

# Hawaiian Church Chronicle



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## Your Presence Is Requested... At the Annual Church Leaders Conference

### Bishop Richard Chang Stresses Importance of Conference:

Our Annual Church Leaders Conference will focus on the practice of ministry by the leadership of our Diocese. In my address to the Annual Meeting of our Diocesan Convention last October, I invited and challenged the entire Diocese of Hawai'i to share in the development of a vision for ministry. On Saturday, February 24, we will take our first step as the leadership of this Diocese. We will come together to learn how to engage in respectful conversation on how we share ministry. This will be an important part of the process used to develop

the Diocesan budget for 2002. I will share my dream for the Diocese as mission-oriented, as a place where ministry is shared by all the baptized, and as a place where each person can live their baptismal covenant each and every day.

We will learn more about the important ministries that you undertake as leaders within congregations and our Diocese. Leadership is ministry exercised as faithful living of our baptismal covenant and in obedience to Jesus Christ who has called each of us to follow him.

I consider this to be one of the most important gatherings of Church Leaders during my years as the Bishop of Hawai'i. I ask that you reaffirm your commitment to faithful leadership through your participation in the conference.

I look forward to personally greeting you on February 24.

### Announcing:

A gathering of lay and clergy leaders of the Diocese of Hawai'i to prepare for consistency of practice in our common ministries and to provide the opportunity for respectful conversation in the forming of a shared vision for us.

Every clergyperson, warden, vestry member, bishop's committee member, delegate to diocesan convention, and representative to the regional council is strongly encouraged to attend.

**Plenary Session:** A Respectful Conversation: Nurturing a Local Model of Shared Ministry

**Workshops:** The Ministry of the Vestry  
The Ministry of the Bishop's Committee  
The Ministry of the Diocesan Convention and the Regional Council

**When:** Saturday, February 24, 2001

**Time:** 8:45 AM – 3:30 PM

**Where:** St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu

**Registration Fee:** \$10.00 (includes coffee, pastries, lunch, and materials)

**Neighbor Island:** Four one-way airfare coupons will be provided for each congregation upon receipt of completed registration and fees.

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## St. Christopher's Altar Sustains Fire Damage

On Saturday, January 6, St. Christopher's, Kailua, experienced a fire in a case of suspected arson. Fortunately, an employee of the church arrived at the church, discovered smoke, and called the fire department. The damage was confined to the altar and floor area of the chancel.

On January 7, the day after the fire, the congregation "celebrated a glorious worship...on our charred altar as a demonstration that we are not defeated," the Rev. Cass Bailey, Rector of St. Christopher's, wrote in a letter to the congregation about the incident. While the damaged altar is being

assessed by investigators, the church is using an altar from the Children's Chapel. It had served as the primary altar in the sanctuary prior to church renovations in 1995.

Please keep St. Christopher's congregation and Vestry, and Fr. Cass, in your prayers. Please also pray for the person or persons who set the fire.

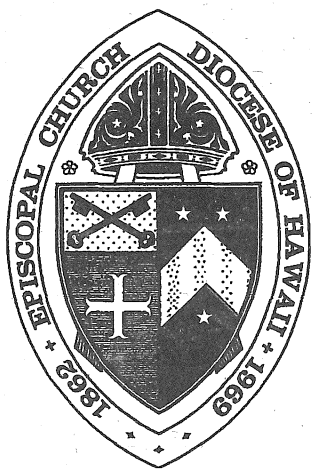


### Look for Envelope Inside This Issue

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Mahalo nui loa to all of you who contributed so generously last year. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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## Bishop's Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The year 2001 marks the beginning of the new millennium and begins the fifth year of my consecration as the Bishop of Hawai'i. During much of the past four years we have dealt with issues and challenges from our history as the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i. It has been a fruitful time of listening to the many diverse voices within our diocese and striving to understand who we are as the Church. In my address to the Annual Meeting of our Diocesan Convention, I raised three questions for our thoughtful and prayerful consideration. The first invited us to ponder who God wants us to be as the Church in Hawai'i.

My vision for the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i as we begin this new millennium is threefold. First, I believe that God is calling us to be a diocese that is fully committed to mission. Second, we are called to be a diocese in which ministry is mutually shared by clergy and laity. Third, we are called to be a diocese enabling members to live their baptismal covenant.

