

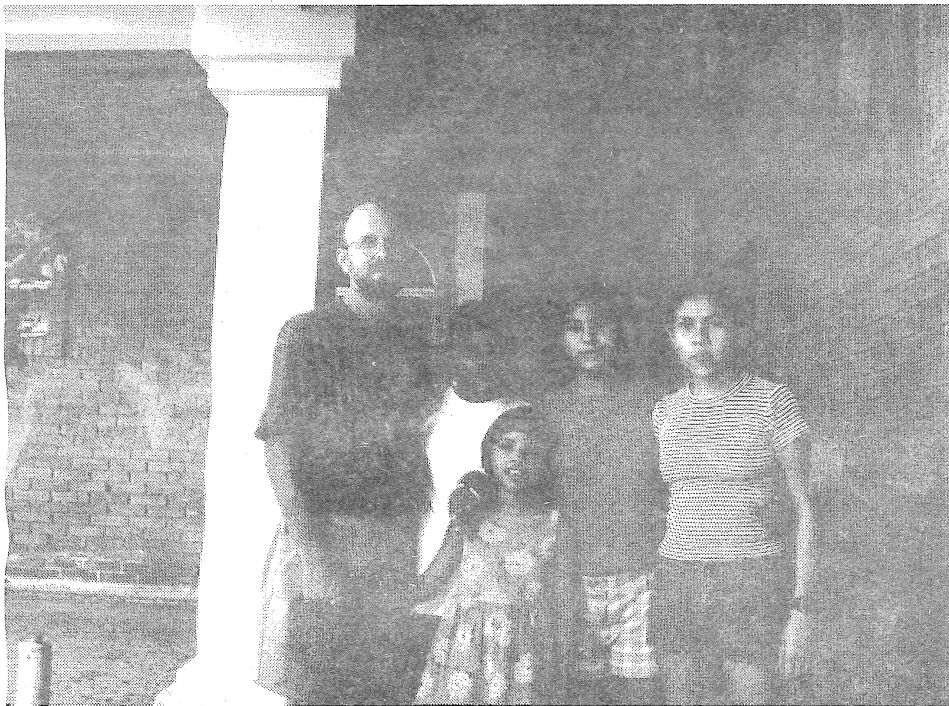
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Dan Yeatts, of Calvary Church, Kaneohe, stands with several Hondurans during his recent trip to San Pedro Sula as part of the Faith, Hope, and Joy housing project of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. For more on this story see page E. Dan Yeatts is a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey. He will giving a presentation about his experiences in Honduras, complete with slides, on Saturday,

March 18, 2000, in the Aloha Room, St. Peter's Church, Honolulu, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nationwide Search Begins for New Priory Headmaster

The Board of Trustees of St. Andrew's Priory School has begun a nationwide search for a new school head to replace J. Stevens Bean, Ed.D., who will step down August 1.

Betty Hirozawa, who chairs the board of the 133-year-old Priory, said an Interim head will be named while a search committee of trustees, alumnae, parents, and faculty does its work.

Mrs. Hirozawa said the board had accepted Dr. Bean's resignation with

regret last week. "The board recognizes Dr. Bean's significant contributions to the school," she said. "Steve has positioned the Priory for exciting developments in the new century by providing the school with stability, building morale, and securing a dedicated team." He's also established and maintained a balanced budget.

Bean, a 35-year educator, who has been a headmaster for 24 years, 5 of them in the Priory, said he plans a career shift. He came to Hawai'i from St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Mississippi.

During his tenure at the Priory, Dr. Bean's accomplishments included:

- the development of a progressive, integrated K-12 curriculum
- a technology program that links students and teachers to each other and to the world
- reinforcement of the school's tradition and Hawaiian heritage
- development and implementation of a strong marketing campaign
- the founding of The Priory Institute for Women, a unique and bold initiative to provide a forum for the discussion of women's issues in Hawai'i
- maintenance of a balanced budget, and nurtured the endowment program that is beginning to show growth.

St. Andrew's Priory School serves girls and young women from kindergarten through high school, and its Queen Emma PreSchool serves both boys and girls. The Priory was founded by Queen Emma in 1867. It is located on Queen Emma Square, behind Washington Place and St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Notice for Nominations for ECW Specials

✱ Due July 15, 2000

The Christian Social Relations Committee of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is now accepting applications from programs that want to be considered as a "Special."

Requests for financial assistance (ECW Specials) for 2000-2001 are due on or before July 15, 2000.

Requests should be by letter and should include the following information:

- Name of organization, including a brief description of background and services.
- Purpose of the request.
- Specific amount of financial assistance requested, with a financial statement for the past year.
- Other available funding already received.
- Plans if request is not selected by committee.

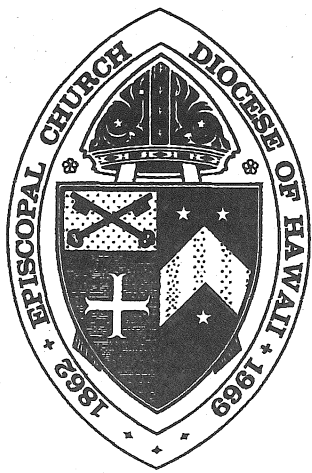
Requests will be prayerfully considered by the ECW board and announced at the ECW Annual Meeting in October. At that time churches and/or individuals can pledge additional funds to the support of the "Specials."

