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## Deputies reflect church shifting into 21st century



RICHARD CHANG

Hawaii's deputation took a break in General Convention business for a group photo. Left to right, back row laity: BettyJo Harris, Cynn timer Salley, Jim Putnam, Art Kusumoto; front row clergy: Bob Fitzpatrick, Morley Frech, Darrow Aiona, Carol Arney.

By Jim Putnam

LAY DEPUTY

The room for convention church services must have been ten times larger than the Honolulu convention center. Another equally large area held the 900-plus House of Deputies; a third the exhibitor's booths.

I felt so small as part of the eight-member diocese deputation to the House of Deputies. I guess about 4,000 people attended the opening Eucharist with the Presiding Bishop celebrating and preaching. All these impressions bring home the point that the Episcopal church is made up of 108 dioceses in the United States and many other countries including Asia (Taiwan for example), Central and South America, Europe and Africa.

I served as a lay eucharistic minister for five of the daily services. I was constantly reminded of the differences of the members of the Episcopal church as all ages, all races, many nationalities, men and women, priest/deacon/lay/archbishop and how we were all joined in the Body and Blood of Christ. The worship served as the basis for reflection, prayer and discernment that is really needed to conduct the business of the church at General Convention.

The "hot button" issues were well covered by the TV media. Every morning you could see the TV vans set up

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## Ministries fill summer in Islands

While deputies and friends from Hawaii represented the diocese at the General Convention in Minneapolis this summer, church activities continued in full swing at home.

Weekly worship, service activities, fellowship, spiritual formation and educational events brought hundreds of people, young and old, through the doors of Hawaii's churches, to Camp Mokuleia, and out into the global community. Episcopalians welcomed visitors from our companion diocese of Okinawa, spent Saturdays building a house in Waimanalo, engaged young people with C.S. Lewis's Christian chronicles through "Growing in Jesus" summer camp, and sent teens off on a pilgrimage to England.



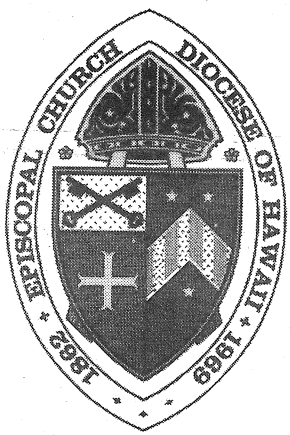
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JANINE LEGRAND

Left: Dancing the hula under direction of Hawaiian host Lareina Cajigal, right, are, left to right Nozomu Shimoji, Ryutaro Kinjo, Seiwa Uehara and Sho Namizato of Okinawa. Right: Marie Samudio of Calvary Church, Kaneohe, worked on the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity building in Waimanalo sponsored by the Windward Regional Council of the Episcopal Church.

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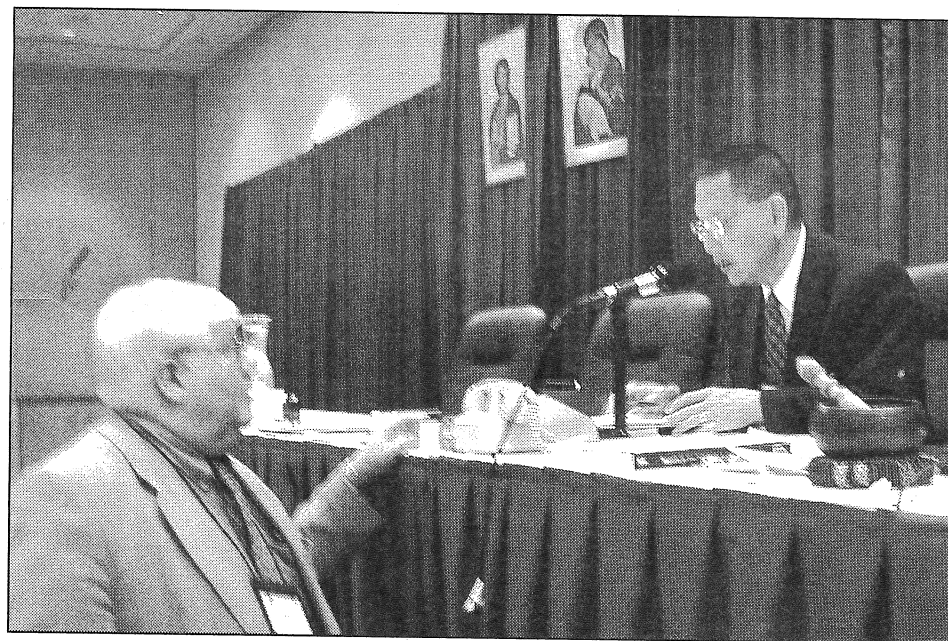
# A new way of doing ministry in this century

By Bishop Richard S.O. Chang

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
In 1976 the ordination of women captured the limelight at the General Convention in Minneapolis. In 2003 the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson got the spotlight at the General Convention in Minneapolis. I was not at the 1976 General Convention but know many deputies and bishops who were present and voting. They can recall the 1976 decision on the ordination of women with the same clarity, as I will remember this recent General Convention.

As the Secretary of the House of Bishops, I was focused on the work of the Secretariat supporting the legislative process of the House. Given the 16-18 hour days, there was little time for personal reflection on the diverse issues before the Convention. Since returning to our diocese, I have had the opportunity to reflect upon the General Convention and how they will impact the mission of our diocese. Let me share a few of them with you.

Given the other issues brought forward for action by the General Convention, we will no longer be doing ministry in the same way. The impact of 20/20 upon the legislation and budget will result in changes in how we do ministry in multicultural and multigenerational environments. The revision of Title III will cause us to rethink how we



BARBARA BRAVER  
Bishop Richard Chang, as Secretary of the House of Bishops, speaks with Bishop Ken Price of Southern Ohio.

exercise lay and ordained ministry. For example, we will need to develop criteria on how licensed lay leaders, such as Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitors, will be trained, certified and licensed. The publication of church resources in languages other than English signals the new diversity and multiculturalism of the Episcopal Church. The allocation of \$1,000,000 for youth and young adult ministry development confirms the priority to these areas of ministry.

In the days ahead we will continue

to hear about the other actions of General Convention. I ask that we all keep informed with accurate information about General Convention. I commend the reports of the members of the Hawai'i deputation and the ECW delegates. I ask that we commit ourselves to respectful conversation as we seek to discern how we exercise ministry in this 21st century. I ask that we continue as people of prayer as we move forward in our mission as the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i.

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## People now know we're here; are we ready?