In this new millennium we must move out from under any history that would overburden us and keep us trapped in the past. As a student of history, I believe that history is the foundation upon which we build a new vision, learning from past experiences

The Right Rev.  
Richard S. O. Chang

BISHOP OF HAWAII



while building with the new tools that God gives us out of his abundant love for us. Regrettably, I still hear and see people and congregations trapped by a history that is more defeatist than victorious. It is true that we have much for which we must give thanks to God from the faithful witness and ministry of past generations. But we cannot move forward as a diocese truly committed to mission if we continue to identify ourselves as victims of history or the world, and not the followers of a victorious Jesus Christ.

Through baptism we are made God's children, members of Christ's Body, the Church, and heirs of the kingdom of God. We are commissioned by Christ to share in his ministry, and are empowered by the sealing

## Bishop's Visitations

### FEBRUARY

- 4 St. Mary's
- 11 St. Paul's
- 25 Trinity-by-the-Sea

### MARCH

- 4 Waikiki Chapel
- 25 St. Elizabeth's



of the Holy Spirit for that ministry. The mission of the Church "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" becomes our only mission. I challenge the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i to dedicate itself to that mission. You and I are called to be the "hands and feet of Christ" in the world and for each other. We move forward not as "victims of our history" but as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who rose victorious on Easter. "*He Lanakila Ma Ke Ke'a*" will be transformed from words to ministry, touching the lives of all people when we have become a diocese committed to mission.

Faithfully in Christ,  
+Dick Chang

## New Register of Church Membership and Rites Simplifies Congregation Reporting

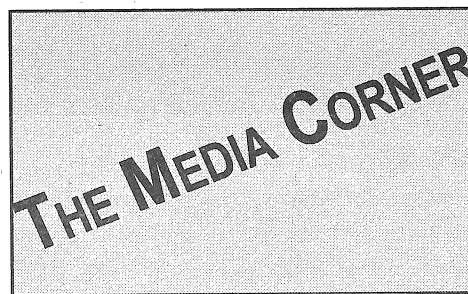
Newly formatted church registers, used by Episcopal churches to create permanent written records, were released last fall by Morehouse Publishing.

*The Registers of Church Membership and Rites*, formerly called the *Parish Registers*, serve as official legal and archival records of sacramental rites and church membership. The new pages conform to the current reporting requirements of the General Convention Office of the Episcopal Church and the Parochial Report.

The full line of registers was developed to serve churches of various sizes. Two sizes of the complete registers are available. Each includes sections for baptisms, baptized members, confirmations/receptions, marriage, and burials. Individual registers are also available for these categories.

In addition, Morehouse has developed a new *Status and Summary of Baptized Members* booklet as a tool for churches to record and tally

important changing statistical data about members. At the end of the year, the information can easily be transferred to the Parochial Report form from one source. The data in the Summary section also provides a "snapshot" of a congregation's membership over time.



These resources are available from Morehouse Publishing at 800-877-0012.

Morehouse Publishing is a division of The Morehouse Group, which publishes and provides books, church curriculum, church supplies, and communications services.

## New Book Explains Words and Symbols of Liturgical Worship

*Worship Without Words: The Signs and Symbols of Our Faith*, by Patricia S. Klein (Paraclete Press, 2000), is a handy book that defines the words, symbols, and practices of worship in liturgical Christian churches, such as the Episcopal Church. In addition to definitions, the book also includes line drawings illustrating many of the symbols being defined. For example, here one can see the symbols of the Twelve Apostles, or illustrations of the various forms of the cross. The definitions are divided among twelve chapters — everything from architectural features of a church, in the chapter "Sacred Places, Sacred Spaces," to vestments, music, the liturgical year, and more.

The author explains in the Introduction that her purpose in writing the book is not simply for instruction: "to define the various aspects of liturgical Christianity." She also hopes that by learning the meanings and purposes of the symbols and practices of worship,

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# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Nominations Sought for ECW Specials

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

Requests for financial assistance (ECW Specials) for 2001-2002 are due on or before July 15, 2001.

Requests should be by letter, including 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 the committee.

Requests will be prayerfully considered by the ECW Board and announced at the ECW Annual Meeting in October, and then Churches and/or

individuals pledge 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, Hawaii 96813.

At last year's ECW Annual Meeting, \$11,660.00 was pledged to four "Specials." The Bishop's Discretionary Fund is always first on the list. Also funded were Calvary Episcopal Church's Preschool and Day Care Center's enrichment program, St. Mary's Episcopal Church's prison ministry, and West Hawai'i Youth Ministry.

## Bits & Pieces LEM Training

Training for anyone interested in being a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) will be held on February 3 at St. Andrew's Cathedral. This is for both new LEMs and those needing to renew their training and license. The faculty for the day will be the Reverends Vince O'Neill, Len Howard, Ricky Melchior, Pam Redding, and Layton Zimmer.

