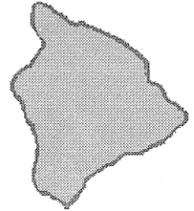


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Dr. Duke Bainum, right, presents a Proclamation from the Honolulu City Council honoring St. Elizabeth's Church for its accomplishments and community outreach. Receiving the proclamation are, left to right, the Rev. Gerhard Laun, the Rev. Dr. Gerald Gifford, the Rev. Edwin Bonsey, and the Rt. Rev. Richard S.O. Chang, Bishop of Hawai'i.

St. Elizabeth's celebrates Centennial

By The Rev. Gerhard Laun

St. Elizabeth's Church in Palama celebrated its Centennial the weekend of October 26-27, 2002. As a church, St. Elizabeth's has combined social activism with its evangelical mission since its founding as St. Elizabeth's (Settlement) House in 1902 by the first American Missionary Bishop in the Hawaiian Island, the Rt. Rev. Henry Bond Restarick, Deaconess Emma Britt Drant, and the Rev. Kong Yin Tet, who was Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Honolulu.

In a small rented cottage on

Robello Lane, Deaconess Drant started a night school for young Chinese working men, teaching them English, mathematics and typing. Christian education and a brief worship service were incorporated into the curriculum in keeping with the endeavor's missionary purpose. The Rev. Kong's language skills were invaluable, inasmuch as he was fluent not only in English, but also in the Hakka and the Punti Chinese dialects.

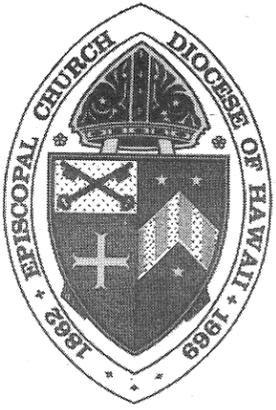
In contrast to St. Peter's Mission, which was primarily Hakka, the majority of the Palama mission

students were Punti-speaking. Very soon a sewing school for Chinese and Hawaiian women was started. Early mission records show that the first Sunday worship service was held on October 19, 1902, with Evening Prayer continuing weekly with the help of area clergy and lay readers from St. Andrew's Cathedral.

None of that missionary work by Deaconess Emma Britt Drant would have begun without the financial support from her friend and sponsor, William A. Procter,

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Epiphany symbolizes growth, new life

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently I shared in a party celebrating the 93rd birthday of Francis Woo of Hilo, Hawai'i, whose family was among the early members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Makapala, Hawai'i. I met Francis several years ago when I attended his sister's 100th birthday party. Between one of the seven courses of dinner, Dee asked Francis what was his secret for long life. Francis quickly named three things. First, eat good and healthy food. Second, exercise. Third, keep breathing or you're in trouble!

For me the season of Epiphany has always symbolized the growth and new life that comes with the revelation of the Christ to the world. The warm sunlight of spring melts the frost, ice and snow of winter, and a warmed earth nurtures the new growth of seedlings and spring flowers. The long winter nights are shortened



The Right Rev. Richard S.O. Chang
BISHOP OF HAWAII'I

with the brightness of the rising sun that signals the new day. The light of Christ pierces the darkness of life bringing hope and the possibility for new life. The darkness of our wintry despair cannot overcome the redemptive and healing power of the light of Christ in our lives. The light of Christ transforms in order that we may proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

Epiphany again reminds me that discipleship and Christian formation are life long endeavors. There should never be a time when we are not engaged as disciples of Jesus in formation. As I continue my celebration of the Epiphany of

Christ, I will remember Francis' responses. Francis' secrets for life reminded me of my own baptismal vow to — continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers — in my life in Christ. Exercising my mind in study of Holy Scripture, being fed as I worship with a community sharing in the Holy Eucharist, and making prayer the breath of my life in Christ, shapes and sustains my life of Christian discipleship. These are essential nutrients for disciples of Christ in formation.

