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## St. Andrew's to Telecast "God at 2000" Conference

The Diocesan Christian Formation Committee and St. Andrew's Cathedral will host a downlink broadcast of the 31st Trinity Institute Conference "God at 2000" in the Von Holt Room of the Cathedral on February 11-12. The schedule, adjusted for Hawai'i time, is on Friday and Saturday from 7:00 AM to 2:30 PM. There is no charge, but participants are asked to provide their own lunch. To register or to receive a complete schedule of speakers, please contact Jenny Wallace, <jennywallace@hawaii.rr.com>, phone 524-2822 ext.220, or contact the diocesan office.

A stellar cast of speakers includes Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Diana Eck, Joan Chittister, Lawrence Kushner, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Karen Armstrong and Marcus Borg.

Modeled on the 1996 symposium "Jesus at 2000," conference speakers will address how they think about the sacred. Marcus Borg, Professor of

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## Nurturing Church Connections on Maui ✱ Ministry Maui 2000

On November 6, members of all the churches on Maui gathered at Seabury Hall for "Ministry Maui 2000: A Day of Conversations and Sharing." The purpose of the meeting, which included programs for all ages, was to make a conscious effort to nurture the connections between church members by sharing our stories, singing, and learning together. The Steering Committee for the event consisted of David Barratt, Peter Lee, and the Rev. Morley Frech. The Revs. Marvin Foltz and Heather Mueller-Fitch also helped to organize the event.

After an opening introductory session, participants were able to choose from a selection of three workshops in each of three different sessions. Examples of workshops offered are presentations about Episcopal Church Women, Education for Ministry, the Alpha Course, Cursillo, and Daughters of the King. Other workshops discussed being single in the church, being a senior member, how to build a youth ministry, and welcoming and keeping new members.

Following lunch, Bishop Richard Chang gave a historical perspective of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i and participants were able to hear the histories of the Maui congregations. After further conversations on strengthening ties between the churches, the day closed with a Eucharist, celebrated by Bishop Chang.

Meanwhile, as the adults attended the workshops, the youth (ages 12 and up) participated in a Ropes Course, organized by Nutie and David Melrose. Children aged 11 and younger, under the direction of the Rev. Polly Hilsabeck and Seabury students, constructed a banner and learned songs for the Offertory and Communion of the Closing Eucharist.

The day was a great way to nurture the bonds between churches and Episcopalians on Maui!



The Steering Committee of Ministry Maui 2000 standing with Bishop Chang. L to R: David Barratt, Peter Lee, Bishop Dick Chang, and the Rev. Morley Frech.

## Prayer for General Convention

*The Diocese of Hawai'i is asked to pray on February 4 and June 4 for the upcoming General Convention, to be held in Denver, Colorado, from July 5-14. Below is one suggested prayer, for the Unity of the Church.*

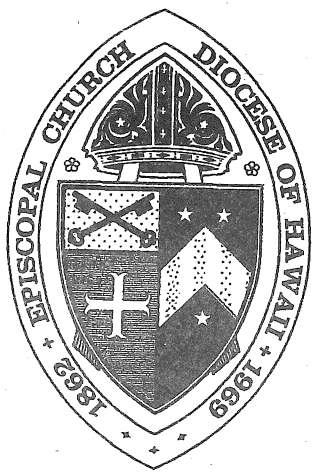
Almighty God,  
you sent your Son, Jesus, to dwell among us  
that we might be one, even as you are one with Him.  
Help us, Lord,  
to find, in prayer and practice,  
unity in your Spirit,  
to overcome those forces that would divide us.

Make of us one body,  
uniting our many and diverse parts.  
Create in us one heart,  
that we might love each other  
and serve the world in your holy Name.  
Help us to discern the mind of Christ  
that your Word may always become flesh  
in an through us,  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

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## Bishop's Letter

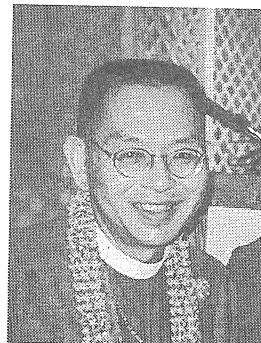
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the years that I worked at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City, my commute to and from Montclair from December through March was in total darkness. On those first commutes in my first year I was always fearful of missing my stop because of the darkness. For more times than I would like to remember, I had to walk an extra block or two because I could not read the street signs before my stop. As I became more familiar with the streets, I was less anxious even though on occasion I still did miss the stop. But then the township put new streetlights on Grove Street, and darkness was no longer a problem. I could see my street corner from a distance and no longer missed the stop.

In reviewing my calendar for the first three months of 2000, I discovered that this year there are nine weeks after Epiphany, the maximum number possible on the Church calendar. It was particularly interesting since through the Advent and Christmas seasons I have reflected on "the Light of Christ" and its implications for Christian discipleship. Epiphany is our celebration of the coming of the Light of Christ into the world, "a light to the Gentiles."

The Right Rev.  
Richard S. O. Chang

BISHOP OF HAWAII



For us, Jesus is the light by which we are to walk. He is the light that burns in our hearts and shines in our lives. As recorded in the Gospel of John, "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it." Because his light overcomes the darkness we are able to walk as disciples and servants in the world.

The light of Christ in our lives will enable us to see things in a very different way and do things we would never have done. Though initially frightened by the light of the angelic hosts, the shepherds made the decision to leave their sheep and to seek the Christ Child. The light of Christ makes that kind of difference in our lives. We can see each other and ourselves as beloved children of God. For in our

## Bishop's Visitations

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- 12 St. Paul's
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baptism we have become children of God.