## New Beginnings a Spirited Success

BY LUCILLE TAMURA  
*Program Officer*

New Beginnings #3, a retreat for middle school students, was held on December 8-10. One of the parents mentioned how uplifting the weekend was for her youth, because of the friendships that were made. Another parent sent an e-mail expressing her deepest appreciation to the diocese for her son's opportunity to develop his leadership abilities in a Christian community. Mahalo to the many hands that assisted during the weekend, especially Spiritual Directors Joe Carr and Walter Stevens; Weekend Advisor Amy Tamura; Prayer, Share, Care Chair Pam Galow; and most importantly all who prayed for the New Beginnings #3 weekend. Approximately 140 youth and adults were present at this lively, prayerful, fun, and Spirit-filled weekend.

## Thank You

*The Diocesan Altar Guild wishes to express its sincere thanks to the Diocese of Hawai'i for the offering received from the opening Eucharist of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Convention.*

## Holy Nativity Seeks New Head of School

Holy Nativity School is seeking a new Head of School effective July 1, 2001. Holy Nativity School is a private day school established in 1949 by the Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity, located near the ocean in Aina Haina Valley, in East Honolulu. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredits the co-educational school, which serves 200 children from preschool through grade six. Holy Nativity School is also a member of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools and the National Association of Episcopal Schools. Holy Nativity School strives to provide a stimulating educational environment that challenges students to develop to their full potential.

The opportunities and challenges for our next Head of School include: Assisting the School Board with strategic and long-range planning for both curricular and facilities needs; overseeing the design and implementation of student programs and services; defining the school's teaching and non-teaching personnel needs and attracting and retaining strong teachers to fulfill those needs; recommending enrollment objectives to maintain excellence in a diverse student body; advising the School Board on fundraising needs and becoming personally involved in the cultivation and solicitation of major gifts; and encouraging and maintaining meaningful relationships with parents, alumni, special interest groups, and the community.

Our next Head of School will be an experienced educator and administrator who has evidenced leadership in a private, independent school. Organizational, analytical, interpersonal, communications, and fundraising skills are important qualities in this search.

Holy Nativity School seeks a candidate who will serve as an active, visible, and positive representative of Holy Nativity School throughout the community. The successful candidate will be able to relate effectively to various ecclesiastical entities and will consistently exemplify the ethical tenets that are paramount to a Christian institution such as Holy Nativity.

Please feel free to pass this information to anyone who might be qualified for this leadership opportunity. Interested candidates should contact Abigail DeLessio via email at <ATDeLessio@aol.com> to request additional information. Mrs. DeLessio can also be contacted via telephone at 808-373-7917. Thank you in advance for sending any nominations. Your participation and recommendations will be seriously regarded and greatly appreciated.

The web site for the School is <www.holynativityschool.org>.

## Burial Plot for Sale

A donor gave to the Diocese a double burial niche at Valley of the Temples. The value of the plot is \$3,900, but it could be sold for less than that. It is in the form of a deed and can be transferred without problems. For more information, call Frank Embree, Planned Giving Officer at the Diocesan Office, 808-536-7776, ext. 109, or 1-800-522-8418.



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we can move beyond any objections, fears, or lack of understanding we may have and truly participate in the worship. "In order to worship," she writes, "we need to forget ourselves, to lose ourselves in the Presence of God."

*Worship Without Words* would be suitable for altar guilds, clergy, and anyone who wishes to amplify their understanding of liturgical worship.

A nice touch the book provides are quotations from a variety of authors on the subjects being defined. These quotations allow the reader to reflect on the deeper meaning of the words and symbols. The following quotation from St. John Chrysostom begins the section on "Holy Eucharist":

"Consider how great is the honor you have been granted; consider how awesome is the table you enjoy. What even angels cannot see without trembling, what they dare not look upon because of its shimmering brightness—that we are fed by; that we are joined to, making us one body and one flesh with Christ.

"Through these mysteries, Christ joins himself to each one of the faithful. Those he begets [in baptism], he nourishes with his own bodily being...proving to you once more that he has taken on your very flesh. Let us not grow blasé about being counted worthy of so much love and honor."



# CLERGY

## Positions Open in the Diocese of Hawai'i

FROM THE REV. CANON ROBERT L. FITZPATRICK  
*Diocesan Deployment Officer*

### Big Island

Holy Apostles, Hilo: Rector — Reviewing profile and goals.