May the Light of Christ transform and reform us. May the Light of Christ light our way as we proclaim the Good News in word and deed. May the Light of Christ sustain us on our journey as his disciples.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
+Dick



PHOTOGRAPH BY THE REV. HEATHER MUELLER-FITCH

Celeste Caldwell, the Rev. Morley Frech, the Rev. Marvin Foltz, Mary Anna Waldrop and Bob Funk listen during as St. John's is received into the Quiet Garden Network.

St. John's enters Quiet Garden Network

St. John's Episcopal Church on Kula, Maui was received into the Quiet Garden Network on All Saints Day, 2002.

It was a soft and misty evening when people gathered to receive the gift of becoming a Quiet Garden. The lovely light from the sunset brought the color of pink into the soft mist which surrounded the participants.

The Rev. Philip Roderick stood on the steps of the Church which overlook the central valley of the Island of Maui and he reminded us all of the bounty of God's presence in this "thin place."

Fr. Roderick spoke of the still small voice of God which can be heard when we stop to listen. We can each clearly see that a garden is a most likely place to sit, pray, and listen for the still, small voice of God. It is great to listen to the bird songs too!

We are very honored to be in the network of Quiet Garden ministries. We have a Retreat House (check out our website at <http://www.stjohnsmaui.org> for more information) and we have Advent and Lenten Quiet Days. We will keep you informed about quiet days, retreats, and other special events.

— The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch

The Chronicle wants to publish photographs!

The Chronicle is always looking for photographs of events around the Diocese for publication.

Pictures can be sent to us either by email, by snail mail or by dropping them off at the Diocesan Office.

If you are emailing photographs, please use the highest resolution possible on your camera, and send only JPG formatted photos. The email address is hcchronicle@aol.com. Please include the name of the photographer and the names of those in the photographs in the body of the email.

If you are sending pictures through the regular mail or dropping them off at the Diocesan office, please address them to Elizabeth House, Chronicle Editor, The Diocese of Hawai'i, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813-2304. We can use photographs, negatives or slides. Again, please be sure to include the name of the photographer and all those shown in the photographs themselves.

As a rule, photographs cannot be returned, but can be left for pickup at the Diocesan office.



Left: All 125 participants, plus sponsors and staff, for the 5th New Beginnings weekend at Camp Mokulei'a. **Below:** J.R. Pasalo and Hillary Reynolds-Boyle perform a skit.

PHOTOS BY THE REV. JOE CARR

New Beginnings weekend a great success



Camp Mokulei'a was the site, New Beginnings was the event, and November was the month.

Nearly 125 youth from across the diocese converged at Camp Mokulei'a for the diocese's fifth New Beginnings weekend, a program designed specifically for youth in 6th through 8th grades.

There were many new faces at this weekend, and everyone got a surprise (welcome or not!) when the water went out late Saturday afternoon.

There was a dance that night, but that didn't stop the proceedings. After the dance, the youth got to go swimming in the pool to wash off (since the showers weren't working!)

The written evaluations of the weekend showed that quite a few of the youth especially like the hands-on prayer circle part of the weekend.

For more information about New Beginnings, or other diocesan-sponsored youth-related events, contact the YAYA (Youth And Youth Adult) Coordinator, Celeste McVeigh, at the diocesan office. (808 536-7776, ext. 109), or toll-free from Neighbor Islands at 1-800-422-8418. Or you can email her at cacaldwell@lanakila.org.

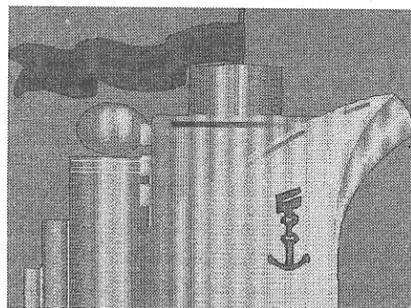
Youth leadership camp — on a cruise ship!