Letters of request should be sent to Annette Jim, Chair of the ECW Christian Social Relations Committee, Diocese of Hawai'i, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813.

At last year's ECW Annual Meeting, over \$6,000 were pledged to four "Specials." The Bishop's Discretionary Fund is always first on the list. Also funded were the Samaritan Counseling Center and the Young Women's Christian Association annual peace program.

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Bishop's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month I again had the wonderful experience of sharing in the closing Eucharist of Happening. This concluding gathering of candidates, Happening Team members, families, and friends of nearly 100 exceeded our expectations. Breaking those small people hosts in halves and quarters in order to communicate all in attendance was a "loaves and fishes" experience. The energy of the weekend continued as people reluctantly said goodbyes in the parking lot.

For me it was special for many reasons. There were youth from congregations that had never sent candidates, and who were excited about telling others about the weekend experience. There were the special Happening stoles made by Bernice Tawarahara of St. Mary's Church, Honolulu, as a thank offering. There were members from Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku, flying in from Maui for the closing Eucharist and surprising the young people from Maui. There were the Happening Team members

The Right Rev.
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BISHOP OF HAWAII



exhausted but pleased with their weekend ministry that involved months of faithful preparation.

The exuberance and energy of Happening #13 has energized me for keeping a Holy Lent. That brief Sunday encounter with those young people is the catalyst that enables a deeper personal commitment of self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on God's holy Word during those forty days of preparation

Bishop's Visitations

MARCH

- 5 Kohala Missions
- 12 St. Paul's
- 19 St. Elizabeth's
- 26 St. Mary's

APRIL

- 2 (House of Bishops)
- 9 St. Barnabas
- 16 St. Mark's
- 23 St. Andrew's
- 30 St. Alban's



for Easter. I pray that your Lenten Season be a time of formation as you continue your journey of faithful discipleship.

In Christ,
+Dick

Christian Formation for 3- to 6-year-olds ✦ The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

BY REBECCA WILLIAMS
St. Christopher's, Kailua

St. Christopher's in Kailua will be sponsoring beginning-level training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from June 7-16. A wonderful trainer, Karen Nikaïdo, will be leading the course as she did last year.

For those of you not familiar with this program, here's a brief synopsis: The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an established program that breaks down by three age groups: 3- to 6-year-olds, 6- to 9-year-olds, and 9- to 12-year-olds. The program is run by "catechists" who have undergone specialized training. This is a very "hands on" program through which the children come to know God by working with materials specially made to assist them in developing their own personal relationship with Him.

Adults who work in the atrium are called catechists because we are not teachers in the traditional sense. In the prepared environment, the atrium, we proclaim the good news and listen with the children to the one teacher who is Christ.

Why the Good Shepherd? Traditionally, when we tell the smallest children about God, we begin in Genesis with God as the great and all-powerful creator of all. To a tiny child living in the land of giants, God

becomes the king of the giants! A very far-away God, indeed. Jesus came to live among us to show us God and said many things about himself: I am the way, the light, the vine, the bread. He also said, "I am the Good Shepherd." The Good Shepherd cares for his sheep, who are small. He knows them each by name. He calls them to be close to Him, and He lives with them each day. He protects them, finds them when they are lost, even gives his life for them. This is the God that young children, and perhaps all of us, want to know, follow, talk with, and sit close to. This is our God, the Good Shepherd.

Aware of the vital need of all children to fall in love with God we begin by offering the 3- to 6-year-olds essential Bible parables and historical narratives that proclaim

- the great and abiding love of the Good Shepherd
- Jesus is light that overcomes the darkness
- Christ shares his eternal life with us in baptism
- Jesus continues to give Himself to us in the Eucharistic bread and wine
- the power and mystery and preciousness of God's kingdom.

Knowing that even the youngest children have not only a deep desire but also a great capacity to know God, we introduce them to the articles,

gestures, signs, and prayers of the liturgy, encouraging their fuller participation in our worship services.

For more information about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or about the upcoming training, please contact Rebecca Williams at 262-7225 or by e-mail at <williams@aloha.net>.

New Editor of Episcopal/Anglican Edition of Curriculum Has Local Ties

Cynthia Macleay Campbell, formerly a member at St. Mary's, Honolulu, on February 1 became the new editor of the Episcopal/Anglican Edition of the David C. Cook Curriculum, now in its third year of distribution. This curriculum is a joint project of Trinity Episcopal Seminary in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and Cook Communications. The curriculum's Fall 2000 materials, which emphasize *Anglican church history* and *Orders of ministry*, profile King Kamehameha and Queen Emma as Heroes of Faith for Elementary ages. The web master for the Diocese of Hawai'i graciously helped provide the pictures. (Mahalo!)