St. Augustine's, Kapaau: Vicar — Self-study with interim; preparing to start search.

St. Jude's, Ocean View: Vicar — Re-evaluating ministry options.

### Kaua'i

Episcopal Church on West Kaua'i: Vicar — Preparing for Interim.

### Maui

Holy Innocents, Lahaina: Rector — Rector to retire in March.

### O'ahu

Holy Nativity, Honolulu: School Head — Accepting names.

St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu: Dean — Interim in place; preparing for search.

St. Andrew's Priory School, Honolulu: Chaplain — Accepting names.

St. Clement's, Honolulu: Rector — Interim in place; profile in production.

St. Luke's, Honolulu: Rector — Interim in place; preparing for search.

St. Mary's, Honolulu: Rector — New profile in production; accepting names.

St. Peter's, Honolulu: Rector — Re-evaluating ministry and interim possibilities.

Waikiki Chapel, Honolulu: Pastor — Self-study

Holy Cross, Kahuku: Vicar — Reviewing profile.

Calvary, Kaneohe: Children/Youth Formation Director — Accepting names.

St. John's By-the-Sea, Kaneohe: Vicar — Organizing for interim; forming a search committee.

St. Stephen's, Wahiawa: Rector — Interim called; preparing for search.

If anyone is interested in a position or knows of someone who you think might be right, please give me a call at 536-7776, 1-800-522-8418, ext. 110. Be especially aware of those entrepreneurial and mission-minded ordained souls in the broader church who might like to be called to ministry in Hawai'i. There will be other congregations coming open in the future, and we need to actively seek out those who may be called to minister here with us!

## Clergy & Spouse Retreat Provides Opportunities for Relaxation and Challenge

From December 3 through 6, Bishop Chang provided an opportunity for clergy and their spouses to gather. We prayed and talked together. We enjoyed the beauty of the place and the joy of being with one another.

This year we had an opportunity to walk to Kaena Point and to share in the Ropes Course. The experience with the ropes course was a challenge for all of us to "think outside the box" and work together to solve a problem. It was a lot of fun!

Triumphant and smiling (and probably hot!) clergy and spouses after their walk to Kaena Point. Kneeling: Randy Albano, John Connell, Heather Mueller-Fitch. Middle row (beginning behind John Connell): Joe Carr, Pat Leo, Doris Pummell, Bev Van Horne. Back row: Rik Fitch, Rob DeWolfe, Walter Stevens, Taylor Clark, Jim Hargis, Darrow Aiona, Joe Pummell, Noriaki Ueda, Peter Van Horne, Dick and Dee Chang.

## Clergy Transitions

The Rev. Frank Cowell, Vicar of the Episcopal Church on West Kaua'i (St. John's, Eleele, and St. Paul's, Kekaha), resigned effective December 31. Frank has accepted a call as the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Elko, Nevada. A special liturgy for "Ending a Pastoral Relationship" was held on Friday, December 29, with Bishop Richard Chang as celebrant.

The Rev. Alex Geston retired at the end of December as Rector of St. Stephen's, Wahiawa. Alex and his wife Simeona remain in Hawai'i at their home in Ewa Beach.

The Rev. Alison Dingley is Interim Rector of St. Stephen's.

The Rev. Richard Vinson arrived on January 2 from the Diocese of Southern Virginia to begin his ministry as the Interim Pastor at the Cathedral.

The Rev. Chuck Cannon, Rector of Holy Innocents', Lahaina, Maui, will retire as of March 13. Chuck and his wife Shirley plan to retire to the Pacific Northwest.

## Search Underway for Youth/Young Adult Coordinator

The Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Search Committee met on Sunday, December 17, to begin the process of calling a Coordinator to our Diocese, according to Lucille Tamura, Program Officer of the Diocese. Members of this committee are Rodel Casio (Good Shepherd, youth), Pualani Tandal (St. Philip's, youth), Ryan Kusumoto (St. Alban's, youth), Keane Akao (St. Philip's, young adult), and William Fearn (St. Timothy's, adult). Under the leadership of Cass Bailey, the members developed a timetable, revisited the Position Description, and were given tasks to work in subcommittees. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue the search process.

## D.Min Program in Summer 2001

The Doctor of Ministry Program of the University of the South begins its twenty-seventh year this summer.

The Doctor of Ministry program is one of the few in the U.S. that operates only during the summer months. This means that clergy can participate in the program without a major interruption in their parish responsibilities. It affords an opportunity for students to study in an Episcopal seminary in a university setting.

