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## St. Barnabas' Sets Sail

BY KALA HOLDEN  
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St. Barnabas, Makakilo*

"...for [Barnabas] was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then ... when he had found [Paul], he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year, they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11:24, 26).

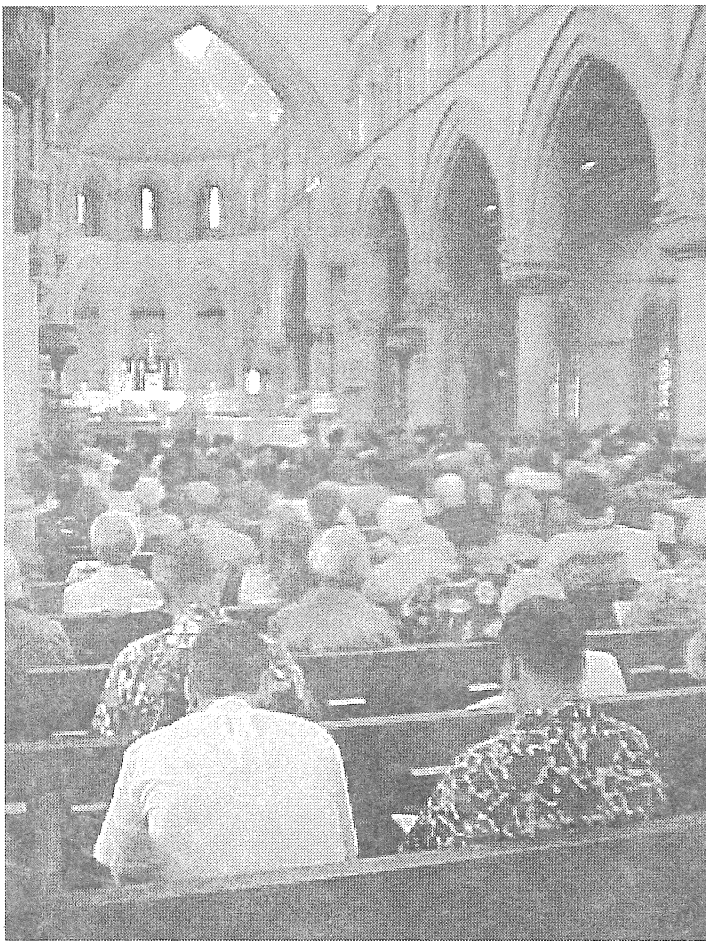
We the people, of the Episcopal Church of St. Barnabas, have looked anew at our patron saint's legacy to us, a legacy of mission and ministry. A while back, our new Vicar, Father Bob Fitzpatrick, challenged us, as a congregation, to renew our Baptismal vows daily. He asserted that we are commissioned to minister to those outside the walls of the church. The past few months, our congregation has been filled with the Holy Spirit, and like Barnabas (an island boy), we have set sail for the Lord. Our renewed vision was validated when the Bishop's Committee attended the annual Leaders Conference on February 24, where Bishop Chang called us as a Diocese to renew our Baptismal vows.

He called us to be mission, not maintenance oriented, to be senders as well as receivers, and to share our resources with one another as a Diocese. He reaffirmed our Christian theology of an abundant God.

We are sailing a small fleet of canoes at St. Barnabas, while preparing for the building of a big one (*wa'a nui*), that will be a base from which we will journey with our Lord Jesus Christ for the rest of our lives. The present fleet is at Makakilo Recreation Center, where the outriggers are being re-balanced. In ancient times, a canoe-building expert (*Kahuna Kalai Wa'a*) was consulted before venturing to the forest for selection of the best tree for a canoe. The quest could not begin without appropriate prayers. Our Kahuna Kalai Wa'a, is the Lord, and He has stirred us to a special vision. The vision is this: five years from now, there will be a congregation of 200 members strong, and ground will have been broken for a church complex. We need help in fulfilling the vision! In the months ahead, we may be asking for hymnals, for prayer books, for people, or for money, and we will be visiting with all of you, to discuss everything in greater detail. The next five years, we will fervently pray and prepare. We ask all of you to pray with us as we embark on this Christian adventure, throughout the *ahupua'a* of Hono'uli'uli.