Attention, youth of the diocese!

Are you having questions about how to be a peer leader amongst your friends? Do you feel intimidated to offer new ideas to your congregation? Do you want to help create leadership positions in your church and on a diocesan level? Do you want to travel on a boat in between the beautiful islands of Hawai'i, and fish, snorkel and sea kayak?

If the answer to these questions is YES!, then this leadership cruise trip is just right for you.

Set for March 23-25, the Youth Leadership Camp will be held on a Rapture Marine Expeditions large cruise boat. This boat will



cruise between Maui and Lana'i.

This leadership opportunity for youth is different than the day-long programs most of you have already participated in.

The boat will depart O'ahu on March 23, and will enable the participants to escape the distractions of every day life so

they can focus on the speakers, on God, and on fellowship with each other.

Youth in the 9th through 12th grades are eligible for this exciting opportunity. You should also have a desire to grow spiritually in order to contribute with your energy and time to the larger Christian community.

Cost for the event is \$342, which must be paid in full 30 days prior to departure. Scholarship monies may be available. There are bunk beds on the boat, but you will have to bring your own bedding (sleeping bags preferable), along with towels, personal hygiene items and appropriate

clothing. All meals will be provided.

In order to participate, you must have your rector and/or the youth leader at your church sign off on your application.

Registration deadline is February 23, so get your registration in now!

For more information on this event, contact Celeste McVeigh, the diocesan Youth and Youth Adult Coordinator. She can be reached at the diocesan office. (808 536-7776, ext. 109), or toll-free from Neighbor Islands at 1-800-422-8418. Or you can email her at cacaldwell@lanakila.org.

Happy sailing!

COMING SOON

(EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

FEBRUARY

6 Thursday

► **Support Department Meeting.** 11:30 a.m., library, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

7 Friday

► **Maui Clericus.** 9:30 a.m.

8 Saturday

► **Commission on Diversity.** 7:45 a.m., Room 17, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

► **Adult Leadership Training.** 9 a.m.

► **ECW meeting.** 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Holy Nativity.

► **Hawai'i Program for Spiritual Direction.** 9 a.m., conference room, St. Francis Hospital.

► **Commission on Evangelism.** 10 a.m.

11 Tuesday

► **Commission on Christian Formation.** 4 p.m., Von Holt Room, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

12 Wednesday-Sunday 16

► **UTO Face-to-Face.** Florida.

13 Thursday

► **Commission on Ministry.** 3 p.m., Room 8, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

► **Commission on Campus Ministry.** 4:30 p.m., George W. MacCray Center.

11 Thursday-Sunday 16

► **2003 National Children's Ministry.**

► **Provincial Youth Council.**

14 Friday

► **Standing Committee.** 9:30 a.m., library, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

► **Commission on Continuing Education.** 2:30 p.m., Room 17, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

14 Friday-16 Sunday

► **Happening #15.** Camp Mokule'ia.

15 Saturday

► **Diocesan Council Department Meetings.** 9 a.m., St. Andrew's Cathedral.

► **Diocesan Council.** Noon, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

17 Monday

► **Diocesan Office closed.** President's Day.

18 Tuesday

► **Hawai'i Clericus.** 9:30 a.m.

19 Wednesday

► **O'ahu Clericus.** 9 a.m.

20 Thursday

► **Commission on Multicultural Ministry.** 3 p.m.

► **Cathedral Chapter.** 4:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Cathedral

22 Saturday

► **Church Leaders' Workshop.**

27 Thursday

► **Commission on Stewardship.**

28 Friday

► **Kaua'i Clericus.** 9 a.m.



The Rev. Edwin Bonsey, the Rt. Rev. Richard S.O. Chang, the Rev. Gerhard Laun and the Rev. Dr. Gerald Gifford during the Eucharist service at St. Elizabeth's Centennial celebration.