DIOCESAN NEWS

Countryman to Speak on the Authority of the Bible and Human Sexuality

Noted author and scholar Professor L. William Countryman will visit the Diocese of Hawai'i on March 24-26, 2000, to give a series of talks and workshops on the Anglican approach to scripture. At last year's convention, the debate on human sexuality issues involved the use of biblical passages to support both sides. Many times, however, the Bible is used to marginalize certain groups of people because of color, sex, status, or sexual orientation. Professor Countryman will speak on the authority of the Bible in the Episcopal Church, using hands-on discussions of texts, Biblical and Anglican. The Church in Society Department of the Diocese is sponsoring Professor Countryman's visit.

Professor Countryman will present "The Bible in Anglicanism" on the islands of Maui, Oahu, and Kauai. He also will conduct a two-hour workshop "The Bible, Sex, and Intimacy" on Oahu. In this workshop, Professor Countryman will approach sex and sexuality issues in the Bible in as non-confrontational a style as possible.

The schedule of Professor Countryman's visit is as follows:

Friday, March 24, 2000

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wailuku, Maui

6:00 PM Potluck Dinner
6:30 - 8:00 PM Presentation: "The Bible in Anglicanism"

Saturday, March 25, 2000

Tenney Theater, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu, Oahu

10:00 AM Presentation "The Bible in Anglicanism"
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Calabash Luncheon sponsored by St. Andrew's Outreach Committee
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Workshop: "The Bible, Sex and Intimacy"

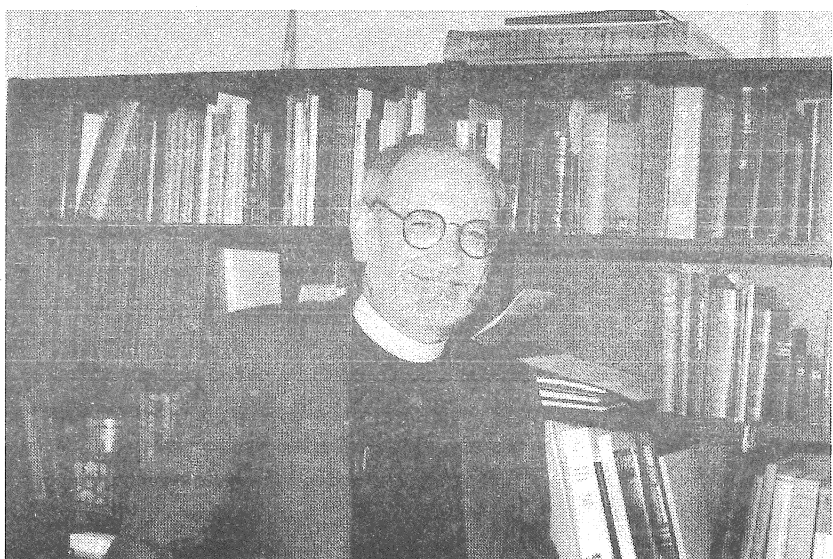
Sunday, March 26, 2000

St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church, Lihue, Kauai

5:30 PM Calabash Chili and Rice Dinner
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Presentation: "The Bible in Anglicanism"

Everyone is invited to all presentations and the workshop; there is no charge. However, nominal contributions to our calabash will be welcomed for the luncheon at St. Andrew's Cathedral and the chili and rice dinner at St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church. Advance registration is required.

Our speaker, L. William Countryman, is Sherman E. Johnson Professor in Biblical Studies at The Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. He was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Oklahoma in 1965 and served parishes and chaplaincies in Oklahoma, Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri. He is an active participant in the life of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Berkeley. Countryman writes and speaks on a wide variety of topics, ranging from the Bible to gay and lesbian spirituality. He is perhaps best known for *Dirt, Greed, and Sex* (Fortress Press, 1988), a study of sexual ethics in the New Testament and their significance today, and for *Good News of Jesus: Reintroducing the Gospel* (Trinity Press International and Cowley, 1993), which presents the basic Christian message in a clear and direct way and has been welcomed by parish audiences in the U.S. and Great Britain.



Registration Form

An Anglican Approach to Scripture

by Professor L. William Countryman

YES, I WILL attend "The Bible in Anglicanism" by Professor L. William Countryman at (check appropriate site):

____ Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wailuku Maui. Friday, March 24, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Potluck dinner at 6:00 PM; Presentation at 6:30 PM.

____ Tenney Theater, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu. Saturday, March 25, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Calabash luncheon at 11:30 AM.

____ St. Michael & All Angels' Episcopal Church, Lihue, Kauai. Sunday, March 26, 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Calabash chili & rice dinner at 5:30 PM; Presentation at 6:00 PM.

____ I WILL ALSO attend the Saturday afternoon workshop on "The Bible, Sex, and Intimacy" at Tenney Theater, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu, Oahu, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Please send completed registration form to:

The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i
Church in Society Department
229 Queen Emma Square
Honolulu, HI 96813

Four one-way airline coupons are available for each church upon registration. The registration deadline is March 13, 2000. For more information, please contact Lucille Tamura at 808-536-7776, ext.105, or Wayne Yoshigai at 808-523-6000.