The light of Christ calls for continually new responses from us. Let this Epiphany be that time when the light of Christ invites a more faith-filled response. God in Christ has come among us to be the Light of the world, so let us walk in that light.

Yours in Christ,  
+Dick

## THE BOOK CORNER

### The Complete Guide to Capital Campaigns

Partners for Sacred Places, the national nonprofit center for the stewardship of older religious properties, has released the second edition of *The Complete Guide to Capital Campaigns for Historic Churches and Synagogues*. This popular and easy-to-use book, written by fundraising experts Peggy Powell Dean and Susanna A. Jones, offers congregations step-by-step assistance in planning and executing a successful fundraising campaign. The *Complete Guide* contains case studies of successful campaigns, as well as sample fundraising brochures, donor pledge forms, and other forms that can be removed for easy copying. *The Com-*

*plete Guide* costs \$40.00 for Partners' members and \$50.00 for nonmembers.

Two issues of Partners' *Stewardship Series* are also available to help congregations think about new ways to raise funds for their capital needs. *A Fund-Raising Tool: Creating a Supporting Organization* explores ways to solicit support from the community-at-large by establishing a separate 501(c)3 organization, and *A Collaborative Approach to Fundraising: The Rittenhouse Coalition for the Restoration of Sacred Places, Inc.*, describes how three historic Philadelphia churches partnered to raise money to restore their buildings. Each *Stewardship Series* publication is free to members and costs \$3.00 for nonmembers. Partners also publishes *Briefly*

*Speaking*, two issues of which deal directly with fundraising: *General Principles for a Successful Capital Campaign* and *Should You Hire a Fund Raising Professional? Briefly Speaking* is free upon request.

*The Complete Guide*, the *Stewardship Series*, and other resources for congregations, including maintenance and property repair, space-sharing, and disabled access, may be ordered by calling Partners for Sacred Places at 215-546-1288 or visiting Partners' web site at <www.sacredplaces.org>.

You are invited to attend the  
Stewardship Chair Appreciation Luncheon  
Saturday, February 12, 11:30 AM  
Parish Hall at St. Clement's, Honolulu  
Clergy and the stewardship chair  
from each congregation are invited  
Speakers: Scotty and the Rev. Lynette Schaefer  
Stewardship Poster Contest Entries will be exhibited  
Reservations can be made by calling  
the Diocesan Office, 536-7776.



# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Adorning the Cathedral

### ✠ News from St. Andrew's

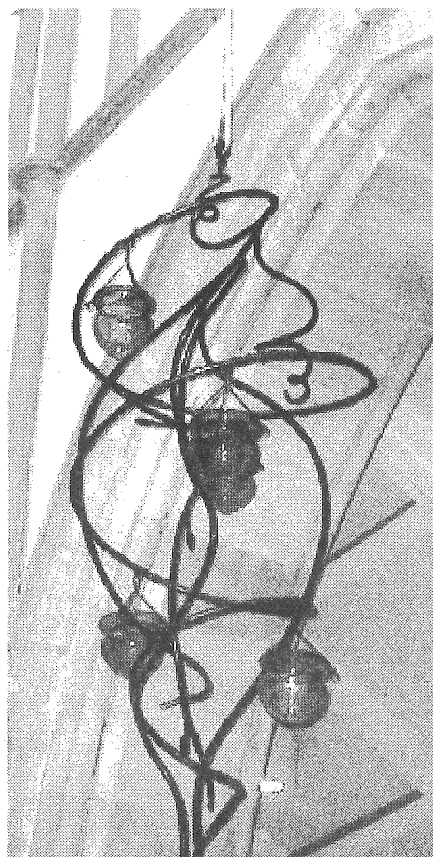
BY THE VERY REV. PETER COURTNEY  
*St. Andrew's Cathedral*

#### UMBRELLAS

The Cathedral Church of St. Andrew is reaching back in time to an ancient form of celebrating the Word of God. After the sermon a silence is announced by the ringing of a bell. This silence is suggested by the rubrics in the Prayer Book and is designed to offer a chance for meditation and reflection on God's Word, read and preached. Following a second bell, the Presider takes the Gospel Book into the midst of the congregation for them to touch, or kiss, make the sign of the cross or bow. The Book is covered by a canopy in the form of the liturgical umbrella, which are in common use in the Syriac Rite. The Cathedral umbrellas were imported from Southwest India where they are made. Prior to the use of the umbrellas some members of the Cathedral tried them out to see how they fit and worked in the Cathedral!

#### ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath was designed and fabricated by Scott Fitzell and K.C. Grennan of Seattle, Washington, and is made of forged steel. Measuring 8.5 feet high and weighing almost 200 pounds, the wreath is redolent of a banyan tree. An Advent Wreath symbolizes continuity and eternity through the use of the circle image. This wreath has intertwined circles in



ever-increasing width culminating in a final branch. This motif portrays the progress of human history in covenant with the living God.

The wreath contains five lamps, four of blue for the four Sundays of Advent and a fifth of amber. This last and highest in the wreath is the Christ Light reserved for the Christmas season, which celebrates the birth of Jesus.