If anything, the Episcopal Church "Engaged God's Mission" as many of us worked and prayed to discern what that mission was at the 74th General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

"Jesus certainly was not one who accepted the status quo," one person told me during the 10 days in Minneapolis.

True. However, how each of us sees change is as varied as those of us who populate the world.

So, as time moves ahead, we live in tension. We live in paradox — in the ability to accept some things that seem so right and to others that are beyond our ken.

I worked on the Episcopal News Service team, and like Bishop Chang and the deputies you hear from in this issue, our days were long and full. Completing my final story on the actions in the House of Deputies for the last day of convention, I closed my 4-inch binder stacked with hundreds of resolutions and felt like I had just handed in a final exam. My brain was buzzing with the intensity and amount of information flowing through it.

I can talk about the media blitz surrounding the confirmation of the election of Gene Robinson, including the Hawai'i media interviewing Bishop



**Sarah T. Moore**  
CHRONICLE EDITOR

Chang to report his and the deputation's affirmative votes. Generally, I felt it was fair and well presented, though, yes, overdone on tickertape graphics. I share this excerpt from the Dallas Morning News editorial: "We have been struck by the calm and deliberative process the Episcopalians followed in reaching their conclusion. The discussions among the clergy and laity were marked not by cheap name-calling but by honest soul-searching. And yes, there is division. But the common bond of faith took precedence.

"Perhaps their thoughtfulness and mutual respect for one another on this issue will have a positive impact on how all of us Americans carry on our larger societal debate. At least we hope so."

The Episcopal Church has never had such a high profile across the country and the world. It is an historic time for this church, and one that challenges us to step out and be more than we ever have

been.

And as one of the members of the 20/20 Strategy Group said several times, "this is a church we haven't seen yet."

Many of the actions taken at this convention — our multicultural society, health-related issues, social concerns, stances on international issues such as war and peace, not to mention liturgies, music, and education that will form new leadership and worship for this century — are marching orders to engage our world in God's mission.

With the incredible news coverage this summer, we have an opportunity, as President of the House of Deputies George Werner said in the closing day, to welcome all visitors and seekers who want to find out who we really are.

That, in itself, invites pain and joy, self examination and work. We do not know where it will lead us. But, as I understand growth, change, and exploring the unknown, it is only by pushing out to the edge, making hard decisions and acting, that opens the mind and heart to new heights and understandings.

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# FROM THE GENERAL CONVENTION

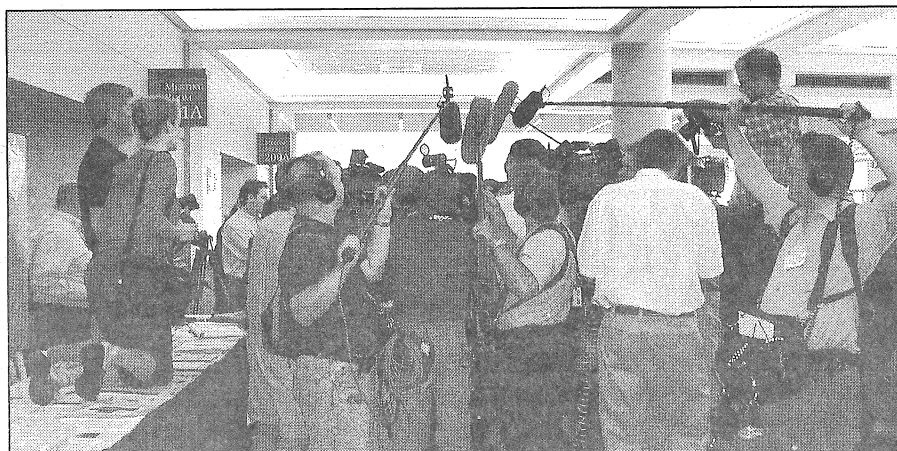
## Real work went beyond sexuality

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outside the convention center and camera crews stopping people and trying to get interviews. Fortunately, none of them came to me. I guess I must look too “normal” to give a provocative statement.

I am still in awe of the way that the deputies and bishops handled the nomination of Canon Gene Robinson as bishop-elect of New Hampshire, and the matter of blessings of committed same-sex relationships. While we all recognize that there are serious and deep differences regarding these issues, the General Convention showed that we could discuss and work with our differences. As the Presiding Bishop said in his orientation speech to the House of Deputies: it is not a matter of “either one or the other” — it can be a matter of “both.”

As the church made radical changes over the last 50 years regarding civil rights, the prayer book, the role of women and women's ordination, and, now, human sexuality related issues, it has stood to be a leader for social change rooted in the Gospel. My personal feeling is that any institution, especially a church, cannot protect the status quo, it must lead change. It is only in this way that we can reach out and fill the pews and bring the good news to those in need.



SARAH T. MOORE

News media surrounded spokespeople about the Rev. Gene Robinson and issues of blessings of same sex relationships at the General Convention.

The real business of the General Convention did not get the CNN headlines. The daily committee meetings and hearings allowed all views to be heard on pending resolutions about policy for the national church.

Some of the committees that I monitored had hearings on liturgy, budget, indigenous groups' issues, church organization and structure, and, of course, the ever popular human sexuality issues.

Real changes were made in the church's budget to move money from administration (overhead) into programs and mission. This is the real work of convention. Some proposed resolutions were defeated such as the

idea of direct ordination to the priesthood without going through a period as a deacon. This was killed in the House of Bishops.

Other resolutions were defeated or changed in both houses. Somewhere around 300 resolutions were considered by committees, the deputies, and the bishops in the ten legislative days.

Over the next few months, I hope to participate with the other Diocese of Hawai'i deputies, ECW delegates, and our bishop in discussion about General Convention, our experiences, the issues, and how this will affect our diocese and the Episcopal Church.

## Music and Liturgy heard blessing debate

The Rev. Carol Arney

CLERGY DEPUTY

Although not a member of a General Convention Committee, I volunteered to attend the meetings and hearings of the Committee on Liturgy and Music. My initial interest was in the Revised Common Lectionary. It was late in the year when I found that the controversial resolution on composing a liturgy celebrating same-gender unions was in this committee's work.

Nonetheless, the committee had much other important work, including the proposed new liturgies for new church planting, multilingual liturgies, and new names for *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* as well as the approval of the *Revised Common Lectionary* for church-wide use.

I was most impressed by the prayerful and caring way in which the committee conducted all their meetings. Both prayer and song (usually a Taize chant) would begin each meeting, be offered again at a halfway point and again at the end of the meeting.

