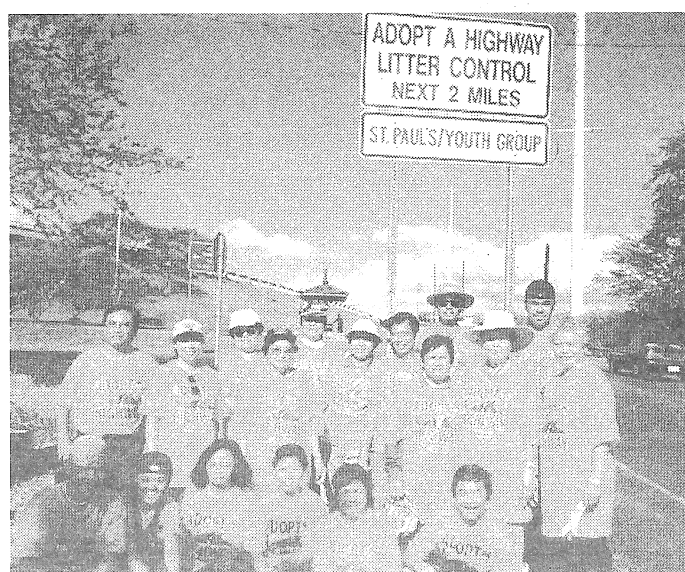
Kaua'i Lectures Begin with Bishop Hunt

Because the Island of Kaua'i does not have a first-class series lectures or teachings on "church" matters, Christ Memorial Church, Kilauea and St. Thomas' Church, Hanalei, have joined together in sponsoring a series of lectures given by first-class speakers in our church. These will be held three times a year: November, March, and September. The November lectures will be incorporated into the two churches' celebration of the Feast of the Sovereigns and will cover three days. The March and September events will be one-evening events.

The Right Reverend George N. Hunt, Bishop of Rhode Island (Retired) will be the inaugural speaker for this series. His subjects for the three evenings will be: "The Authority of Scripture," "The Authority of Tradition," and "The Authority of Reason." To mark the first of this series as a special event, Bishop Hunt's first lecture will be given at a Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 30, at 6:30 PM with music provided by the Very Rev. Dr. Michael Foley, S.P. The lectures are open to all and are free,

although a bowl will be placed at the back of the church for any donations people wish to give to help defray expenses. Churches of all denominations on the island have been invited to join us for these lectures.

Future speakers in this series will be:
March 26, 2000 — The Right Rev. Richard Shimsky, Bishop of El Camino Real
September 17, 2000 — The Right Rev. Richard Chang, Bishop of Hawai'i
December 3, 4, 5, 2000 — The Right Rev. E. Don Taylor, Assistant Bishop of New York



Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness

The environmentally conscious members of St. Paul's Church, Honolulu, recently have been removing trash and debris from a two-mile stretch of Farrington Highway in Waipahu as part of an "Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up Project." Under the leadership of the Rev. Randy Albano, Wardens Amado Yoro and Tante dela Cruz, and Youth Group President Jay peralta, the group labors for one and a half hours from

seven in the morning on the first Saturday of the quarter. Sometimes the road is really messy and it takes longer to collect the trash. However, the experience becomes rewarding when prominent leaders of the community step out of their cars to thank the group of their efforts to help clean the environment.

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 Send articles and photos to:
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 There will be no issue produced in December.
 May God Bless you with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!