"Virtually all of the movable appointments in the Cathedral were bought off the shelf," said the Very Rev. Peter Courtney, Dean of the

Cathedral. "Our goal was to place a new and important piece of artwork in the Cathedral which was both redolent of our life here in Hawai'i and an important artistic and liturgical statement. The front of the Church is medieval, as seen through Victorian eyes, and the back, or West End, is mid-twentieth century in style. We wanted something to point us to the future. This wreath resembles a DNA model with its twisting strands as well as a local vine with root tendrils. It leads the eye and heart up and through its three dimensions. The hanging

## St. George's Preschool Director Accepted as Castle Colleague

Beth Flick, Director of St. George's Episcopal Preschool, Pearl Harbor, recently was accepted to become one of this year's 15 Castle Colleagues. This program is open to site directors of preschools or child development centers serving children five years old or younger. It is made possible by the Henry and Dorothy Castle Memorial Fund, in collaboration with Hawai'i Community Services Council and Chaminade University.

The Castle Colleagues Program was inaugurated with the belief that such directors deserve society's utmost respect and support, but that many of them feel challenged by seemingly endless management responsibilities, many of which they have not been trained to handle. Such responsibilities include financial management, supervising personnel, legal issues, and community support.

The Castle Colleagues Program is an intensive educational experience. It offers a chance for a small group of

early childhood site directors—15 or fewer—to build peer relationships, get answers to questions that concern them, catch up on vital management training, reflect on career goals, and gain access to resources and networks that enhance effectiveness and provide for professional development. Sessions are offered by instructors drawn from local universities, as well as experts from foundations, law and accounting firms, and child-serving and other nonprofit organizations.

Beth Flick has been the Director of St. George's Preschool since May 1995. Under her direction the Preschool has become financially secure and has grown to an enrollment this year of 97 full- and part-time students. On February 8, the Preschool will celebrate its tenth anniversary.

Congratulations, Beth!



lamps are waystations of rest and reflection which continue to call the human spirit upward and onward to the real light which is Christ."

The Dean formed a committee of Brian Shuckburgh, Lowell Barnhardt, and Richard Hicks to risk the artistic decisions. The Cathedral is grateful to Greg Nordstrom of the Fine Art Associates in Honolulu who helped arrange the commission.

#### CROSS & CARPET

The new Advent Wreath is part of a continuing effort to adorn the Cathedral with contemporary tones. The mass-produced brass cross at the High Altar has recently been refashioned and set in kaimani wood from the Big Island. It is reversible so that in Lent the brass is obscured and a "rugged cross" appears. This side is hatched with adze marks and has a large wound on one side representing the wounds of Christ.

An altar rug featuring tropical flowers presently adorns the sanctuary. A companion Persian altar rug for festival seasons and new choir chairs and music panels complete the restoration of the front of the Cathedral.



## Can't Take It With You? Other Ideas for Your Estate

An attorney friend of mine said there are five ways to leave your estate when you die. I think he was trying to bring the whole estate-planning process to me in an easy way. I thought his five ways were worth sharing with my trust clients and now with donors to the Episcopal Church.

1. Give your money to your beneficiaries. They will spend it wisely, I'm sure.
2. Give your money to the Government. If you don't make plans before you go they will get it anyway and you know they will spend it wisely.
3. Spend it all before you go. I know you know how to spend it wisely. Wine, women, and song.
4. Give your money to charity. If you have any ideas in this area I would be happy to talk to you.
5. Take it with you. The jury is still out on this way but I can help give you ideas that might be of assistance.

Please call me if I can be of any help in gift planning or estate planning, or if you just want to talk about gift programs for your church.

FRANK G. EMBREE  
*Planned Giving Officer*  
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# REFLECTIONS

## New Millennium

### ✱ A New Year's Sermon

By THE REV. TANCREDO R. PASTORES JR.  
*Holy Cross, Kahuku*

I see by our presence here today that we have all survived the Y2K bug. I see by your smiles that the world did not end yesterday. And I gather from what has been happening here today, and from what has been said, that nothing terribly unusual transpired between the 11:59 PM and 12:01 AM two nights ago.

Let us thank God for that.  
Let us thank God, too, for the fact that today we celebrate something that is significant—we celebrate the fact that we stand at the beginning of a New Year, a new century, and indeed a new millennium.

There are some people who quibble about the last two beginning—some state, with some justification, that the new century does not properly begin until next year. And there are others who point out that we do not really know when the new millennium begins since there were five or six years lost to

## A Christmas Poem

By TERESA T. T. TANIBE YAMAMOTO NITTA  
*St. Mark's, Honolulu*

*The midnight mass was so beautiful and moving that I needed to put it in writing. It encompassed all the senses that God gave us to enjoy and continue His message and love through His son, Jesus Christ.*

I hear the church bell ringing,  
Calling me to mass.  
I hear the Christmas carols,  
And lessons from the past.

I see the manger lowly,  
Amidst the flowers red.  
I see the candles burning  
Like stars, the wisemen led.

I smell the fragrant incense;  
The mist that fills the air.  
I smell the Christmas pine tree,  
Now fit, but once was bare.

I taste the wine and wafer,  
As Jesus did of old.  
I taste this sacred union  
With God and all his fold.

I feel God's love surround me  
Right here as in the past.  
I feel His peace and presence,  
At this, our Christmas mass.

us that Pope Gregory altered almost 1600 years ago.  
In any case, the New Year of the new millennium is here and if you are like the majority of us ordinary people, you have probably made a resolution or two to “to clean up your act” in the months ahead. I know, I have joined a good percentage of the ordinary people, firmly resolving to reduce both the intake of food and the size of my waist. As the morning TV news tell us, diet and exercise are number one and two on most-hit list of favorite resolutions.