The hearing for the same gender “blessings” was the most powerful part of their work. The hearing was scheduled for a two-hour period on the first Friday night. The hearing was held in the largest ballroom in the Hyatt. The committee modeled the respectful type of dialogue and listening they hoped for from the participants by beginning with a 15-minute statement from one person presenting each side of the issue. Then people testifying both for and against alternated with 3-minute testimony.

The personal stories, while emotional, were devoid of ex-

treme hyperbole and vindictiveness. At the halfway point, we paused for prayer and the singing of the Taize chant, “Ubi Caritas” which means, “Where charity and love abide, God is there.”

When the hearings were reaching their end, the speakers from the committee who had begun with a presentation of their side spoke again.

This time they were asked to sum up what they heard from the other side. Both sides said the overall message was a cry for love and acceptance. The presence of the Spirit of God in the room was tangible.

The original resolution asked for a service for same gender unions to be contained in the *Book of Occasional Services*. Later there were three very similar resolutions asking for such a liturgy. The committee amended one of them to reflect the spirit of all three and moved it from the *Book of Occasional Services* to the *Enriching Our Worship* source. This is more experimental and requires each bishop's permission. They recommended adoption and sent it to the House of Bishops, where the bishops changed it even further.

Meanwhile the liturgies for new churches as well as other liturgies reflecting the more evangelistic, inclusive church passed through the committee and were approved in both houses.

To my personal disappointment, the *Revised Common Lectionary*, which had only positive testimony in the hearings and approval by the Committee on Liturgy and Music, did not pass on the floor of the House of Deputies. I believe people did not have enough information, and it was lost in the furor of the “sexier” issues.

## Excitement, opportunity and pain

The Rev. Joseph Carr

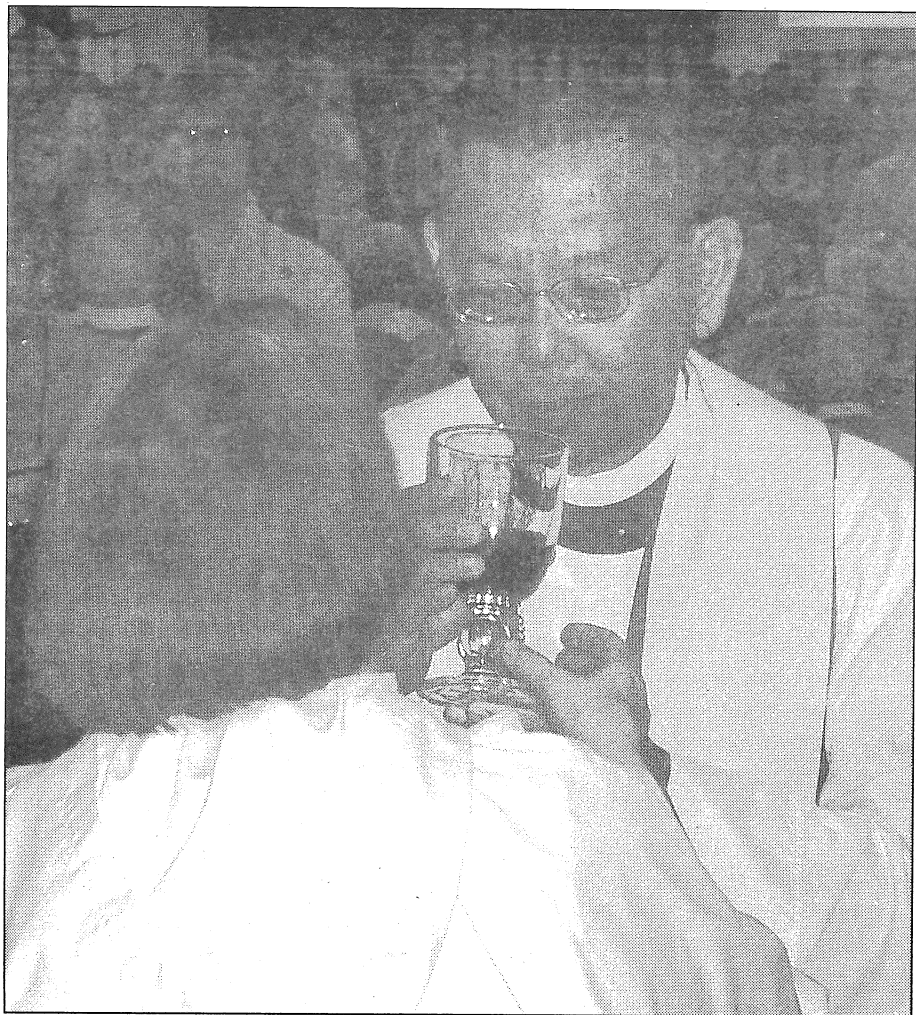
ALTERNATE CLERGY DEPUTY

General Convention is not a new experience for me. I have been twice before in 1991 and 1994, representing my previous diocese. So as I prayerfully considered allowing my name to be put in nomination at the 2001 diocesan election, I approached it with mixed emotions. Why? I knew from my previous experiences that it is an opportunity to experience the wonders and blessings of the larger church, and at the same time I also knew that it is always a place of challenge, mixed with coming face to face with some difficult issues. I have often found myself over my 24 years of ordained ministry standing in spirit with the minority reports on many adopted resolutions. My flesh said stay home and be safe. Why bother getting in the midst of controversy? But I heard the Spirit say to me, go. In obedience after being elected as the first clergy alternate, I traveled to Minneapolis, all the time asking God to show me why He would have me be present.

As our diocesan deputation met in caucus that first night, I decided to follow the work of the convention's Domestic Mission/Evangelism Committee so as to report their work to our whole deputation. I had previously served on this committee at the Indianapolis Convention. From the first early morning meeting of this group, I heard over and over again people referring to the “20/20 Movement.” I had kept up on my reading from the national church and knew this was a plan to double the size of the Episcopal Church by the year 2020. However I thought it was just one more program mandate coming down from the national church. As I listened and learned more about it, I realized it was not a program at all, but truly a paradigm shift in how we see the church and how we live into our call to embrace mission in the local congregations, school campuses, and out in our communities. The 20/20 movement is a re-tooling of the church for mission opportunities that are opening up before us in the 21st century. Hearing of the graying of the Episcopal Church (average age now in the 50's), bold initiatives were being brought before the church by the 20/20 Task Force to recruit and “equip” youth and young adults in every diocese to reach out to their generations with the Gospel. This in itself was not new, but what was new was the proposal to earmark over one million dollars for this new initiative and place it in the hands of the provinces and dioceses.