The program stresses the relationship between the practice of ministry, and biblical, historical, and theological knowledge. A Master of Sacred Theology program focusing on research skills is also available. The

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# THE WIDER CHURCH



## Bishop Chang Attends Events in Okinawa and Taiwan

During Thanksgiving week, Bishop Richard and Dee Chang traveled to Okinawa and Taiwan to attend two important events. On November 22-23, they attended the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Okinawa, the sister diocese of the Diocese of Hawai'i. Bishop Chang gave the opening address. The Convention was held in the newly completed Diocesan Center, pictured at left with all the convention delegates. Next to Bishop Chang, in the center of the picture, is the Rt. Rev. David Tani, Bishop of Okinawa.

The Convention was the first diocesan event at the new center, which holds a chapel for 30, the diocesan offices, the Bishop's residence, two apartments, and a meeting room, in which retractable seats allow it to function as a theater and as a multi-purpose hall. Bishop Chang presented to the diocese a wooden bowl to be used in baptisms at the diocesan center.

On Saturday, November 25, Bishop Chang was the chief consecrator for the ordination of the Rev. David Lai as Bishop Coadjutor of Taiwan. The ordination and consecration, pictured below, was held at St. Timothy's Church in Kaoshiung in southern Taiwan. The Rt. Rev. John Chien, Diocesan Bishop of Taiwan, is standing to the right of the newly consecrated Bishop Lai (who is in the middle with the crozier, or shepherd's staff).

## Interfaith Organization Works to Improve Community

BY THE REV. LIZ BEASLEY  
Editor

Have you seen those new bus shelters that have cropped up around O'ahu? They are just one of the community improvements accomplished by Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), an interfaith community organization organized in 1995 that works to improve the quality of life for all in O'ahu communities. Twenty-three organizations of a variety of faiths belong to FACE; among Episcopal churches, St. Clement's and St. Elizabeth's are members. Syliva Rowland of St. Elizabeth's is Treasurer of FACE and Eugenia Park is Office Manager.

An example of a major issue that FACE has tackled is public housing, specifically in the Kalihi Valley Homes. In 1996, at an Accountability Assembly, held at Our Lady of the Mount in Kalihi, they confronted the then-candidates for mayor and for the legislature from Kalihi. The Rev. Stanley Bain, Chair of FACE and pastor of Keolumana United Methodist Church in Kailua, says that FACE is "tough, direct, and confrontational when it comes to dealing with public officials." Under FACE's challenge, the candidates signed a covenant stating they would do something about the deplorable living conditions at Kalihi Valley Homes. Eventually, the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH) made a commitment of \$47 million to renovate the homes over the next ten years. Renovations on the first block of apartments began last October.

FACE identifies community concerns and needs through a unique process. When a congregation joins FACE, a trained listening team conducts face-to-face interviews with 75 to 80 percent of the members of the congregation. The member of the listening team encourages each person to talk about their church, their community, and their lives. Following the interviews, the listening team comes together and identifies community issues they have heard. Issues relating to the church and to pastoral needs are referred back to the church.

Some of FACE's other accomplishments that have grown out of these interviews are:

- Installation of a traffic signal and pedestrian crosswalk on the Pali Highway at Jack Lane;
- Forbidding signs advertising cigarettes in stores 1,000 feet from schools, and 500 feet for signs advertising alcohol;
- Marking off priority seating on buses for the elderly and the physically impaired;
- Businesses contracting with the City of Honolulu have to hire first from within the state.

FACE is currently working on the needs for long-term care that Hawai'i will confront in coming years.

FACE is supported by its member congregations; recommended dues are 1½ percent of the congregation's operating budget. In addition, regional and national church agencies and foundations, as well as businesses and large corporations, make donations to support FACE's work.



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program usually takes three or four summers to complete.

The D.Min. program consists of 30 semester hours. Students are required to complete a major project, which is a study of some dimension of one's ministry or the ministry of the church.

Anglican Heritage Tour courses will be offered May 17-30 and May 30-June 12, 2001. Instructors will be Dean Guy F. Lytle et al.

Church Development Institute dates this summer will be June 10-22.

Inquiries about the Anglican Tour course and CDI should be addressed to the Programs Center, School of Theology, 335 Tennessee Avenue, Sewanee, TN 37383-0001.

The dates for the Advanced Degree summer courses of 2001 are June 20-July 25.