I think making resolutions for the New Year in the new millennium is a good and helpful thing to do. So, along with less fat and more walking, and running, and biking, and hiking, and surfing, and jet skiing, and golfing, I would like to suggest a few more to add to your list. They are mostly some bits of wisdom that I have collected over the past year...I call them “Rules of the Road,” rules that can help us navigate the often rough waters of life.

1. I read an article not too long ago about the wonderful Amish community of eastern Pennsylvania. It seems that when they make their quilts, they weave in a pattern of both sunshine and shadow. Thus they allow the truth about life's ups and downs, accepting and balancing opposites, seeing life as both/and rather than and instead of either/or. So, let us strike a balance in our lives between sun and shadow, between work and play, between seriousness and laughter. Let us go to church regularly and also to a ball game or the movies. The more balance we create in our lives, the more stable our lives will become.

2. Always, in telling the truth, let us remember to speak carefully, guarding what we say, speaking with love and kindness. The tongue can be a dangerous weapon as the Letter of James reminds us: “The tongue is like a spark which can set a forest fire. When our tongues get out of control and are restless, they can spread a deadly poison, but when you control your tongue you are mature and you can control your whole life.” Most of us are very good at public criticism and not very proficient at praise. But the reality remains, praise builds up; criticism tears down. Let us resolve this year in a new millennium to give a pat on the back, a smile, a thank you, a little patience and forbearance. It will go a long way to improving our year.

3. Refuse to indulge in self-pity when life hands us a raw deal. Accept the reality that nobody gets through life without their fair share of sorrow or misfortune. In the end, it is what we really do with it that really counts.

4. Do not underestimate the ability of God to straighten out tough situations in our lives. The key to this, we have to give the situations over to God and we have to give Him a little time. I remember reading an interesting article a couple of years ago about life in India. Along the rural roads in that country there are shelves built on top of posts at shoulder height. The shelves are called “*soma tongas*.” People who walk the roads carrying great loads thrown over their shoulders can stop and place their load on the soma tonga to rest a while without having to bend down. So it is not surprising that new Christians in India called our Lord Jesus Christ “my *soma tonga*.” This New Year in the new

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## “We are called to God by strangers and angels.”

—quoting from a sermon by Bishop Richard Chang, December 1999

By MELINDA GOHN  
*Holy Innocents, Lahaina*

Angels keep calling  
I hear them in my sleep  
They keep calling

I wonder how it sounded when the angels called Joseph  
In his sleep  
Did he hear them as I do  
Or was it a different voice  
A different cadence  
A different voice from god

How to hear that voice  
With the ears of a stranger  
As we wonder through the night of life's illusion  
Deaf of the music of our creator

As we wonder through the days of our lives  
without hearing him through the voices of those we love?  
What a dearth of wonder  
To be deaf to this voice  
This sound of god

This sound tinged with the divine and a sense of something known but forgotten  
something dearer than life itself  
wondering through the moments of life.  
Silent except for the ears of the true listener.  
The true searcher.

Listen, listen  
To the voices of angels and strangers  
Calling us from the night of loneliness and sorrow  
Into the golden day of a love limitless in form and size  
Forming the universe  
and all that we know.

Listen as Joseph did  
as Mary did  
The voices of angels changing their lives  
Listen as the wise men did  
Traveling from afar  
following a star  
strangers come to worship  
implicitly full of wonder  
at the child in the manger

They are us and we are them  
lost in the desert  
but following the star  
Listening for the voice of  
angels  
We travel to Jerusalem itself  
on this starlit night  
searching for the prince of peace.  
Called to god  
by voices  
by angels and by strangers.



# THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION



Youth at the Ministry Maui 2000 conference who participated in the Ropes Course. Looks like everyone survived and had fun!

## MILLENNIUM, FROM PAGE D

millennium do not underestimate the ability of God to straighten out any situation in our lives.

5. Resolve to stay fully involved with the living world; resist any temptation to withdraw and become reclusive during periods of emotional stress. Fall in love with lots of things: children, books, sports, computers, cars, the theater, music, hills, the sea, gardening, the Bible, and especially, trends—everything but money. And learn to share our lives with a friend. Friendships are some of the most important and yet most elusive joys of life.

6. Some “short and sweet” bits of wisdom as we near the end: Winston Churchill had some good news for young men and women, “Never try to climb a wall that is leaning into you; never try to kiss a person leaning away from you; and never speak to a group that knows more about a subject than you do.” And, as Abraham Lincoln put it so well, “People are just about as happy as they make up their minds to be.”

7. Do not live in the past. An unwholesome preoccupation with the old things of life and the past leads to depression, and as we have all learned, it is very hard to cope when we are depressed. Let us choose to live our lives in the present and keep one eye on the horizon looking ahead for the good things that will come our way this New Year of the new millennium.

8. And that leads me to the final resolution on this new millennium, New Year’s list: remember that life—things, events, and people—will change and, all too often, when we are most unprepared for that change.

Just when life seems to be humming along a familiar road, something happens to change our course and we

find ourselves in unfamiliar territory. That happened to me before Christmas when to my great surprise my favorite cartoonist/writer Charles Schultz announced that he would close his popular comic strip “Peanuts” and seek a new way through life, a new horizon, as he puts it.

But, let us remember that our year ahead in this new millennium is also full of possibilities. Let us go exploring together!



## Diocesan Clergy Attend Retreat on Discernment

From Tuesday through Friday, November 16–19, the clergy of the Diocese gathered at Camp Mokuleia for a program on Discernment through Prayer, led by Brother David Vryhof of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Massachusetts.

The first several sessions of the retreat focused on the sense of “call” and the signs of God’s call in our lives.