There was even more to this new initia-

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DICK SNYDER

Hawaii's Bishop Richard S.O. Chang receives communion at a Convention Eucharist attended by nearly 5,000 people.

Deputies study convention resolutions. Left to right: BettyJo Harris, Darrow Aiona, Bob Fitzpatrick, Cynnie Salley and Morley Frech.



SARAH T. MOORE

## So much more... abuse, racism, economic justice

By Cynnie Salley

LAY DEPUTY

Each morning at 9, the Convention gathered for a Eucharist service. It was preceded by a time for meditation with choirs singly gloriously and selected faith-based artwork images projected on a screen behind the altar, the images slowly changing. It was a time of prayer, reflection and centering for me: an important part of my long day.

We were assigned tables in the Worship Hall. I was seated with other deputies and a bishop, from a variety of dioceses around the country. We reflected on the sermons together which gave us an opportunity to share our thoughts and feelings about the ecstasies and agonies surrounding the Convention. We worshiped together, we prayed together, we shared the Body and Blood of Christ together: it was a time of coming together in unity.

My workday started at 7 a.m. with committee meetings and hearings. I was honored to have been appointed to the Social and Urban Affairs Committee. Resolutions concerning national issues dealing with economics, genetics, justice, racism and sexuality were assigned to this committee and then in turn to the appropriate sub-committee. The process of moving resolutions through our committee started with a thorough review and work-over of each of the assigned 35 resolutions, at the sub-committee level. They then went back to the full committee for open hearings. Hearings were followed by discussion among the committee members. If it was decided that the resolution needed reworking, it went back to the sub-committee, otherwise it was voted on

and sent to dispatch where it would be scheduled for action by the full convention. It was a lengthy and thorough process, which not only involved the two hours in the morning but often meetings after lunch and in the evening.

The convention seemed dominated by the emphasis placed on the sexuality issues, fanned by a varied army of media. Yet there was so much else of importance to consider, which was seldom, reported. A book, *A Christian Response to the New Genetics*, which originated with initiatives of the Episcopal Church, was distributed to our committee, to help us in our deliberations of a myriad of resolutions on gene transfer and stem cell research. We considered a number of resolutions concerning racism, recommending adoption by the full convention. After much debate, the convention voted down the resolution that supported a congressional study for the feasibility of restitution for Africans who were enslaved in America for 246 years. The justice issues ran the gamut from repealing mandatory *Federal sentencing* guidelines to setting up stringent guidelines for dioceses to protect children and youth from abuse by youth workers. Economic issues deliberated, included our concern for: ministering to "at-risk" youth, the working poor, housing for the poor and Jubilee Ministry funding. As you can see, many crucial issues came before us.

Like the artwork during morning worship, the images of convention continue to pass through my mind: the now familiar faces, the choirs, the skyline of Minneapolis, the bread and wine, the Body and Blood, the dignity, the decorum, the lunch line and the history-making decisions.

## Church's future: Healthy congregations in ministry

By the Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick

CLERGY DEPUTY

The General Convention in Minneapolis was my first. If I could have changed anything, we would not have spent so much energy and time on the controversial issues that made the national news. In fact, I think the coalescing of the Episcopal Church to engage in mission, to reach the unchurched, to include young people and to celebrate our multicultural reality were the highlights of the two weeks and reflect the power of the 20/20 Vision. We tried to live out the theme of the Convention: "Engage God's Mission" and it will be up to all us to live it out in our diocese.

This vision is embodied in the priorities developed by the Executive Council and approved by the convention for the budget and mission of the church for the next three years:

✠ **Young Adults and Youth:** Reaching out to

young adults and youth through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the church.

✠ **Reconciliation and Evangelism:** Reconciling and engaging those who do not know Christ by participating in God's mission of reconciling all things to Christ and proclaiming the Gospel to those who are not yet members of the church.

✠ **Congregational Transformation:** Revitalizing and transforming congregations through commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, dynamic and inclusive worship, greater diversity, and mission.

✠ **Justice and Peace:** Promoting justice and peace for all of God's creation and reaching out to the disposed, imprisoned and otherwise voiceless needy.

✠ **Partnerships:** Reaffirming the importance of our partnerships with the Anglican Communion and beyond and our relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners.

We also agreed "[t]hat every diocese of the Episcopal Church be charged to: foster a missional perspective or culture; foster a culture of partnering with others (congregations, denominations, etc.) for mission and ministry; and equip people to facilitate congregational self-study and strategic planning, including the impact of the congregation's life-cycle in its transformation for mission and that bishops organize visitations around these principles." The Convention affirmed annual congregational reviews including a set of questions to aid them in the process.

I was proud of our church as we tried to look beyond ourselves to envision new ways of sharing the Gospel of Christ. We affirmed that the future of the Episcopal Church is in healthy congregations and empowerment of all God's people for ministry. We struggled with racism and the pain of controversy with respect. I hope that as we disagree and struggle with God's will for our church over the next few years, we will not lose our calling to "engage God's mission."

## Church states position on world affairs

By BettyJo Harris

SENIOR LAY DEPUTY

Having gone to General Convention eight different times, seven in a row, I felt that we had the best deputation ever. We have always had pre-convention study sessions and this seemed to be the best we have done. Everyone had done their homework for the resolution discussions. This was the first time I recall that we had that kind of cooperation from each deputy. Our time together in Minneapolis was cohesive and lent itself to working for the greater good. I felt the warmth among us.

Each of us had committee assignments or followed a committee's action. My committee was National and International Concerns. Listed are the highlights of the action that we took to the floor.

Civil Liberties (D14) was related to reaffirming action taken by Executive Council and General Convention on the Internment of Japanese Americans and Japanese Latin Americans.

(HD09) General Convention passed the resolution to oppose the construction of the wall that the Israelis wanted to build to continue isolating the Palestinians and to support Palestinian, Afghani, Liberian, Israeli and all women that are caught in war.

We presented resolutions:

- ✗ to oppose discrimination against persons with HIV/AIDS.
- ✗ to support the reunification of Korea.
- ✗ to affirm the Church's response to global hunger.
- ✗ to support improving health care for children.
- ✗ to establish a living wage.
- ✗ to support Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride.
- ✗ to support the federal minimum wage be raised to at least \$8.70 per hour.
- ✗ to support the church in Liberia.

Major highlights in this committee were two persons testifying on behalf of Liberia and the Korean reunification, including the Bishop of Liberia who is the Primate and a priest from the Korean Anglican Church.