Bishop Visits Seminary

The Rt. Rev. Richard Chang was on the Seminary of the Southwest campus in Austin, Texas, recently to visit with Hawai'i seminarian Teresa Bowden. Bishop Chang is pictured below with Bowden and the Very Rev. Durstan McDonald, seminary dean. Bowden, who came to the seminary from St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, in the fall of 1998, is midway through her studies at the Seminary of the Southwest.



Congratulations!

...to the Rev. Pam Junge, who was ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, January 23, at St. Clement's, Honolulu. Pam is Associate Rector at St. Clement's and Campus Missioner at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa.

Of Note in This Issue of Episcopal Life

The March issue of *Episcopal Life*, which is contained inside your *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*, has several stories of note about recent events in the national church and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Beginning on page 1 is coverage of the consecration of two American priests as bishops in Singapore by two Anglican primates and four other bishops.

On page 5 is a report on the decision by the Executive Council to refrain from using the Adam's Mark hotel in Denver during the General Convention this summer because of a Justice Department suit against the hotel chain, alleging a broad pattern of racial discrimination.

Revised Budget Process for 2001

DUE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
12/08/1999	Construct potential survey of congregational priorities.	FRED
12/18/1999	Review and revise potential survey of congregational priorities.	Diocesan Council
01/07/2000	Mail survey to parishes and missions.	FRED
01/09/2000 to 02/01/000	Complete survey at annual meeting of congregation and return data.	Congregation
01/22/2000	Provide revenue projections to Council.	FRED
February	Meet with Preconvention budget hearing groups to assess needs, goals, and program priorities.	Program Departments and Regional Caucus
02/7/2000	Deadline for mission grant applications	CDD and missions
02/15/2000	Receive, collate data, and distribute results of surveys to congregations, Preconvention budget hearing groups, departments, Diocesan Council, and the Bishop.	FRED
03/01/2000	Provide budget requests to FRED.	Program Departments
03/01/2000	Collate department requests and revenue projection to produce Draft Budget #1.	FRED
03/18/2000	Allocate budget percentages to Departments based on survey and Preconvention budget hearing group feedback to produce Draft Budget #2.	Diocesan Council
04/15/2000	Prioritize allocation based on parish surveys and deanery feedback. List funded and unfunded requests in priority order. Draft Budget #3.	Program Departments
04/15/2000	Review and approve Draft Budget #3.	Diocesan Council
04/24/2000 to 05/07/2000	Meet with Preconvention budget hearing groups to review Draft Budget #3.	Program Departments and Regional Caucus
05/20/2000	Review Draft Budget #3 based on new feedback from the Preconvention budget hearing groups.	Diocesan Council and Program Departments
06/17/2000	Approve new Draft Budget #4 and approve for presentation to the Preconvention budget hearing groups.	Diocesan Council
06/24/2000 to 07/10/2000	Meet with each Preconvention budget hearing groups and review Draft Budget #4.	Program Departments and Regional Caucus
07/22/2000	Review Preconvention budget hearing groups' recommendations and approve a Budget to be presented to Convention	Diocesan Council

At their annual meetings in January, all congregations were to complete a survey requesting input on the funding priorities of the Diocese. The survey asked that each person tell the Bishop, Diocesan Council, and the congregation's leadership what programs and activities should receive priority attention in the budget process for the year 2001. Respondents were asked to give three responses to each of the following questions:

- What kinds of programs or activities of your congregation do you consider to be the most important activities?
- What kinds of programs of the Diocese do you feel will contribute the most to your parish's ministry within the next three years?

Congregations were then to compile the responses so that only one survey was submitted per congregation.

This survey is part of a redesigned budget process for the Diocese. In previous years, the Finance and Real Estate Department (FRED) has drafted the budget based in part on funding requests submitted by the various Departments of the Diocesan Council. Congregations were able to provide feedback to the draft budget at deanery budget meetings in June and July. This year FRED and the Diocesan Council is trying something new: they are asking congregations what programs and activities they consider most important, so that the priorities set the budget, rather than allowing the budget to determine the priorities.

At left is a schedule of the revised budget process. The "Regional Caucus" (just as a reminder, since these are new also) is composed of the convention delegates and alternates, clergy, and wardens from each congregation, assembled according to "Region" (i.e., the deaneries, until these officially change over to Regions in October). Wherever the "Responsible" party mentioned includes the Regional Caucuses, there is to be a meeting to take the action listed. The preconvention budget hearing groups in February were scheduled for the week of February 22.



A Reminder...
In Case You Still Have Time

Parochial Reports are due in the Diocesan Office on Wednesday, March 1. The Parochial Report form this year is shorter than in previous years, but still requires careful completion.

In case this issue arrives in your house before the end of February, you still have time to complete and turn in the form.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Calvary Member Helps with "Faith, Hope, and Joy" Project Building Homes in Honduras

By DAN YEATTS

Calvary Church, Kaneohe

During the week of November 8-15, I represented Calvary Church and the Diocese of Hawai'i as a volunteer on the Faith, Hope, and Joy Project, a project to build houses and hope in Honduras. This article describes the project and summarizes the current status. But first, let's look at a brief history of the Honduran Diocese.