## To Our Sisters and Brothers Overseas

### ✠ Letter from Flood-Ravaged Venezuela

Dear friends,

Peace and love from Venezuela. As you may have read in the press or watched on TV, here in Caracas we are going through the worst catastrophe in recent memory. Heavy rains for the last several days have produced floods and landslides of incredible magnitude. At this moment some 500 persons have been found dead and thousands others are missing and many more are displaced and without home.

Our resources are not sufficient to take care of so many needs. We need medicine, blankets, and canned food and construction materials. If we could have the money, we could purchase some of these things here as supplies last. The people of The Presiding Bishop’s Fund for World Relief are in constant communication with us for which we are most grateful. The help should be directed to: The PBFWR, The Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Telephone 800-334-7626.

Thank you for your prayers and help. Our people are helping others and the diocesan center is a busy place of pastoral care, food distribution, and communication. I gave a short talk on national TV this morning, assuring the people of Venezuela of our solidarity and commitment at this time of crisis.

I am asking my friend and predecessor Bishop Onell Soto to convey this letter to all of you. The misery and pain that I have seen in the last few days is beyond description. May God bless you and your people.

Cordially yours in Christ,  
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## TELECAST, FROM PAGE A

Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department of Oregon State and organizer of “God at 2000,” has stated: “How we *think* about God, *matters*. Our concepts and images of the sacred shape our sense of reality, our sense of what is important, and our perception of the meaning of life.”

The speakers will be asked to share their personal reflections and views about God. Their task will not be to represent a tradition, but rather to share what they have learned about God that seems most important to each of them. Their responses will be based upon their years of study, experience, and reflection.

The Rev. Dr. Frederic Burnham, Director of Trinity Institute, will spearhead the effort to bring the conference to the widest possible audience through the broadcasting of “God at 2000” over ECTN’s satellite network, with additional reach through internet webcasting. “While hundreds will enjoy the conference in the comfort of the LaSells Auditorium in Corvallis, a vast number of others will watch via satellite in parishes, conference halls, seminary and college classrooms, and via personal computer over the internet,” states Burnham with enthusiasm.

# FOCUS ON CHURCHES

## The Many Ministries of Grace Church

BY JOHN KIKUKAWA

*Grace Church, Moloka'i*

To define ourselves as The New Grace Church would be accurate, and to define ourselves as The Old Grace Church would be accurate. We have the same parishioners plus a few more, but we are not the same people. We are changing for God's glory. We are much of the old and much of the new. We are being reborn in ways we would have never thought. "Look, here comes Lynette. She is doing a terrific job at Grace!" said an Episcopalian at convention. "Did you hear Scotty heads a drop-in center for youth at Grace Church after school? What a great idea!" says an enthusiastic parent from Ho'olehua. "Where did you get that dress?" quizzed a mother at a parents' day. "Oh, from Grace Church's rummage sale two weeks ago. What a deal! Jule really knows how to organize that event every year," replied another mother.

"Good music for such a small church. Who was that on rhythm?" asked a new member. "Oh, that's Wongie's boy, Lokepa, and that's Oli on bass, Jane on keyboard, Keith on one guitar, and the small guy is Winthrop on the other," I answered two Sunday services ago. "Who is on your altar guild?" asked a convention delegate. "You mean to ask who is our altar guild? It is the same person that is in charge of the cleaning schedule, Pearl," was the reply. "Beautiful flowers on the altar. I need some for a dinner

party. Where can I order them?" questioned a winter visitor. "Well if you ask Auntie Aggie over there she might have some more in her garden," whispered a long-time member.

God has defined Grace Church with many names and ministries. His painting of our church has become more vibrant and colorful as we start talking and living our ministries. There are the doers, the planners, the organizers, the thinkers, the teachers, most are students, the critics, and the near saints, but all are sinners seeking God's mercy in a small church in the hills of Moloka'i.

Last October young Dick, our bishop, vs. older Dickie Hanchett, our senior warden, asked his churches to look at themselves, their ministries, and missions. Unfortunately for the Devil we took the bishop seriously. Through the direction of Alice Mann, we looked at Congregational Development in the broad sense and then focused on what that meant for Grace Church. You see, we were your standard country mission church led by Lynette, a driven fundy kahu, a few central families, and a few individuals. We had the simple small-community formula: Those who lead, do, and those who do, lead. Oh, what a can of wonders Dick opened up. He knew the Holy Spirit was waiting to pounce on our little church to blow out our walls and expand our concept of our church family and ministries. Lynette has always said, "Everyone is a disciple and we all have spiritual gifts that we

should use." We caught the gist, we attended the workshops, we felt the urgings of the Spirit as individuals and small groups, but we weren't at critical mass till Dick unleashed us. Oh, when Dick gave us the go-ahead and the process. Ooh the energy, ooh the discussion, and ooh the Holy Spirit!

We met, talked, and argued. Things got organized and started moving. We planned, visioned, and implemented. Large meetings, ministry meetings, then no meetings, and just action. We prioritized our ministries and gave structure to our missions. Youth was number one with adult Bible education right up there, and twenty-odd ministries quietly happening or budding. Our hibernating drop-in center came alive again and The Big Guy — no, not Dick, the other big guy — gave us money to fund our not completely planned youth ministry. Yes, God gave us so many resources for our youth that it slowed us down because we realized our need to be good stewards of it all. Keeping the focus on the prayerful part of each ministry was lost at times. We were used to a few doers with minimal communication and closed leadership, and we had to work on that. Doers consulted planners, and planners asked organizers to work with the doers. Simply put, we started using our gifts.