In my opinion, the resolution pertaining to the Rev. Gene Robinson got the most attention and yet it was only a small segment of the business of the church. General Convention affirmed nine other persons who had been called to the episcopate.

The budget was passed without any fanfare and it is \$146,395,000 for the work of the church worldwide during the next triennium.

I was honored to be elected to represent Province VIII along with the Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb and the Rev. Bavi Rivera on the Search Committee to identify candidates for Presiding Bishop to be elected in 2006.

Finally, our theme was "Engage God's Mission." We had daily Eucharist that adhered to the theme and it was awesome. To hear so many voices sing and pray is uplifting. The fact that so many persons can be served in such a short time is impressive.



Deputy Jim Putnam confers with deputy Art Kusomoto during a Province VIII caucus, while alternate deputy Allison Dingley looks at papers, left, and deputies Darrow Aiona and Linda Sproat listen, seated back row.

SARAH T. MOORE

## God's bringing in a new world

By the Rev. Darrow Aiona

CLERGY DEPUTY

Attendance at General Convention for me was like watching the birth of a new creation of God. I could feel an atmosphere of tense frustration and the anticipation of much pain mixed in with moments of joy. Yet one knew that God was at work.

Different issues brought the development of new communities. We were gathered together as the church wrestling with the issues of a growing body: emphasizing a ministry to our young, seeking newer

ways to raise up new clergy, and addressing and articulating our Christian stance on national and international problems. The secular world entertained by the media over emphasized sexuality and made it the dominant focus. The media could just as easily have focused on the *Kama Sutra* rather than the *Bible*.

Faced with the issue of supporting the election of the new Bishop of New Hampshire and the blessing of gay unions, the Hawai'i deputation was of one mind. Decision-making is always a challenge.

Our church has gone thru some hectic decisions in the past — the birth of a new prayer book, and the

ordination of women. It's so much easier to live in the past than to make changes for the future. To live in the present is like climbing up Mount Everest.

General Convention 2003 — full of wonderful worshipping experiences, fellowship, community building, difficult decision-making, and many hours in meetings — doing the work of the church.

The Episcopal Church has opened the door to a new beginning, be it right or wrong, knowing that our will may or may not coincide with God's will. However we know that all will be well.

Emmanuel.

## Not better or worse, just different

By the Rev. Morley Frech

CLERGY DEPUTY

General Convention 2003 marked a turning point in the life of the Episcopal Church. To quote the Presiding Bishop, "everything is different, not better, not worse, just different."

As I sat in the House of Deputies the afternoon of Gene Robinson's confirmation vote, we paused for silent prayer just prior to voting, as we had done for the issues of women's ordination and prayer book

revision at past conventions. During that time, the convention hall grew still and a faint breeze came through and then the President of the House called for the vote by orders.

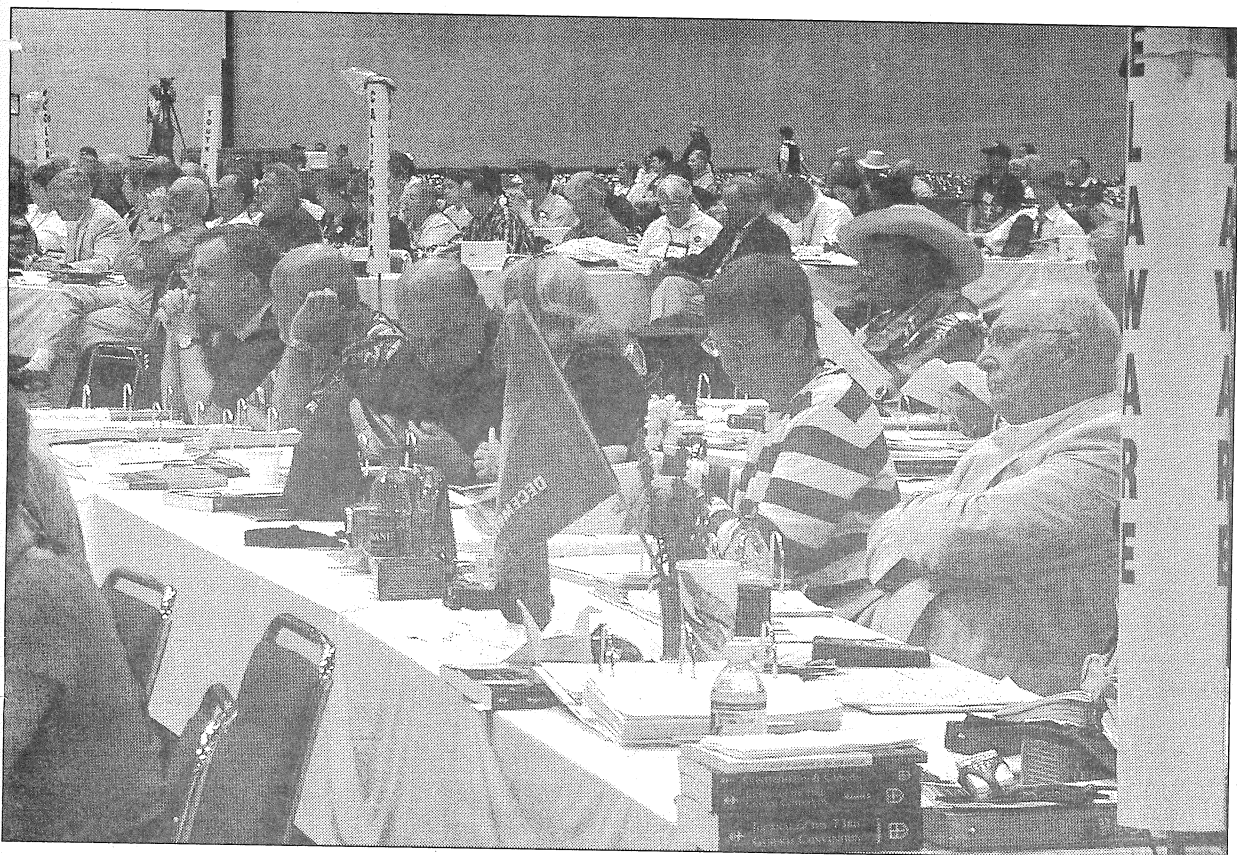
I can only hope that it was indeed the presence of the Holy Spirit and that the decision we made and later passed on to the House of Bishops was of God.