The Episcopal Church has maintained a presence in Honduras for 138 years with over 25,000 baptized members. Currently there are 67 established congregations and 15 missions in about half of the states of Honduras. There are six bilingual schools, K-12 grades, some of which are considered the best in the region. In addition, three technical schools serve the poor, one farm school serves the *campesino* youth, and several agricultural specialists promote improved farming techniques and cooperative work among the peasants of rural communities. There are six medical clinics, and more than 25 medical missions come from the U.S.

and Canada. Also there is a boys' home in the capital city for abandoned and orphaned boys, and a girls' home in San Pedro Sula for abandoned, abused, and orphaned girls.

The Faith, Hope, and Joy housing project that I worked on is located on the outskirts of San Pedro Sula. I stayed in the guest quarters at the girls' home, "Our Little Roses," while working on the project. The living conditions were good. The staff cooks prepared the meals. A typical meal might consist of black beans, eggs, ham, and fresh corn tortillas. Bottled water was provided at the home and on the work site for drinking.

There was only one other volunteer from the Presiding Bishop's Fund there during my stay. Apparently, volunteers were waiting out the rainy months of November and December. There was a large response, though, to

Mitch, 9,000 died in Honduras, 80 percent of the crops were destroyed, and 78 percent of buildings severely damaged.

The housing project volunteers primarily provide assistance to dig the foundation of the homes, lift the hollow block into place, and shovel sand into the foundation. Houses are about 300 square feet in area, consisting of two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, and living/dining room. Usually one mason with an assistant works on each house, taking about 35 days to build one house. The total cost for the land, material, and labor is about \$3,100. Most important are that the houses are

continue to service. Of the services provided will be a medical clinic, a community center, and a church. The site is also within walking distance of a school and a proposed national park.

On leaving Honduras, I feel it was a privilege to have had the opportunity to get to know and be able to work and live beside the Honduran people. And it was an honor to represent Calvary, the Episcopal Church, and most important the works of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The problem of suffering in Honduras is not only a physical one, but an emotional and psychological one caused by shock, anguish, and desperation. The Faith, Hope, and Joy Project intends to assist in the complete

recuperation of the people with pastoral counseling by the Episcopal clergy and social services by trained social workers. It is an ambitious goal. Already, thousands of applications have been received from people desiring to live in one of the 95 houses. Through the continued support of donors and volunteers, the Episcopal Church hopes to eventually build 500 homes around San Pedro Sula and other areas of Honduras.

The last few days of my stay were blessed with sunshine. The people

that had to leave their homes earlier in the week were beginning to return to clean up. On leaving Honduras, I feel it was a privilege to have had the

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Building homes in Honduras with the PBFWR. Dan Yeatts of Calvary Church, Kaneohe, is in the center.

the call for volunteers. Already, there are reservations for 500 volunteers to work on the project in the year 2000. Also present during my stay was a team of engineers working on installing water treatment systems and designing plans for the water and sewage systems of the project.

The rainy season was in full swing when I arrived. Soon after I arrived, the airport closed for five days and some people had to leave their homes because of flooding. It was reminiscent, in a less destructive way, of Hurricane Mitch, which devastated the country last year. During Hurricane

strong and will have running water and electricity. Ninety-five houses will be built during this first project. About 35 houses were completed by November.

Although the houses are small compared to U.S. standards, the strong and reliable shelter that they provide, with water, electricity, and other services, is a dream come true for the many people currently living in improvised shelters on floodplains. The peace of mind and services represent hope and joy to a people that currently struggle to survive and worry about what the next rain will bring. The houses are part of a planned community that the Episcopal Diocese will



Did You Know...

...that the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief (PBFWR) has awarded grants to agencies in Hawai'i?

The Institute for Human Services (IHS) received a \$5,000 grant in 1998 for their Child Care and Parenting Education program for homeless families.

In the same year, Faith Action for Community Equity also received \$5,000 for their Public Housing Leadership Development Project.

You contributed to these projects through your support of the PBFWR. For more information about the PBFWR, contact one of the two Diocesan Fund Coordinators: Gretchen Jong, 839-5452, e-mail <gretchen_jong.parti@ecunet.org>; or Lois Lucas, 377-1207.