Now some six months later I, for one, feel that things have settled down too much and the Holy Spirit once

more is welling up in us all to continue this process. We left holes in the process we started that will be addressed when His schedule comes due. We contend with our everyday lives with a new focus and a Godly perspective. What must I do for others, Lord? Pray, pray, pray. How do I do for others, Lord? Pray, pray, pray. What does Your Word say to us, Lord? Pray, pray, pray.

We searched for a few agreed-upon ministries and we got twenty-plus. We asked for resources and for a while it seemed too much. We started, made headway, took time-outs for everyday life, faltered, then returned to His call. Sometimes giant chunks of grace fell on us and at other times we needed quiet reflection to detect His glorious works. Our congregation this Sunday seems a little larger but it wasn't just the number of people that caught my eye. Our church family seems filled with a tangible glow of His love. We are all on this planned journey together. We do not pretend to know where He will lead us but we definitely feel led. Our adult Bible classes help, our youth center helps, our music ministry helps, our kahu helps, our ono snacks after worship service definitely help, but now the abundance of ministers and disciples moving in their gifts surely helps make Grace Church of Moloka'i flourish for His glorification.

You see God gave the Jews manna, and Hawai'i the Chinese, but the Episcopalians got both. We got manna to spare and Bishop Dick. Come visit and kaukau with us from the table of the Lord. Aloha from Grace Church.

## Na Mele o ke Ahiahi

## An Evening of Music for the Feast of the Holy Sovereigns

BY LOUISE ALOY

*Good Shepherd, Wailuku*

On Sunday evening, November 28, the Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku, hosted a Hawaiian appreciation concert honoring King Kamehameha IV (Alexander Liholiho) and Queen Emma for their inspiration and diligent good works for the welfare of their people and the good of the Church.

The evening began at 5:00 PM with a traditional blowing of the conch shell announcing the event, followed by a welcoming Hawaiian chant by Kaliki Kai'aokamalie. The Ka'anapali Beach Hotel Po'okela Singers opened the concert with music and songs, includ-

ing hula, that filled the Wailuku air and continued for about 45 minutes.

The church was decorated with fresh flower leis draped along every pew; garlands of ti leaf leis adorned every stained glass window sill; and fragrant maile leis were placed on the stained glass windows of the King and Queen. Kahilis made with fresh flowers and ti leaves enhanced each side of the altar. The Good Shepherd Church was truly graced with Hawaiiana that evening.

Following the performance of the Po'okela Singers, the Good Shepherd's very own Youth Group "Ka'ena" entertained everyone present. The band did an outstanding job

considering that the group was put together only one month prior to the concert. "Pua 'Olena" was their opening number, and hula dancers graced every aisle of the church to interpret this beautiful song. The evening ended with a favorite number of the youth, "Shout to the Lord." Everyone was invited to sing along and once again the hula dancers interpreted this spirit-filled praise song beautifully.

The youth group members of the band were: Brandon Cacayorin, Rheena Acidera, and Guillier Evangelista on drums; Ervin Pasalo on bass guitar; JR Pasalo, Rodney Medeiros, Jason Viernes, Melvin and Rodrigo Casio Jr., Janyne Idica, Ashley Acidera, and Louise Aloy on ukulele; Ferdinand Cajigal and Rhod Casio on rhythm guitar; and Rodel Casio, vocals.

Hula dancers were: Ashley Acidera, Rheena Acidera, Karissa Cajigal, Laraina Cajigal, Jennelyn Espejo, Sarah Foltz, Gemma Idica, Janyne Idica,

Lynn Pasalo, and Tiani Santiago. As you can tell by the last names, there are a number of brothers and sisters in this very special youth group. The group was so good that they were offered a gig on New Year's Eve. Unfortunately, with their rising fame, their calendar has become filled.

Immediately following the concert, refreshments were served in the parish hall. A wonderful time was had by all. We hope this will become an annual event to honor the Ali'i Nui.

MAHALO to all the performers, Good Shepherd Youths, Good Shepherd Women and to all that assisted with putting the concert together. The support with donations of flowers, greens, and food was tremendous. My personal heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Foltz for allowing me the opportunity to bring an idea to life.

A hui hou ... malama pono...



# FOCUS ON CHURCHES • YOUTH

## St. Barnabas': The Church in an Aluminum Shed

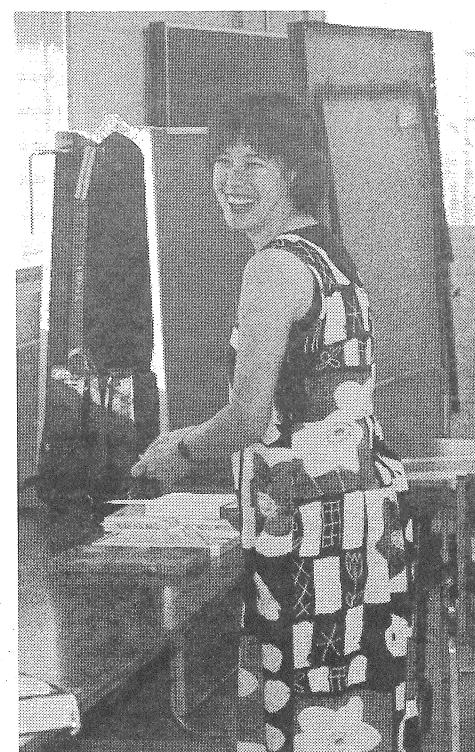
By VAL BESENBRUCH  
*St. Barnabas, Makakilo*

We create a sacristy from a series of cabinets and an aluminum shed. We hoist our altar from its position upside down on top of the shed. In place of stained glass windows we hang home-made banners to cover the cement wall normally festooned with cartoon characters. We bring Sunday school supplies in plastic boxes. We sing with guitars, an electronic keyboard, or a capella. We keep other office and worship supplies in parishioners' homes or a remote rented storage locker. Every Sunday, dedicated members arrive early to convert the main room of the Makakilo Recreation Center into a sacred place of worship for St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church.