The most difficult and gut-wrenching part of any kind of legislative decision of this nature is the knowledge that regardless of the final outcome, there will be many who are near and dear to you who will

not concur. Such was the case in point with our daily table group at worship. Our small group of ten was fairly evenly divided; however we agreed to continue to worship together, discuss the daily Gospel/sermon offerings, partake of the Holy Communion and do our best to continue our conversations.

The one thing with which I return to Hawai'i is a deeper conviction that we need to continue to come to the table, regardless of our position, not just on issues of sexuality but on all facets of our corporate life.

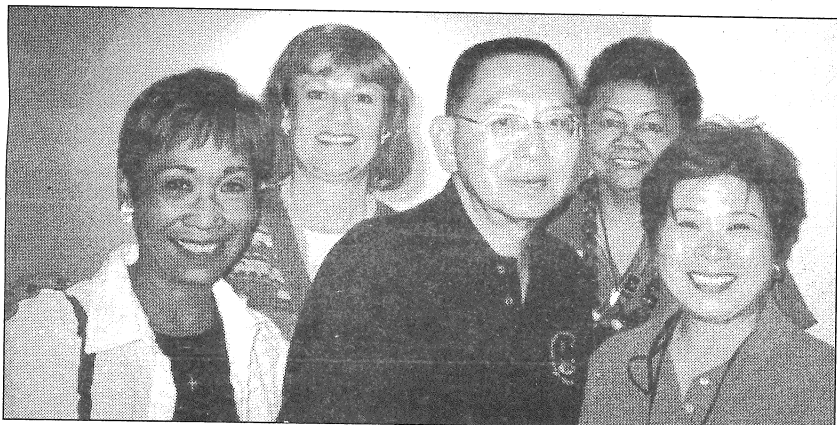
# FROM THE GENERAL CONVENTION



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Hawai'i's deputation listens to debate during the General Convention in Minneapolis.

Bishop Richard Chang with Hawai'i's delegates at the Episcopal Church Women's Triennial Meeting in Minneapolis. Left to right: Marilyn Kunitake, Karen Huston, Louise Aloy, Joyce Kim. Reports of the ECW meeting will be published in the October issue of *The Chronicle*.



## A view from the edge of Convention

By Willis H.A. Moore

EXHIBITOR

Spending half of General Convention in Minneapolis was educational, informative, inspirational and lots of work. Episcopalians by the thousands come to General Convention to worship, pray, cuss, and discuss a variety of things; but we are God's people, a work in progress.

My membership on the Board of National Episcopal Historians and Archivists found me in the Exhibition Hall for most of five days. An invitation to participate in a Youth Event on Saturday August 2 was exciting. More than 300 youth (ages 16-25) were invited to choose from 25 tables — each with a person to talk about vocation.

Speaking as a "Prison Educator," I visited with 50 youth during the two-hour merry-go-round. Every 15 minutes, the youth were asked to move to a new table, giving each six opportunities to visit with someone.

Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold addressed the youth with ease and candor about his own calling, his ministry, and issues facing the Convention. He was warm, open, friendly, relaxed, affable, and humorous.

Serving as Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) on Sunday morning was a thrill. Along with other Hawai'i participants, Alison Dingley, Carol Arney, Jim Putnam, and Bishop Richard Chang, participating with 5,000 Episcopalians singing, praying, and sharing Holy Eucharist reminded my why this is MY church!

As a historian, I am intrigued that since the first (failed) attempt to organize the Episcopal Church in 1784, we Episcopalians have not lacked controversy, *sturm und drang*. But we are a people on a journey, seeking truth, and trying to love and minister to the world presented to us in our age.

Just visiting with hundreds of people ranging from the Primate of Brazil and Spain to seminarians and many other folks at the N.E.H.A. booth was a wonderful time well spent.

## General Convention: Week two brought hard decisions

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tive. The 20/20 Task Force challenged us to take a look at the changing faces of the American scene as new waves of people from all over the world become a part of this nation. If our church wants to be around for the 22nd Century, it needs to equip itself for multicultural evangelism and incorporation. Proposals for requiring training in a second language and culture for our seminarians were seriously considered and referred to appropriate national bodies for further exploration. Proposals were adopted to begin publishing all appropriate church publications in Spanish, French and other languages. Even in our daily convention worship opportunities, we prayed or sang in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Swedish, Chinese, Hawaiian, and Ojibwe. I heard deputies saying that music and worship styles from all the different cultures must be welcomed at the altar, not only at General Convention, but also in our local

churches. Organ, guitar, drums and gongs and yes, even the beauty of the simple voice must be equally welcomed into the church.

Many 20/20 resolutions rolled across the convention cherishing the traditional, yet also making room for the new. I found myself being filled with excitement and many ideas to bring home to Hawai'i, especially in my role as a member of our diocesan Strategic Task Force. I thought to myself, this is why you brought me to convention, God.

But the convention was not yet over. There was more for me to hear and experience. Week number two was to be very different. We all knew eventually both houses of convention would need to make a decision on two very important and controversial issues. The consecration of the Rev. Gene Robinson as the bishop of New Hampshire and the proposed blessing of same sex unions still lay before us. Controversy. This is why my flesh wanted to stay safe at home in Hawai'i, and this is why I told God I

would rather not stand for election. All through the first week I talked and listened to many people on both sides of these issues. As days passed they were no longer issues, but real people on all sides who had faces to them. More and more I realized that we have become a deeply divided church, especially in our theological understanding of the Scriptures.

As I write these reflections, sitting in the Denver airport on my way home, I realize the news media has already reported to you all the details of the votes that were taken. By the time you read this article it will be weeks old. As those votes came, some were quietly overjoyed, while others felt their hearts ripped out.

Everyone knew that in those moments the church was experiencing another dramatic paradigm shift. I thought of all the people I knew back in Hawai'i who I agree with, and disagree with, on all sorts of issues. I thought of my own congregation at Calvary. What am I going home to find in my parish? Some

people are saying this is a new evangelism opportunity, while others see it as a betrayal of the ancient biblical faith. I see faces of people who are dear to me saying they will leave the Episcopal Church, because the church has left them. Once again I find myself in an uncomfortable place. My sympathies are with the minority report.

God, is this why you made me come to Minneapolis, so that all perspectives in the Episcopal Church of Hawai'i would be represented in the deputation? Not that my potential vote would have changed anything, but that as we return I can say I am an eyewitness to the events at General Convention, and I know what it is like to feel the pain. Maybe that is what 20/20 is really all about. Staying at the family table with a 21st century church that finds itself looking and feeling so very different. I do not know if I can do it. It is not going to be easy. I do not know what the future will hold for me or the church. All I can say is that I will take it one day at a time.