Come hear Dan Yeatts speak on his experiences in Honduras and show slides of the trip on Saturday, March 18, at 9:00 AM, in the Aloha Room at St. Peter's Church, Honolulu. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FOCUS ON CHURCHES

St. John's, Kula, to Celebrate Centennial

✦ Some Early History

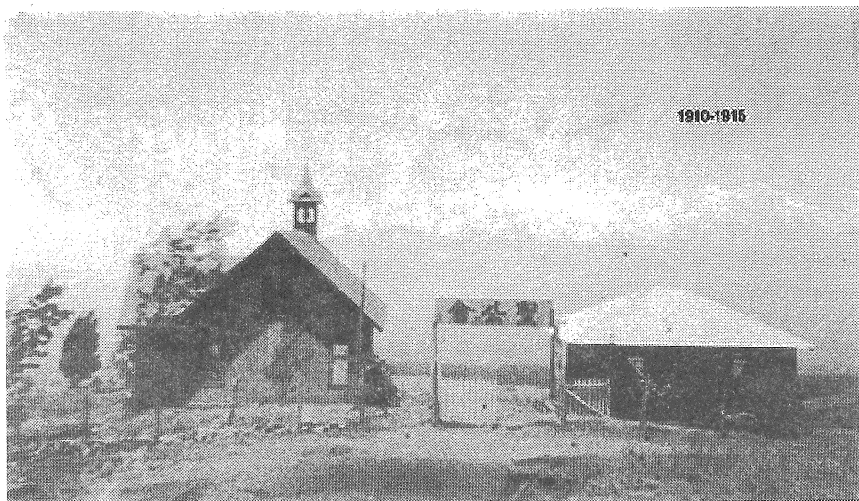
Saint John's Episcopal Church, Kula, is celebrating 100 years of ministry in this year 2000. The early records are scarce and sketchy but some of the known data follows.

SHIM YIN CHIN

The founding priest, Shim Yin Chin, came to Hawaii from China in 1899. He was trained at the German Lutheran Basel Mission School, in Canton, and ordained to ministry in the Lutheran tradition. It is believed that the Rev. Kong Yin Tet and Shim Mook, of St. Peter's, Honolulu, were instrumental in contacting him.

The Rev. Shim Yin Chin left his wife, two daughters, and two sons in China. He did not see them again for ten years. In 1910, Fr. Shim returned to China to get his sons.

Fr. Shim brought the Chinese people together by reading world



St. John's Episcopal Church, Kula, in the years 1910-1915, when Fr. Shim Yin Chin was priest.

events to the peasant farmers who had finished their contracts in the sugar fields and had moved to Keokea to farm. Bishop Henry B. Restauch noted in a 1914 letter to the American

Consul in Hong Kong, that Fr. Shim's school at St. John's had 54 boys.

Bishop Willis came to Kula in 1900, and held a service at Haleakala

Congregational Church (across the road). Eight men and one woman were baptized.

Fr. Shim was ordained a deacon in 1905, and a church was built in 1906-7. St. Peter's, Honolulu, was an early benefactor, as was Mrs. Charles Montegue Cooke. Mrs. Cooke was a faithful member and supporter of St. John's until her death in 1970.

CHIN KUI-KYAU SHIM

(November 12, 1872 – March 5, 1959)

After her husband had left China, Mrs. Shim (Chin Kui-Kyau Shim) cared for their four children in China, and she was the head teacher of the Church of England Girls Boarding School at Shinhing and Hak Shan. She and the two daughters finally came to live in Kula in 1914. Mrs. Shim had only three and a half years here, in Kula, before Fr. Shim died in June 1918.

Mrs. Shim moved to Honolulu to be with her children. In 1923 Bishop John La Mothe asked her to return to Kula. She served as "Bible Woman" and "Sunday School Superintendent" for many years. She taught the gospel, called on the sick, prepared the parishioners for baptism, and arranged the visits of priests from Good Shepherd, Wailuku.

In addition to these official duties, Kui Kyau raised chickens and managed a garden next to the rectory. The rectory was her house at St. John's.

She served St. John's for 21 years until she retired in 1941. She again moved to Honolulu, and then to Los Angeles where she died. She is buried at the Makiki Christian Cemetery in Honolulu.

COME CELEBRATE

We hope that people of the Diocese will come and celebrate with the members of St. John's on June 24-25, 2000.

We hope to expand our written history book, build a wall around our cemetery, and create an endowment fund that will help the members expand the facility with much-needed classrooms. If anyone would like to contribute to any of these funds, any gifts would be gratefully received. Our address is as follows:

St. John's Episcopal Church
RR 2, Box 212
Kula, HI 96790
E-mail: <janetm@aloha.net>
808-878-1485

Good Friday Offering 2000 Destined for Jerusalem and the Middle East

In his annual Epiphany letter to all congregations, Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold has asked that Episcopalians continue to pray for their sisters and brothers in the Holy Land and to support the Good Friday Offering as an opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity with Anglicans and all Christians in that troubled region of the world. Last year's offering exceeded any of its predecessors since the Good Friday Offering was first collected in 1922 and, as representative of the gratitude which continues to flow in response to the Good Friday Offering, Bishop Griswold shared expressions of thanksgiving from each of the four Anglican bishops there.

Bishop Griswold said: "The words of the Bishop of Jerusalem, the Rt. Rev. Riah Abu El-Assal, make plain the importance of the Good Friday Offering: 'I would like to take this opportunity to share my joy and express my appreciation to the Episcopal Church for working so diligently to support the Diocese of Jerusalem. I have no words to express my deep gratitude. Kindly convey my personal thanks and that of the diocese, clergy, and laity to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who succeeded in breaking this record.'"