Courses offered this summer in the Advanced Degrees program will be "Models of Liturgical Theology" by Dr. Neil Alexander; "Ministry Seminar" by Dr. Donald Armentrout; "Biblical Authority and Preaching the Word" by Dr. Christopher Bryan and Dr. William Hethcock; "Ministry with the Dying and Bereaved: Ritual and Pastoral Care at the End of Life" by Dr. Joe Burnett; and "In the Beginning Was the Story: Character and Ethics in Genesis and the Gospel of Mark" by Dr. Gary Phillips.

Inquiries about the Advanced Degrees summer courses should be addressed to Don S. Armentrout, Advanced Degrees Program, School of Theology, 335 Tennessee Avenue, Sewanee, TN 37383-0001. Telephone 800-722-1974 for all of the above courses. Financial aid is available.



# FOCUS ON PEOPLE

## Discerning God's Call

### ✠ A Lay Call to Spiritual Direction

*Editor's Note: This article is the first in a continuing series from the Commission on Ministry on discerning God's call. This is the Year of Discernment in the Diocese of Hawai'i. Each month we will feature a person, lay or ordained, and how she/he came to discern God's call to her/his particular ministry. This month we feature Margee Faunce, a member of St. Michael and All Angels, Lihue, Kaua'i, and a student in the new Hawaii School for Spiritual Directors.*

BY MARGEE FAUNCE

*St. Michael & All Angels', Lihue*

#### BIOGRAPHY

What brought me to participate in the Hawaii Spiritual Directors' Formation Program? I applied to this program because I wanted to know the people who were drawn to this work. I want to be part of a community that is willing to talk about their experience of God and how they live their lives in partnership with God.

I am a practical person. Abraham is a hero of mine in the way he walked and talked with God in the daily activities of life. I want to learn from

others the ways they live in relationship with God.

I am committed to extending that community to others who are longing to have someone with whom to talk about their journey with God, or the sense of the holy in their lives. For some, it is within the traditions of an organized religion; with others it is in nature that they find the connection to that which is holy. Some may be seekers, wanting "the More," but may not know how to talk about their spiritual journey. As a spiritual director or guide, it is my commitment to listen, to witness, and allow each person to discover the power of "the Holy" working in their lives.

#### REFLECTIONS

Saturday, September 16 was a challenging day for me. I had been looking forward to the beginning of the Hawaii Spiritual Directors training all summer. I had managed to acquire some of the books on the reading list, and had begun to read and think about this role of spiritual director and ask how it might apply to me.

I am a clinical social worker who retired after 25 years of service. I had a private practice where I worked on a long-term basis with many individuals, helping them find the meaning in their lives. Many of these clients were asking spiritual questions and were looking at their concept of God, or their fear of what they had been taught about God. They often recorded and listened to the dreams that were gifts to them in their individual journeys. I found this type of social work very satisfying — and I believe my clients found benefit for themselves in this journey process.

At one time I had the words "Spiritual Director" on my business card. I have a Bachelor's degree in Religious Education from Macalester College and have been in spiritual direction with Robert Johnson, a Jungian analyst, and the Rev. Morton Kelsey. I was encouraged by my mentors to continue to walk with people in their personal and spiritual quest for meaning in their lives. However, the State came into our clinic, and one of the items they wrote up was that I must remove the words "Spiritual Director" from my business card. I did so, because it affected all the members of the clinic, but in retrospect, I wonder if they had any right to ask me to delete those words.

ON SATURDAY MORNING I arrived at the airport without my tickets. I had been given a new PIN number for my bankcard, so I was not able to purchase some new coupons from the ATM machine. The customer service agent at the Hawaiian desk was kind enough to sell me some coupons at the regular coupon price and I was off to Honolulu. I waited in the designated spot from 8:15 until 8:45 AM. When no one came to pick me up, I decided I would be late for class, so I took a cab to the St. Francis Medical Center and arrived on time. I didn't have cash in my wallet, but the cab driver was willing to take a credit card for payment. When I arrived, I shared the story of my adventure with Sr. Marilyn Lacey and she offered me some cash, which she said I would need for lunch.

When I look at this series of events, I may look like I was a woman who was not prepared for the day. I am a travel agent and I help other people to be successful in their travels and to prevent glitches. Here I had a whole series of glitches — but also lots of blessings in this day. Yes, I had had a busy week and didn't spend much time thinking about what I needed in order to be in Honolulu. I arrived at the airport early and had the time and nudging to look at my ticket before it was too late to do anything about it. I

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## ✠ In Memoriam ✠

### Helen Edith Jennings

April 7, 1909 – December 25, 2000



The family and a family friend of the Rev. Helen Jennings and the Maui clergy at Helen's funeral. Left to right: Paul Winkler, Ron Parkhurst, Peter Winkler and his wife, the Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch, Bishop Richard Chang, and the Revs. Richard Melchior (in front), Layton Zimmer, Morley Frech, and Marvin Foltz.