## FROM THE GENERAL CONVENTION

# Convention pictures 'church of the future'

By Arthur Kusumoto

LAY DEPUTY

"Engage God's Mission" was the theme for the Convention, with a focus on how to "reconcile, restore, receive and repent," the words emblazoned on banners in the worship hall.

Daily worship and Eucharist was a time for reflection and meditation that gave me comfort prior to legislative session. This convention is a picture of the church of the future. Resolutions going forward make the church more flexible and open, allowing changes to happen.

We are a diverse deputation representing that reality. We are equal and very collaborative. As many times as I have been a deputy, the Episcopal General Convention debating the role of gay people has always been an issue.

This 74th General Convention established a 3-in-1 atmosphere regarding bishop-elect the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson: (1) He was elected on the first ballot as trustee of the Church Pension Fund; 2) The House of Bishops, by 65-45 margin, confirmed his election as bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire after a majority of the House of Deputies (clergy and lay) confirmed his election; and (3) Convention approved a resolution accepting that blessings

of same-sex relationships are taking place "within the bounds of our common life."

In a vote by orders, with 58 lay and 62 clergy deputations of the 108 voting "yes," the deputies concurred with bishops to adopt a substitute resolution recognizing "that local faith communities are operating within the bounds of our common life as they explore and experience liturgies celebrating and blessing same-sex unions."

The resolution also commits the church to "continued prayer, study and discernment on the pastoral care for gay and lesbian persons." As part of the process, a commission appointed by the presiding bishop will compile and develop resources "to facilitate as wide a conversation of discernment as possible."

As a trustee of Church Pension Fund, I can affirm that we value all our trustees: the continuing trustees, the re-elected incumbents, and our 3 new members: the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson, the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson (bishop elect), and the Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright. We know Gene Robinson because of his work on Church Pension Fund's Advisory Committee on Pension Fund Abundance. We look forward to working with him and the other two newly elected trustees, all of whom bring unique gifts to the work of the Church Pension Fund Board.

## An educational experience

By Linda Sproat

ALTERNATE LAY DEPUTY

Attendance at General Convention was very educational, and a learning experience for me. I have been to our own diocesan conventions since the 1960s, but had no concept of the enormity and the organizational planning and processes that had to be prepared for a General Convention.

The representatives from the different dioceses also interested me. We met some of the deputation from Puerto Rico and they had explained what they were hoping to accomplish, (being welcomed into the Episcopal Church as a new diocese). It was therefore interesting to watch the process happen, and end up as they had hoped.

The invitation to read at the noonday prayers during the convention's session was very meaningful

for me. I felt honored and felt that this was the time to possibly educate the general Episcopal populace attending the convention about some of the historical past of Hawai'i. The prayers, which were used, were adapted from the Commission on Native Hawaiian Ministry for the 1994 Diocesan Convention and again adapted by Malcolm Naea Chun. These included petitions for the different times during the early church here.

On the days following the reading of the noonday prayers, I received many comments and questions regarding the bringing of the Church of Hawai'i, Hawai'i as a Kingdom, and Queen Liliuokalani's house arrest. The response I received gave me the idea that the mission was accomplished. If there had been more time it certainly would have been wonderful to have the Queen's prayer sung

## PEOPLE AWARDS AND HONORS

At the 42nd annual meeting of the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists, Honolulu resident **Willis H. A. Moore** was elected to the National Board of Directors. Moore is organist for St Paul's Episcopal/Philippine Independent Church, a Member of Diocesan Council, and is Adjunct Professor of History for Chaminade University of Honolulu. He coordinated the N.E.H.A. Exhibit at General Convention in Minneapolis, is finalizing the 2004 Historic Episcopal Churches Engagement Calendar, and helping edit several submissions for the quarterly *Historiographer*.

N.E.H.A. is a member-supported organization, open to all interested in history, archives, and publishing the stories of the Episcopal Church. The group plans to hold its 44th Annual Convention in Honolulu in June 2005.

**Celeste A. McVeigh** has stepped down as Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i to stay home as a full-time mother. She is expecting a baby the end of September. She and her husband, Padraic, will continue to live in Honolulu.

**Ruby Jung** was named the director/teacher of Emmanuel Church, Kailua's Preschool this summer. Jung has 16 years experience in early childhood education and has been the program director of an infant and toddler program at the Waikiki Community Center Childcare Program.

## POSITIONS OPEN IN THE DIOCESE OF HAWAII

**Episcopal Church on West Kaua'i**, St. John's, Eleele, and St. Paul's, Kekaha, is searching for a vicar. Candidates have been interviewed and the Bishop's Committee is to make a recommendation to the Bishop.

**Resurrection**, Hilo and **Columba's**, Paauilo, on the Big Island. Ministry is being evaluated.

**St. Michael's and All Angels**, Lihue, Kaua'i is searching for an interim rector. Receiving names.

**Hawaii Preparatory Academy**, Kamuela, on the Big Island, is searching for a chaplain. Profile is being prepared. Bishop to meet with the new headmaster. Receiving names

**Seabury Hall**, Makawao, Maui, is searching for a teacher/chaplain and is receiving names.

**St. Philip's**, Waianae, Leeward O'ahu, is searching for a vicar. Ministry being evaluated. The Bishop is assisting the congregation and the nearby ELCA church talk about possible shared ministry options.

*If you are interested in a position or know of someone you think might be right for one of these positions, please contact the Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Canon to the Ordinary. Be especially aware of those entrepreneurial and mission-minded ordained souls in the broader church who might 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. Email: RLFitzpatrick@episcopalhawaii.org or call 808-536-7776, ext. 110.*

## COMING SOON (EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 6-7 Centennial Celebration Holy Apostles, Hilo, Big Island
- Sept. 7 United Thank Offering Ingathering
- Sept. 12 Diocesan Standing Committee, Cathedral
- Sept. 20 Diocesan Council, Cathedral
- Sept. 26-27 Episcopal Church Women Retreat, Mokule'ia
- Sept. 28 Kamehameha & Emma Lectures, 6:30 p.m., Christ Memorial, Kaua'i

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 4 Commission on Ministry Discernment Day
- Oct. 5 Episcopal Relief/Development Sunday
- Oct. 10 Standing Committee, Cathedral
- Oct. 10-13 Small Church Conference, Mokule'ia
- Oct. 18 Diocesan Council, Cathedral
- Oct. 23 Diocesan Clergy Convocation, Honolulu
- Oct. 24-25 Diocese of Hawai'i Convention, Honolulu

## Looking Ahead

- Nov. 1**, Vocations Day, Grades 9-12
- Nov. 14**, Diocesan Standing Committee, Cathedral. Diocesan Council Orientation, 6 p.m., Cathedral
- Nov. 15**, Diocesan Council Orientation and Meeting, Cathedral.
- Nov. 22**, Episcopal Schools Conference
- Nov. 21-23**, New Beginnings #6. Mokule'ia
- Dec. 7**, Kamehameha & Emma Lectures, 6:30 p.m., Christ Memorial, Kilauea, Kaua'i
- Dec. 8-9**, Clergy/spouse Advent Retreat, Mokule'ia
- Dec. 12-14**, Senior High Diocesan Retreat

Understanding Israeli-Palestinian Peace efforts

Rizek and Alice Abusharr will share their insights into the Middle East to help people understand the geopolitics of the area and the people of Israel-Palestine who are striving to create Peace. Rizek is the retired director of Jerusalem International YMCA.