PHOTOGRAPH BY LAURA IWAMI

Centennial celebration a success

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one of the founders of Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio. In fact, Bishop Restarick would not have been able to afford Deaconess Drant as a member of his staff without an outside funding source. The Procter family continued to support St. Elizabeth's Church until the 1950s in many and sundry ways. In 1999, when St. Elizabeth's began to sell its leasehold interest in Banyan Gardens, the William Procter Trust was established in honor of its early benefactor. In fact, the Procter Trust is now a significant source of income for the parish and its ongoing ministry.

In 1904 the Rev. William E. Potwine, formerly Vicar of the Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, Oregon, was appointed as the first priest-in-charge of St. Elizabeth's Church. On May 7, 1905 the Old St. Elizabeth's Church was consecrated, together with a vicarage and mission house. The present church building erected in 1951-52 under the leadership of the Rev. Canon On Wai Shim still exhibits behind the high altar the Tiffany stained glass window commissioned by Mr. William A. Procter as a memorial to his beloved wife, Elizabeth, on occasion of the consecration of the Old Church. It depicts St. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, interacting with two youngsters, her son, John, and his cousin, the boy Jesus.

Bishop Richard S.O. Chang presided at the Centennial Eucharist, concelebrating with the present Rector, the Rev. Gerhard Laun, the Rector-emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Gerald G. Gifford II, and the Rev. Peter S. M. Fan, Chinese Missioner. The second Rector, the Rev. W. Edwin Bonsey was the Preacher. The Rev. Heather Mueller-Finch, whose Parish of St. John, Kula, Maui, is intimately connected with St. Elizabeth's parishioners who formerly resided on Maui, was the Gospeller. A brass ensemble from the Honolulu Symphony augmented St. Elizabeth's Choir directed by Karl D. Bachman.

The Rev. Canon Franklin Chun, who as a child attended St. Elizabeth's School and, as a young person, assisted the Rev. Canon Wai On Shim, was co-opted as Master of Ceremonies during the Luau that followed the Centennial Eucharist. More than 300 people attended the Luau held in a tent placed in St. Elizabeth's parking lot. During the Luau St. Elizabeth's Church was officially recognized and honored by members of the State Legislature and the Honolulu City Council for its accomplishments and community outreach, during its more recent history, through the Immigrant Center, a.k.a. the Pacific Gateway Center, its membership in F.A.C.E. and, most recently, through its combined ministry with St. Andrew's Cathedral in Mission Possible, reaching out to the Marshallese residents of Mayor Wright Housing.

Stuart Ching, Historiographer of the Diocese of Hawai'i, co-authored a centennial history of St. Elizabeth's Church with Ms. Diane Mei Lin Mark, the author of an earlier book, entitled, *Seasons of Light: The History of the Chinese Christian Churches in Hawai'i* (Honolulu: the Chinese Christian Association, 1989). Copies of the centennial history may be obtained from the Church Office for \$10.00 per copy.

St. Elizabeth's Centennial Committee was chaired by Mr. Bill F. Eng, retired Business Manager of Iolani School, with the Rev. Dr. Gerald G. Gifford as honorary chair. The flowers on the altar were given by St. Elizabeth's Sister Parish of St. John, Kula, the Shim family from Keokea and Kula, Maui, and the Tim Sing family of Hilo, Hawai'i.

The Friday, October 26, evening Pupu event, following the adjournment of Diocesan Convention, was hosted by Nancy Shim Au. Lynette Shim and Joan Kealoha were in charge of Luau and hospitality. Francis Kau, former Junior Warden, took charge of the facilities and the erection of the tent in St. Elizabeth's parking lot.

On the whole, it was a most enjoyable event, giving St. Elizabeth's parishioners an opportunity to fellowship with many friends and former members. Moreover, St. Elizabeth's was able to welcome many area clergy who, after their own Sunday services, attended the Centennial Luau.