Sunday worship is in recess at Makakilo Recreation Center. The Alpha program, our newest *wa'a* in the fleet, began with the blessed occasion of the Baptism of Baby Kaeci Yadao, on February 25 and will continue through Pentecost. We are so excited. Exhilaration is the word! Our entire membership has enrolled in Alpha, even a few newcomers! We are enthused and encouraged as we learn more about who we are and where we are going as Christians.

We have already ventured out into our *ahupua'a* in new ways. By the time



## Church Leaders Conference

On February 24, more than 300 people from the churches throughout the Diocese gathered at St. Andrew's Cathedral for the annual Church Leaders Conference. This year's conference, however, was different from those in previous years. The morning focused on the new reorganization of the Diocesan Council and reflection on the Baptismal Covenant. In the

afternoon, members of Vestries, Bishop's Committees, and delegates to Convention and Regional Councils gathered in separate meetings for guidance in their respective ministries.

this article is printed, one of our visibility projects will have taken place. On March 17, we joined with the Kapolei United Methodist Church to sponsor a booth at the Kapolei High School Pa'ina. There are other community events in which the congregation will be participating. They include the Hawaii Cancer "Walk For Life" project, Kapolei Library event, and possibly the Makakilo Ho'olaulea. Again, we request the prayers of everyone as we dedicate ourselves to mission and ministry. "*I ku maumau!*" ("Stand together!") We pray you will answer as we have: "*I ku wa. Kulia.*" ("We are together. Persevere.")



## A Little Leaven

BY VIVIAN L. THOMPSON  
*Kaneohe*

My friend Gwen has a granddaughter, Kala, who at five, has a very creative mind. They were taking a walk when they came to a dead pigeon lying beside the path. Gwen waited for Kala's reaction. She said nothing until a little farther on, they came to a cluster of pigeons, feeding. Then she spoke.

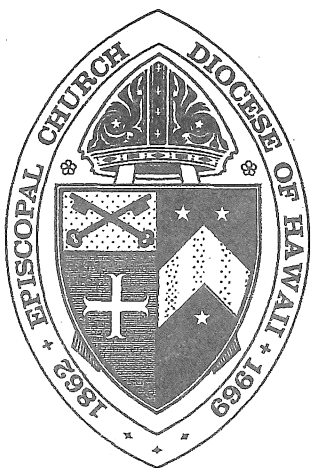
"Hi, fellas. I saw your friend back there. He's dead, you know. I'm sorry."

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## Bishop's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The March issue of *The Hawaiian Church Chronicle* described the reordering of the Diocesan Council and the budget process. In my previous two letters I shared briefly my vision of a diocese that is "mission-oriented" and of a diocese where ministry is shared by all the baptized. The third and final part of my vision is a diocese that encourages, enables, and nurtures all members to live the baptismal covenant in the church and in the world.

The Baptismal Covenant begins with our affirmation of faith. We are asked, "Do you believe...?" Our response is "I believe..." It is from this foundation that we live the promises of the covenant. It is this faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, that we live as disciples of Jesus Christ who calls us to follow. We cannot focus only on "living the covenant," and neglect the "faith of the covenant." Living our baptismal covenant should be as much a part of our life as faithful disciples as breathing.

In baptism we are made one with Christ who calls us and with each other. As the Church in Hawai'i we need to encourage, enable, and nurture each other as we strive to be faithful to the promises of our baptism. Christian

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BISHOP OF HAWAII



formation prior to baptism and, more importantly, after baptism must be a priority for each of us. As the Diocese of Hawai'i we must all be committed to our ongoing formation as we serve the church and the world in the ministry to which we have been called. There must be ample and diverse programs and ministries that strengthen our faith, that promotes the discernment of our individual and community gifts for ministry, and that enhances our skills for doing ministry in the world and the Church. We must find and use every opportunity to "proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ" for each other.

An important part of encouraging one another is the sharing of our faith

## Bishop's Visitations

APRIL

- 1 St. Augustine's
- 8 St. Timothy's
- 15 St. Andrew's Cathedral
- 29 St. Alban's

May

- 6 St. James's
- 20 Emmanuel
- 27 St. John's, Kula



and history as the Body of Christ, the Church in Hawai'i. I invite all members of our Diocese to participate in "Continuing Our Conversations," a process for us to shape our mission as the Diocese of Hawai'i as we live the Baptismal Covenant. Amazing and miraculous things can happen when we live the Covenant as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. May yours be a blessed Easter that witnesses to the love and power of God that transforms and gives us new life. He Lanakila Ma Ke Ke'a (Victory through the Cross).