The public is invited to this event on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Parish of St. Clement, 1515 Wilder Avenue, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Presented by Episcopal Interfaith Education Initiative at the Parish of St. Clement, the evening will conclude with a service of Evensong followed by a reception for the Abusharrs. All are welcome.

Calvary raises mission funds

Rose of Sharon Ministries of Calvary Episcopal Church sponsored a Food Booth at the YWCA's "Day on the Bay 2003" community event.

Rose of Sharon Ministries is raising funds for the upcoming mission to Juarez, Mexico.

Going to Seattle for college?

Christ Episcopal Church has an active ministry for students attending the University of Washington in Seattle and for young adults new to the Seattle area. The church is within easy walking distance from the UW campus and convenient to major bus routes to/from downtown, the Eastside, and north Seattle.

Christ Church provides opportunities for worship, outreach, and fellowship for young adults as part of an active intergenerational faith community. It hopes it can be a "parish home away from home" for students and young adults new to Seattle. Look the church on the web at [www.christchurchseattle.org](http://www.christchurchseattle.org)

How to build a marriage that lasts a lifetime

Calvary Episcopal Church, 45-435 Aumoku Street, Kaneohe will offer "The Marriage Course" on seven Saturday evenings beginning Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The Marriage Course is practical, giving couples the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. It is for those who:

- ✕ want to enhance their marriage
- ✕ are in the first five years of marriage
- ✕ are at a challenging stage in their marriage, such as the birth of a child, a career change, teenagers at home, the "empty nest."
- ✕ are struggling with issues in their marriage

Over the evenings spent together, couples talk about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. Privacy as a couple is always respected. There is no group discussion and no requirement to disclose anything about your relationship to any-

one else. The course, while based on Christian principles, is very helpful for any couple with or without a Christian faith or background.

There is no fee for this course. For more information, or to register for this course, please call Calvary Episcopal Church at 247-2733, or email [CalvryChHI@aol.com](mailto:CalvryChHI@aol.com).

Cathedral and St. Paul's, observe 1,000th service

On Sunday, July 27, Dean Ann McElligott of St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Rev. Randy Albano, vicar of St. Paul's Philippine Independent/Episcopal Church at the cathedral's adjacent Parke Chapel, exchanged pulpits for the 1,000th English service. Albano presided and preached for the Cathedral congregation and McElligott presided and preached for the St Paul's Chapel congregation.

Celebrating diversity of traditions, and the varieties of language, these two Congregations have already combined their Sunday School Christian Formation efforts.

St Andrew's Cathedral hosts five worship services on Sunday: Three in English, a Hawaiian Mass, and the Filipino Ilocano Mass at St Paul's in Parke Chapel. The total membership, and average Sunday attendance, at these five services represent 20 percent of Episcopalians in Hawai'i.

Integrity/Hawai'i organized

A new local chapter of Integrity, a network of lesbian and gay people and ministries in the Episcopal Church, is being organized in the diocese by members of St. Clement's Church.

In keeping with its mission statement as an inclusive and caring Christian Community, St. Clement's held the first organizational meeting of Integrity/Hawai'i on Sunday, Aug. 24. The September meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 28 from 5-8 p.m. An October meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 26, from 5-8 p.m.

Meetings are held at the MacCray Center (formerly Canterbury House) 2324 Metcalf St., Honolulu, near the University of Hawaii campus. The evening begins with Holy Eucharist, followed by information, discussion and a simple meal

St. Clement's has a history of ministry with lesbian and gay persons dating back to the 1970's when it shared its space Sunday evenings with the Metropolitan Church, one of the first openly gay and lesbian worshipping congregations in Hawai'i.

At the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, the diocese approved Resolution #8, clearly stating the inclusion of all people in the life of the church.

All are welcome. For more information call the Rev. George Lee at 735-4550, the Rev. Rob DeWolfe at 735-5944, Beverly Anjadi at 946-8974, or St. Clement's parish office at 955-7745.

BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 14 .....St. Paul's,  
.....Kekaha, St.  
.....John's, Eleele,  
.....West Kaua'i  
Sept. 21 .....Cathedral of  
.....St. Andrew,  
.....Honolulu  
Sept. 28 .....Christ  
.....Memorial,  
.....Kilauea, Kaua'i

OCTOBER

Oct. 5 .....St. Thomas,  
.....Hanalei, Kaua'i  
Oct. 12 .....St. Augustine's,  
.....Kapaau, Hawai'i  
Oct. 19 .....St. Clement's,  
.....Honolulu  
Oct. 24-25 .....Diocesan  
.....Convention

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 .....St. Nicholas,  
.....Kapolei  
Nov. 9 .....Trinity-by-the-Sea  
.....Kihei, Maui  
Nov. 23 .....St. Matthew's  
.....Waimanalo  
Nov. 30 .....Holy Cross,  
.....Kahuku

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Oct. 24-25, 2003

St. Andrew's Cathedral and Hyatt Regency Hotel

Registration, meals, shared travel deadline: Sept. 19

Celebrate the small church!

Small Church Leader's Conference  
Camp Mokule'ia  
Friday, Oct. 10-Monday, Oct. 13

Bring a team to the conference

Sponsors:  
The Office of Small Church Ministry at the Episcopal Church Center  
The Mission Department of the Diocese of Hawai'i  
Diocesan Council

Contact: [RLFitzpatrick@episcopalhawaii.org](mailto:RLFitzpatrick@episcopalhawaii.org)

Renew, Refresh, Rekindle  
A retreat for women



The Rev. Ginny Doctor  
Friday, Sept. 26-Saturday, Sept. 27  
Camp Mokule'ia

Sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Hawai'i.

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