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

The Rev. Helen Edith Jennings, a deacon of the church, died on December 25, 2000. She was born on April 7, 1909, in St. Paul, Minnesota, and attended the University of Minnesota. She was ordained a deacon in February 1985 by Bishop Ed Browning at Good Shepherd Church in Wailuku, Maui.

Helen was very involved in the Teen Challenge ministry, and she was so faithful to her ministry as deacon at Maui Memorial Hospital. She made regular visits to patients and shared Communion with all who requested it. She served on the Diocesan Council from 1978-1981.

Helen died on Christmas Day, and the services celebrating the gift of her life were held on December 30 at Trinity Episcopal Church by the Sea, conducted by the Rev. Morley Frech, Trinity's rector.

"Helen was a woman with deep faith, and she was a joyful presence in the community."





# FOCUS ON CHURCHES • STEWARDSHIP

## The Joy of Stewardship Bumper Sticker Competition

Calling artists of all ages! Here's a great project to start the year.

The Diocesan Stewardship Committee announces its second annual poster art competition. Students enrolled in Diocesan Christian Education programs and/or Episcopal schools in Hawai'i are eligible to enter contests for original art that depicts their understanding of the Joy of Stewardship in *bumper sticker* format.

All entries will be displayed at the Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, February 10. Judging will take place at the luncheon, and will be based on originality and pertinence to the theme.

Original art, no larger than 3-1/2 high x 12 wide, must contain the following information of the back of each entry: Name, address, and telephone number of the creator, as well as age and/or grade level; and name, address, and telephone number of the creator's home parish, and the name of the creator's rector/vicar.

There are seven entry categories: preschool (3-5 years old), 1st and 2nd graders, 3rd and 4th graders, 5th and 6th graders, 7th to 9th graders, 10th to 12th graders, and an OPEN category for all ages, including adults!

Entries must be submitted not later than January 31st 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 become the property of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee and may be included in future publications and stewardship events.

## St. John's, Kula, Buys Land

After a year and a half of careful and prayerful scrutiny, the Vestry, with the recommendation of the Land Use Committee, made the decision to purchase the land that surrounds St. John's on two sides. The church entered

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did bring the name of the place I was to be and the directions about being picked up. Going to Honolulu is like taking a bus trip. I don't think of it as a big outing, and get fairly casual about it. There was a blessing in the cab driver and in Marilyn's offer of cash and concern. God was in all of this day, and I was never without the resources I needed, even if they didn't come in the package I had expected. At no time in this adventure did I worry or get upset. As each difficulty presented itself, so came the solution. At the end of the day, I accepted a ride to the airport and was able to catch an earlier flight and be home in good time. It was a blessed day.

In the theological underpinnings of this training was the affirmation that "God always takes the initiative in coming to us." I believe that I am in this program because of God's initiative. Otherwise, I am not sure what I am wanting or why I am doing this. Sr. Catherine wants me here too, but God uses her big time and I heard the call. This is a journey and I don't know the "whys" and "whats" of it. I am just willing to walk this way for a while and discover the next steps.

into a legal and binding agreement with church members Howard and Diane Lapp to purchase the property. The Lapps bought the entire 6.46-acre piece with one water meter. The church is buying 4.4 acres of land from them for \$225,000, and the Lapps are retaining 2.06 acres and the water meter.

A Capital Funds Committee has been formed, with Bill Bates as chair. The members are Bill Bonnet, Blanche Hew, Chuck Knobel, and Art Kusumoto. The committee is putting together brochures and visuals, which will explain the reasons for the land purchase and also some of the possible future uses.

A Purchase Campaign Kick-Off Dinner will be held on February 4 at 5:00 pm at St. John's. It will be a night of information, celebration, and pledge planning.



"As a reminder to give him back to the Lord, we named him Steward."

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## St. Michael's Hosts Epiphany Celebration with Lutherans

On January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, St. Michael's and All Angels, Lihu'e, and Lihu'e Lutheran Church held a joint service at St. Michael's to celebrate the Epiphany and to say farewell to the Christmas season. The Feast of the Epiphany, also known in some places as Three Kings Day, is the twelfth day after Christmas and the official end of the Christmas season. It is the day that the

wise men reached Bethlehem to worship the Christ Child.