+Dick Chang

## ECW Takes Excursion to Maui



Scenes from the ECW's trip to Maui. Left: On board a whale watch. Below: The cooks of the sumptuous feast at Good Shepherd. On page C: The youth of Good Shepherd entertain the visitors.



On Saturday, February 10, the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese went on an excursion to Maui. The day included several events: a trip to St. John's, Kula, where the Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch reviewed the history of the church. At Good Shepherd, Wailuku, the group was entertained by the youth of the church, feasted on a beautiful spread of food prepared by the Women of Good Shepherd, and heard of the church's history from Linda Decker. In addition, the group went on a whale watch, which included sightings of green turtles.

## Clergy Transitions

The Rev. Kay Johnson has resigned from the position of Canon Pastor at St. Andrew's Cathedral, effective in mid-March. She has accepted the position of Chaplain at Kuakini Hospital and is also pursuing doctoral studies in California.

The Rev. Walter Stevens has accepted the position of Pastoral Assistant for Youth and Education at Calvary Church, Kaneohe, beginning March 18.



# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Stewardship Commission Announces Bumper Sticker Contest Winners

BY NANCY RIES  
*Stewardship Committee*

Sixty-seven entries from nine congregations were received for the second annual art competition. Students enrolled in Diocesan Christian Education programs and/or Episcopal Schools were encouraged to submit original artwork that depicted their understanding of the Joy of Stewardship in bumper sticker format.

There were six judging categories. All those who attended the Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon on February 10 were asked to vote for their favorite bumper sticker in each category. It was a hard decision, and there were many close contests. Hanging chads notwithstanding, the winners were announced at the end of the luncheon.

In the Preschool category, the winner was Christina Chow of Holy Apostles, for her bumper sticker "Share Love." The First & Second grade winner was Jonathan Chow of

Holy Apostles, for his bumper sticker "Seeds of Love...Blessed Harvest." Kimberly Date of St. Mary's won the Third & Fourth grade category with "Stewardship is Love." Hannah O'Hanlon of Emmanuel won the Fifth & Sixth grade category with "Give and Be Glad," which incidentally was created while the artist's arm was broken. The Seventh through Ninth grade winner was Amanda Schaefer of Grace Church, for her "as a flower is before fruit, so is faith before good deeds" bumper sticker. Karyne Tsuruda of St. Mary's won the Tenth through Twelfth grade category with "Stewardship...Light a Life."

Entries were received from Grace Church, St. Mary's, Holy Apostles, Emmanuel Church, St. George's, The Church on West Kauai, St. Michael's and All Angels, St. John's by the Sea, and St. Andrew's Cathedral. Congratulations to the winners, and to all those who entered the contest! You are all winners in our book!



## What's So Good About Good Friday?

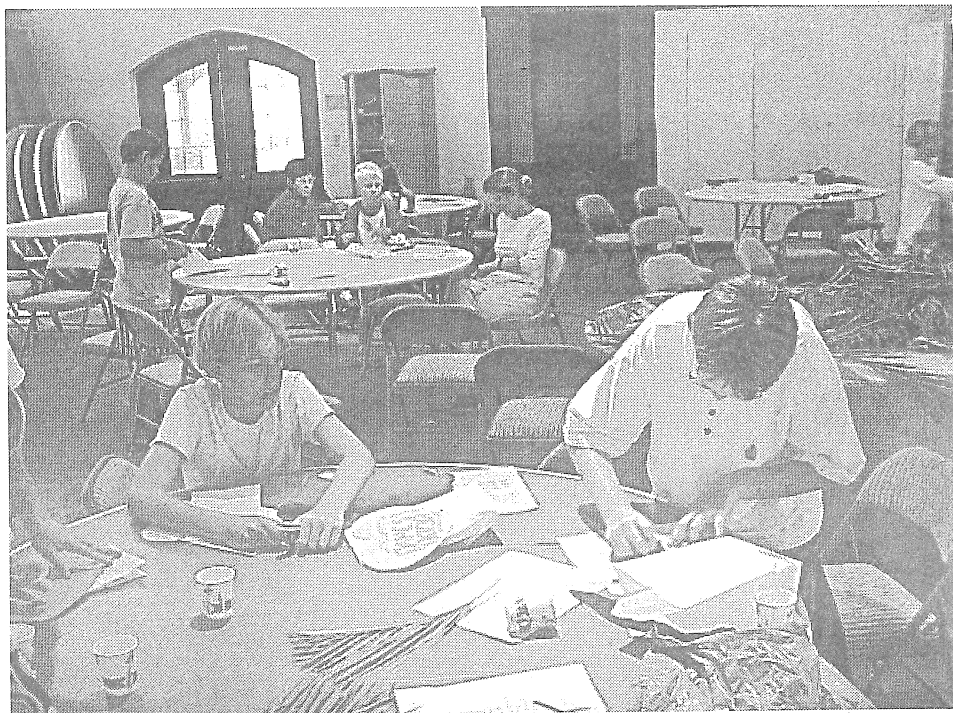
On Good Friday, April 13, 2001, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Church schools of the diocese and individuals are invited to take part in a three-hour program designed especially for children (at least one adult sponsor per group, please). This program will help young people experience Christ's Passion and prepare for the celebration of his Resurrection in a way that makes sense to them. There is no cost, but groups may contribute snacks or projects. Please RSVP to Jenny Wallace: 524-2822 ext.220; jennywallace@hawaii.rr.com