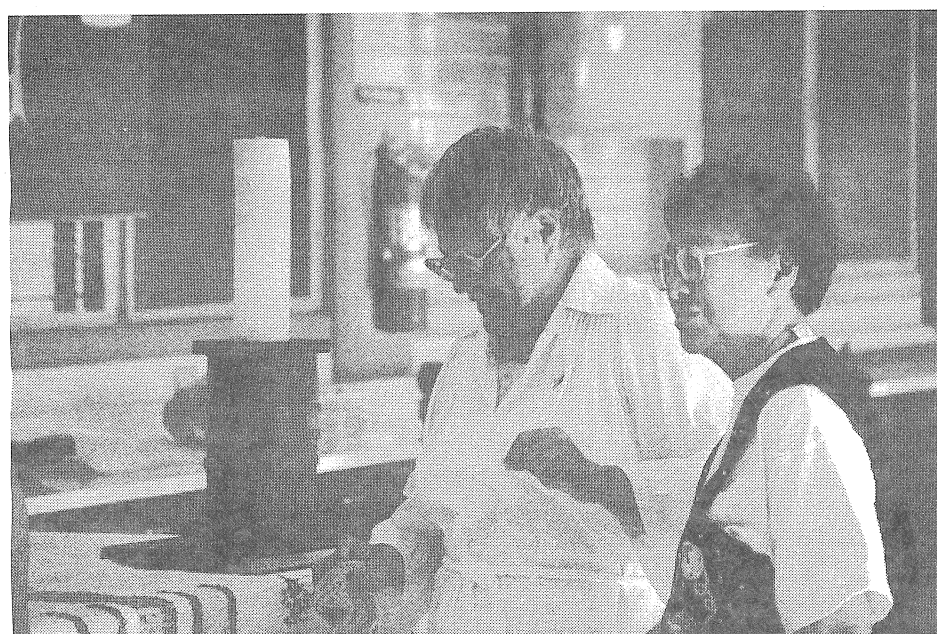
Our wanderings through the wilderness of worship without a building began in 1993. Saint Barnabas' sold its Ewa Beach property to join with the fledgling Kapolei UCC Church to create the ecumenical "Kapolei Christian Center." We envisioned a future building with two sanctuaries at either end and a series of shared classrooms, common room, kitchen, and other rooms in the middle. Meanwhile, St. Barnabas' and Kapolei UCC worshiped in the Makakilo Elementary School cafeteria at 8 AM and 10 AM respectively, with occasional joint services. We were disappointed when the UCC congregation disbanded and therefore the Kapolei Christian Center ceased to exist. St. Barnabas' continued to worship at Makakilo Elementary

School until this year when we moved a mile up the hill to Makakilo Recreation Center. We still dream of, pray for, and work toward a building of our own, but know it will be years in coming. Yet in our portable church we find a connection with the Spirit that blesses us in a unique way.

Father Peter Besenbruch, our interim vicar, preaches that the Kingdom of God is always breaking in. It is with us now and every day. Our small family church feels this when our voices of praise fill the Makakilo Rec Center, when we nurture each other in the name of Christ, and yes, even when we are carrying a 50-pound altar on top of our heads. We have learned firsthand the meaning of encountering and praising the LORD wherever we might be. Thanks be to God!



Dot Shigamura readies Sunday school.



Top: Kala Holden and Cris Ling at St. Barnabas' altar.  
Bottom: Kamaka sets up for Sunday school.



## Laying a Foundation for Trust in God

### ✠ 1999 Teen Retreat

By KRISTYN ANNE SCOTT  
*Holy Cross, Kahuku*

On December 3-5, I was one of three teens lucky enough to represent Holy Cross (Kahuku) at a statewide teen retreat on Maui. Teens from parishes on Oahu, the Big Island, and Maui all met for a weekend of caring and sharing. For me, the retreat's objective was recognizing my personal limits and learning how to exceed them. This seemed to be a goal for many of us as we struggled to overcome various fears and accomplish what we set out to do.

Truly examining your heart is a difficult thing to do. I thought it would be even harder surrounded by a group of people I had never even met. But I found great strength and insight from the other strangers I now call friends. We were all in the same boat (or plane) when we started our journey — scared or apprehensive about something. For some, it was the initial plane trip and being afraid to fly. For others, it was meeting so many new people and being afraid they wouldn't like you. For me, it was the fear of the rope course.

The rope course was an exercise comprised of the wall, which had to be climbed over, the pole, which had to be climbed for a freefall from the top, and the zip-line which you climbed up to in order to get connected and slide

back down to the ground. To begin with, I am afraid of heights. When added to skinny, little ropes and itty, bitty platforms, my fear of heights turns into downright panic. Everyone encouraged me to conquer my fear by just trusting in myself and in God. That only made the situation worse. I was afraid I was not only going to disgrace myself, but let down my newfound friends, and especially disappoint God.