The service was led by the Rev. Jan Rudinoff and the Rev. Malcolm Miner, both of St. Michael's. Members of both congregations were invited to bring a branch of their Christmas tree or other Christmas greenery. Following the service the boughs were lit in a bonfire, introduced by the Rev. Rudinoff with the words "Farewell to Christmas greens!"

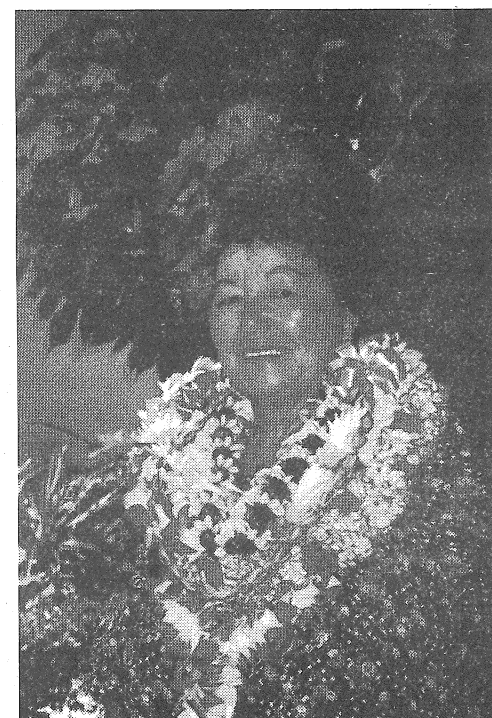


## Churches Honor Their Seniors

Here are two of the *Makule E Akamai* Award honorees at the Diocesan Convention in October.

**Right:** Blanche Pang Hew, a member of St. John's, Kula, with the many leis given to her in appreciation for her service.

**Left:** Tess Peabody of Trinity-by-the-Sea, Kihei, the Rev. Morley Frech. According to Trinity Church, Tess Peabody "is the queen when it comes to being the best fudge and peanut brittle maker in Maui. For many years she had donated her time and efforts in selling fudge and peanut brittle at the end of Sunday church service, and all the proceeds go to the breakfast program at our church."



# COMING SOON

## FEBRUARY

### 1 Thursday

- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

### 3 Saturday

- Lay Eucharistic Minister Training, St. Andrew's Cathedral

### 2-4 Friday-Sunday

- Happening #13

### 6 Tuesday

- Support Section Meeting 11:30 a.m.

### 7 Wednesday

- Clergy Meeting, St. Andrew's Cathedral, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- Diocesan Institute Board 3:00 p.m.

### 9 Friday

- Certificate of Elections Due
- Church Officials' List Due
- Chronicle Deadline 4:00 p.m.

### 10 Saturday

- ECW Meeting, Whale Watch, Maui
- Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

### 15 Thursday

- Cathedral Chapter 4:30 p.m.

### 16 Friday

- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.

### 17 Saturday

- Council Section Meetings 9:00 a.m.
- Diocesan Council 12:00 p.m.

### 15-18 Thursday-Sunday

- Provincial Youth Council, San Diego

### 19 Monday

- Diocesan Offices Closed Presidents' Day

### 21 Wednesday

- Clergy Newsletter

### 24 Saturday

- Church Leaders' Workshop

### 28 Wednesday

- Ash Wednesday
- Stewardship Committee 12:00 p.m.

## MARCH

### 1 Thursday

- Deadline for Parochial Reports
- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

### 3 Saturday

- Sexual Misconduct Awareness Training

### 6 Tuesday

- Support Section Meeting 11:30 a.m.

### 7 Wednesday

- Compensation Review Board 12:30 p.m.
- Diocesan Institute Board 3:00 p.m.

### 9 Friday

- Chronicle Deadline 4:00 p.m.

### 10 Saturday

- ECW Meeting, St. Timothy's

### 15 Thursday

- Cathedral Chapter 4:30 p.m.

### 16 Friday

- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.

### 17 Saturday

- Council Section Meetings 9:00 a.m.
- Diocesan Council 12:00 p.m.

### 20 Tuesday

- 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Okinawa

### 21 Wednesday

- Clergy Newsletter

### 22-24 Thursday-Saturday

- Honolulu 2001, Hawaiian Island Ministries

### 26 Monday

- Diocesan Offices Closed Kuhio Day

### 28 Wednesday

- Stewardship Committee 12:00 p.m.

### 30 Friday

- Kauai Clericus 12:00 p.m.

### 31 Saturday

- Spirituality Day



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**Saturday, March 31, 2001**  
**St. Andrew's Cathedral**  
**9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Additional "twilight" workshop offered from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

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