### Schedule

9:00	Gather in Von Holt
9:30	Passion Play (begin in the Cathedral then around the close)
10:30	Labyrinth - Davies Hall
11:00	Burning Our Sorries New Hearts to Love
11:15	Snack and project in Von Holt
Noon	Dismissal

### Scenes from last year's "What's So Good About Good Friday?" program:

Above: Participants walk a portable labyrinth set up in Davies Hall.  
Left: Gathering in front of the Cathedral to begin the Passion Play.  
Below: Participants work on a project in the Von Holt Room.





# COMING SOON

## APRIL

### 3 Tuesday

- Support Section Meeting 11:30 a.m.

### 4 Wednesday

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

### 5 Thursday

- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

### 6 Friday

- Chronicle Deadline 4:00 p.m.

### 7 Saturday

- Sexual Misconduct Awareness Training 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

### 8 Sunday

- Palm Sunday

### 10 Tuesday

- Chrism Mass 12:00 p.m.
- Clergy Lunch 1:00 p.m.

### 12 Thursday

- Maundy Thursday

### 13 Friday

- Good Friday
- Diocesan Offices Closed

### 14 Saturday

- ECW Meeting

### 15 Sunday

- Easter Sunday

### 19 Thursday

- Cathedral Chapter 4:30 p.m.

### 20–25 Friday–Wednesday

- Province VIII Convocation

### 21 Saturday

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

### 25 Wednesday

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

### 26 Thursday

- Diocesan Office Secretaries' Day Luncheon 12:00 p.m.

### 27 Friday

- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.

### 27–28 Friday–Saturday

- BACAM Weekend

## MAY

### 1 Tuesday

- Support Dept. Meeting 11:30 a.m.

### 2 Wednesday

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

### 3–6 Thursday–Sunday

- B+E+S+T Conference

### 3 Thursday

- Commission on Ministry 3:00 p.m.

### 4 Friday

- Maui Clericus Meeting 9:30 a.m.

### 8–9 Tuesday–Wednesday

- Clergy Conference

### 9 Wednesday

- Chronicle Deadline

### 12 Saturday

- ECW Meeting 9:00 a.m.

### 17 Thursday

- Applications Due for Bishop's & HPU Scholarships

- Cathedral Chapter 4:30 p.m.

### 18 Friday

- Standing Committee 9:30 a.m.

### 19 Saturday

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

### 23 Wednesday

- Stewardship Committee 12:00 p.m.
- Bishop's Priory Seniors Reception 4:00 p.m.

### 24 Thursday

- Priory Ascension Day Services 9:00 a.m.

### 25 Friday

- Seabury Hall Baccalaureate

### 26 Saturday

- Seabury Hall Graduation

### 27 Sunday

- Priory Baccalaureate 3:00 p.m.
- Iolani Baccalaureate 6:00 p.m.