The funds provided through the annual Good Friday Offering collec-

tion support numerous ministries throughout the Middle East and space does not permit a comprehensive listing here. However, the Most Rev. Ghais Abdel Malik, President Bishop of the Anglican Province and Bishop of Egypt, highlights such programs as the Boulac Social Service Center at All Saints' Cathedral; renovation of the Suez Conference Center; a variety of programs in aid of Sudanese refugees in Eritrea and Ethiopia; and the diocesan Deaf School in Old Cairo.

The Rt. Rev. Clive Handford, the Anglican Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf, reports that much of last year's Good Friday Offering was used "to undergird the work in Aden (Yemen), especially in the work of the Chaplaincy and Clinic. This continues to be the diocese's principal outreach project."

And Bishop Riah of Jerusalem adds that a focus of his diocese's share of the Good Friday Offering was used in support of education on a number of levels—from the Evangelical School in Ramallah and several other diocesan schools, to underwriting a youth conference, to helping support university students and theological education for ordination candidates. And a small amount of the offering continues to fund the provincial office, which helps relate the Anglican story in the Middle

East to the rest of the worldwide communion.

The Presiding Bishop's Epiphany letter was accompanied by an order form for the 2000 offering materials, which include a poster, a bulletin shell, and offering envelopes.

The Good Friday Offering continues as a primary vehicle of the Episcopal Church's love and care for the church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Good Friday Offering materials are available through Episcopal Parish Services in Harrisburg, PA, by calling 800-903-5544.

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opportunity to get to know and be able to work and live beside the Honduran people. And it was an honor to represent Calvary, the Episcopal Church, and most important the works of our Lord Jesus Christ. I was touched by the friendliness, high spirit, and giving nature of these people. Even though they have little, they are willing and desire to share what little they have with others. They are truly our brothers. I believe much of their hope lies within us, their more fortunate big brother to the north. May God bless them and those that assist in their struggle. Please keep them in your prayers, that they may see a better existence through the power of the Holy Spirit.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Grandparents at Work at St. John's, Eleele

BY THE REV. BARBARA COAN
*St. Michael's and All Angels,
Lihue, and
Episcopal Ministry on Aging*

A work crew has been operating at St. John's in Eleele, Kaua'i, for many years. Eight regular members meet each Wednesday at the church, and take on major maintenance and beautification jobs.

Led by Mike Kikugawa, the crew cares for more than an acre of grounds, clearing out overgrown trees and cutting back hedges, as well as doing lawn care, building maintenance, and gardening.

They take care of the church, parish hall, and a home on the property.

This group has an average age of 75, with the youngest at 57 and the oldest at 84. After one hour of work, from nine to ten, the group gathers for coffee and a snack, with great conversations on philosophy, politics, religion, and local news. Each member is fully involved in a caring and close relationship. Participants include the following: Mike Kikugawa, Yoshitake Makishi, Kaoru Fujita, Shigeo Uyeda, Wally Kawane, Yuso Ishida, Haruko Fuji, and Takeo Fuji.

Some of the crew were not available for pictures on the date of this visit. Others in the group include: Yoshitake Makishi, a skilled laborer; Wally Kawane, an educator and school principal; Yuso Ishida, a skilled

carpenter; Haruko Fuji, wife-home-maker and dedicated altar guild caretaker as well as weeder; Takeo Fuji, accounting executive.

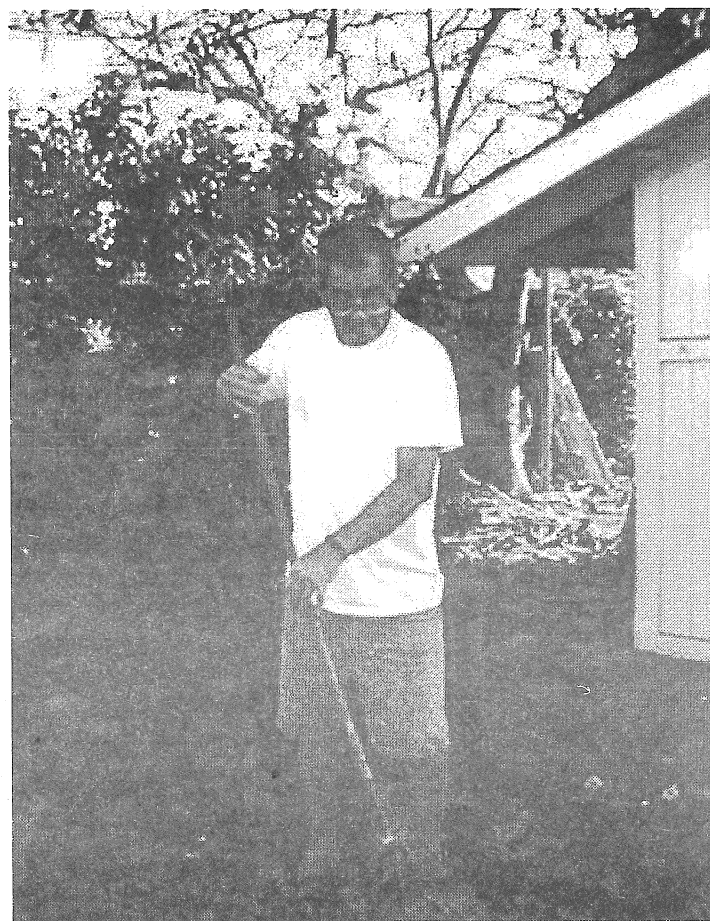
We salute this valuable group of people, a sterling example of "Age in Action."