I examined my heart harder than I ever had before. And what I found surprised me. I discovered that my fear of high places is really a valid fear. To attempt to challenge that fear with a feat of daring wouldn't have done God justice or me. God had given me the ability to reason things out and I was going to use His gift to do just that.

Although I did not complete the rope course that day, I may take another shot at it in the future. My heart told me that I wasn't ready to face that particular challenge. Not yet anyway. There were other, smaller challenges that I needed to meet that would prepare me for my next encounter with the rope course. Sometimes, the answer isn't just to trust in yourself and God. You have to first lay the foundation for that trust. My part of the bargain hadn't been met quite yet. God is willing to wait until I'm ready. And now that I've figured it out, I am too.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Tuesday
- Finance Dept. 11:30 a.m.
- 2 Wednesday
- Diocesan Institute Board 3:00 p.m.
- 3 Thursday
- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.
  - Compensation Review 3:00 p.m.
- 4 Friday
- Certificate of Elections Church Officials List Deadline
- 4-6 Friday-Sunday
- Happening #12
- 7 Monday
- Grant Applications Deadline
- 9 Wednesday
- Chronicle Deadline 4:00 p.m.
- 9-12 Wednesday-Saturday
- DOCC Training
- 12 Saturday
- Stewardship Annual Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
  - ECW Quiet Day at St. George's
- 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 Offices 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

- 4 Saturday
- Sexual Misconduct Awareness Training
- 7 Tuesday
- Finance Dept. 11:30 a.m.
- 8 Wednesday
- Ash Wednesday
- 9 Thursday
- Compensation Review 12:00 p.m.
  - Chronicle Deadline 4:00 p.m.
- 10-12 Friday-Sunday
- New Beginnings
- 15 Wednesday
- Convention Plans Committee
- 16 Thursday
- Cathedral Chapter 4:30 p.m.
- 17 Friday
- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Saturday
- Council Dept. Meetings 9:00 a.m.
  - Diocesan Council 12:30 p.m.
- 20 Monday
- Department Budget Recommendations Deadline
- 22 Wednesday
- Clergy Newsletter
  - Stewardship 12:00 p.m.
- 23-27 Thursday-Monday
- Maui Cursillo
- 24-26 Friday-Sunday
- William Countryman Lectures
- 25 Saturday
- Diocesan Institute 8:30 a.m.
  - Deacons' Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 26 Sunday
- King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma Lectures, Kaua'i. Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Richard Shimfky, Bishop of El Camino Real. Call Christ Memorial, Kilauea, for more info.
- 27 Monday
- Diocesan Offices Closed Kuhio Day Holiday

MARCH

- 1 Wednesday
- Parochial Report Deadline
  - Finance Dept. 11:30 a.m.
  - Diocesan Institute Board 3:00 p.m.
- 2 Thursday
- Christian Formation 10:00 a.m.
  - Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 7-8, Friday-Saturday
- BACAM Meeting
- April 29, Saturday
- Cathedral Day
- July 5-14
- General Convention, Denver, Colorado

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Mahalo nui loa for your support!

Men's Retreat

What: Men's Retreat  
Who is invited: All Men from Episcopal Churches in Hawaii  
When: Friday September 8 - Sunday, September 10, 2000  
Where: Camp Mokuleia (the whole camp is reserved)  
Why: Fellowship and faith building among Episcopal Men

We are also looking for people who can help with planning. If you are interested in planning and/or attending the retreat, please contact: Bruce Fink, 545-4719 (home), 528-2500 ext.224 (work), 545-7696 (fax), e-mail <bfink@lava.net> or <brucefink@kahala.net>.

Okinawa Newsletter and Web Page Available

The Diocese of Hawai'i and the Diocese of Okinawa are exchanging newsletters to help further the connections between the sister dioceses. Copies of the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle* are being sent to Okinawa, and we have received copies of the newsletter of the Diocese of Okinawa. They are available in the front office of the Diocesan Office. If anyone would like a copy and is not able to go to the Diocesan Office, please send a message to the Chronicle, by mail to the Diocesan Office or by e-mail to <chrncle@aloha.net>.

In addition, the Diocese of Okinawa has their web page up and running again. You can find it at <http://home.talkcity.com/SpiritCir/all soul/>.

Episcopal Calendars for the Year 2000

The National Episcopal Historians and Archivists announce the immediate availability of two favorite calendars for 2000: the Historic Episcopal Churches Engagement Calendar and the EpiscoCats Calendar. The Historic Episcopal Churches calendar retails for \$14.50 and the EpiscoCats calendar sells for \$7.00; both prices include postage. There are special rates for orders of 10 or more. Contact the NEHA office, 509 Yale Avenue, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania 19081 (610-544-1886) for further information. All orders must be prepaid; please make check payable to NEHA.

Proceeds are used to provide educational workshops and programs on preservation of historic materials for Episcopal archivists and historians across the country.

Science-Based Lenten Program on Big Island

A six-week group retreat during Lent encourages the development of a Christian spirituality of vocation in worldly occupations, especially (but not exclusively) scientific and technological ones. The course will use an Ignatian retreat-in-everyday-life model: retreatants remain in their usual work and family routines, but adopt a rule of an hour of daily prayer or meditation based on suggested readings. The meditations are based largely on the writings of twentieth-century geologist-priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. The group will meet from about 6:00 to 9:00 PM one day per week, TBA, at a place TBA, on the Big Island. Includes supper. There is no fee for this retreat, except for minimal costs for meals and retreat materials. Those interested should contact the director, the Rev. Barbara Smith-Moran (an astronomer-priest), at <smithmoran@earthlink.net>.

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