### 28 Monday

- Diocesan Offices Closed Memorial Day



## Bits & Pieces

### St. John's, Kahalu'u, Seeks Choirmaster

St. John's by-the-Sea Church in Kahalu'u, Oahu, seeks a choirmaster for its enthusiastic and experienced choir. We sing hymns from the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal and *Na Himeni Haipule Hawaii* (the Hawaiian Hymnal), as well as classical works and spirituals, in our presentations to an appreciative congregation. Pay will depend upon experience and time spent. Contact Bishop's Warden Dick Halverson, 239-9210, for more information.

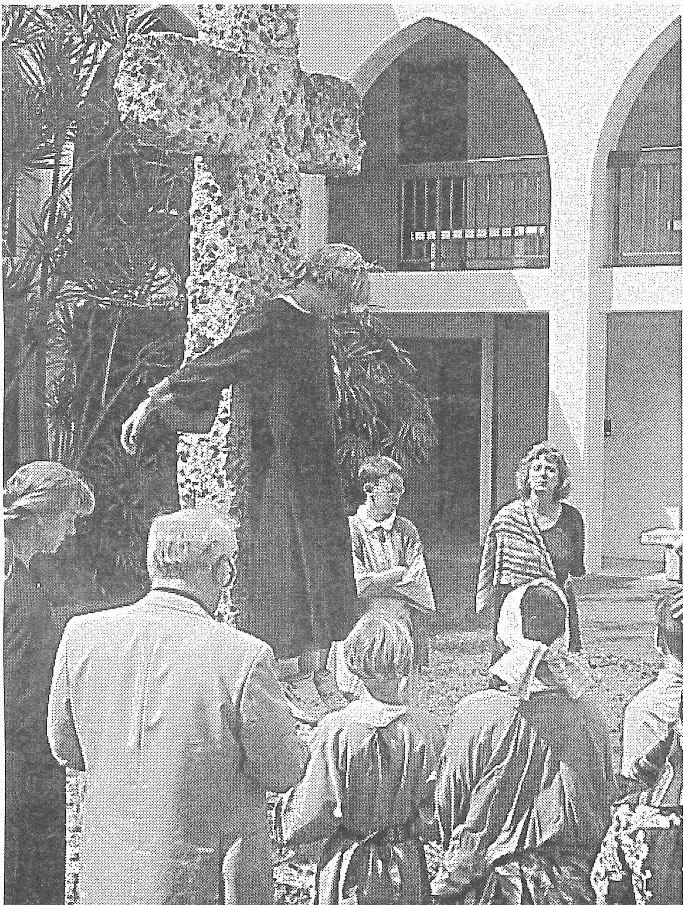
### St. Andrew's Evensong

St. Andrew's Cathedral will celebrate its next Evensong on Sunday, April 29, at 5:30 PM at the Beretania and Queen Emma Street site in Honolulu. The Cathedral choir, under the direction of Dr. Arlan Sunnarborg, will sing the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc dimittis* as well as an appropriate anthem and Psalm.

Scripture readings will be from the book of Daniel, Peter's first letter to the Christians scattered throughout the northern part of Asia Minor, and the

Gospel of John. Congregational singing and prayers will also be a part of the service. You are invited to join in this meaningful service of Evening Prayer.

Contact person: Carol Turley; phone: 486-4662; email: <turleys@gte.net>.



## Youth Ministry Position Open in West Hawaii

The West Hawaii Youth Minister leads youth ministry for three Episcopal churches on the Big Island of Hawaii. We seek an organized, faith-filled person who enjoys and cares about young people, is high-energy and reasonably extroverted, and willing to work with youth from a range of cultural and economic backgrounds. Denominational back-

A scene from last year's program "What's So Good About Good Friday" at St. Andrew's Cathedral. This year's program, to which church schools and all other interested individuals are invited, will be held on the morning of Friday, April 13. A full schedule and more information are on page C.

ground might be Episcopal, Mainline Protestant, or Roman Catholic.

At present there are 30–40 youth involved, perhaps half from un-churched backgrounds. Most are junior youth, but we plan to add senior youth in the fall. The youth minister needs to be a person who lives out their faith on a daily basis, but is willing to set reasonable boundaries regarding youth behavior, personal times, etc. These churches are spread out geographically, the youth minister must have a driver's license.

The position is full-time and includes housing, automobile, salary, medical insurance, paid vacation, and continuing education. Please call or write Pastor Hollis Wright, West Hawaii Youth Ministry, 65-1237 Kawaihae Rd., Kamuela, HI 96743; (808) 885-4923.

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