Kaoru Fujita surveys his cleanup work area. His background is as a welder.



Shigeo Uyeda puts a big log in the wheelbarrow. His career has been in horticulture.



Mike does some raking and plans what the rest of the crew should do.

COMING SOON

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.

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**

11 Saturday

- **ECW Lunch** St. Luke's Church

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** (See details elsewhere in this issue)

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

APRIL

4 Tuesday

- **Finance Dept.**, 1st Budget Review 11:30 a.m.

5 Wednesday

- **Diocesan Institute Board** 3:00 p.m.

7 Friday

- **Chronicle Deadline** 4:00 p.m.

7–8 Friday–Saturday

- **BACAM**

8 Saturday

- **ECW All Island Luncheon**, Kauai

12 Wednesday

- **Clergy Newsletter**
- **Compensation Review** 12:00 p.m.

14 Friday

- **Standing Committee** 9:30 a.m.

15 Saturday

- **Diocesan Institute** 8:30 a.m.
- **Council Dept. Meetings** 9:00 a.m.
- **Diocesan Council**, 1st Budget Revision 12:30 p.m.

20 Thursday

- **Chrism Mass** 12:00 p.m.
- **Cathedral Chapter** 4:30 p.m.

21 Friday

- **Diocesan Offices Closed** Good Friday

23 Sunday

- **Easter Sunday**

26 Wednesday

- **Stewardship** 12:00 p.m.

28 Friday

- **Seabury Board** 8:00 a.m.

29 Saturday

- **Cathedral Day** Celebration of Lay Ministry

LOOKING AHEAD

June 24–25

- **St. John's, Kula, Centennial Celebration**

July 5–14

- **General Convention**, Denver, Colorado

October 27–28

- **Diocesan Annual Convention**

Bits and Pieces

You? A Monk?

Try it! — for two weeks or 3 or 4 or more this summer, during June, July, and August, at St. Gregory's Abbey. St. Gregory's is an Episcopal Benedictine Monastery in Michigan. Pray, work, and study with the monks. The only charge is a \$25 registration.

For more information and an application, write:

Summer Program Director
St. Gregory's Abbey
56500 Abbey Road
Three Rivers, MI 49093-9595

Two Youth Events in March

New Beginnings

This relatively new diocesan program will be held March 10–12 at St. Anthony's Retreat House in Kalihi Valley. It is a unique weekend specially designed to respond to the issues, concerns, and needs of teenagers in grades 7, 8, and 9 (mature 6th graders may also attend). The program is designed to help participants grow in their love of themselves, others, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mokuleia Madness

This is a gathering at Camp Mokuleia during spring break. It begins Sunday, March 26, at 4:00 PM and ends Tuesday, March 28, at 11:30 AM. Sponsored by St. Christopher's and three other local Episcopal congregations, this retreat is for youth 12 and up. There will be two program tracks: one for those in Middle School and another for those in High School. This retreat is a time to relax, play sports, go hiking, meet new people, and have lots of fun.

Okinawa Plans for the Year 2000

From the newsletter of our sister diocese, the Diocese of Okinawa.

The Missions Committee headed by Deacon Kotaroh Takara met last December 23, 1999 to discuss the activities to be undertaken this year. The theme for this year is, "That we may be supported by your word as we build our church." The guiding Bible passage is, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7).

This year, the committee will undertake activities that will promote Bible studies on an individual, group, and church level basis. Lay leader training programs will be a priority.

For more information about activities and programs planned in the Diocese of Okinawa for the upcoming year, as well as other news, please see the copies of the Diocese's newsletter. These are located in the front office of the Diocese of Hawai'i.

Pastoral Training at Good Shepherd

The Rev. Ricky Melchor, a vocational deacon at Good Shepherd, Wailuku, is starting up a pastoral care group at the church. The group will begin with a training on April 8. The purpose of the group is to provide love and care to people when they need it most.

Pets and Books Shared

"Adopt a Pet, Share a Book, Children" is a new program or activity for the young ones at St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu. The Sunday school children will spruce up slightly used stuffed animals for "adoption." Members can "adopt" these pets and take them home—with an open calabash bowl donation. Parishioners and children also may bring books they have enjoyed reading and would like to share with others.

On the first Sunday of the month during the fellowship hour, the Sunday school will set up a table. Everyone is invited to "adopt a pet and share a book." The children will count the money donated and place it in the Sunday school's petty cash fund for special projects or to make a donation to the Church Periodical Club. The books, having been read, may be returned and shared again.

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