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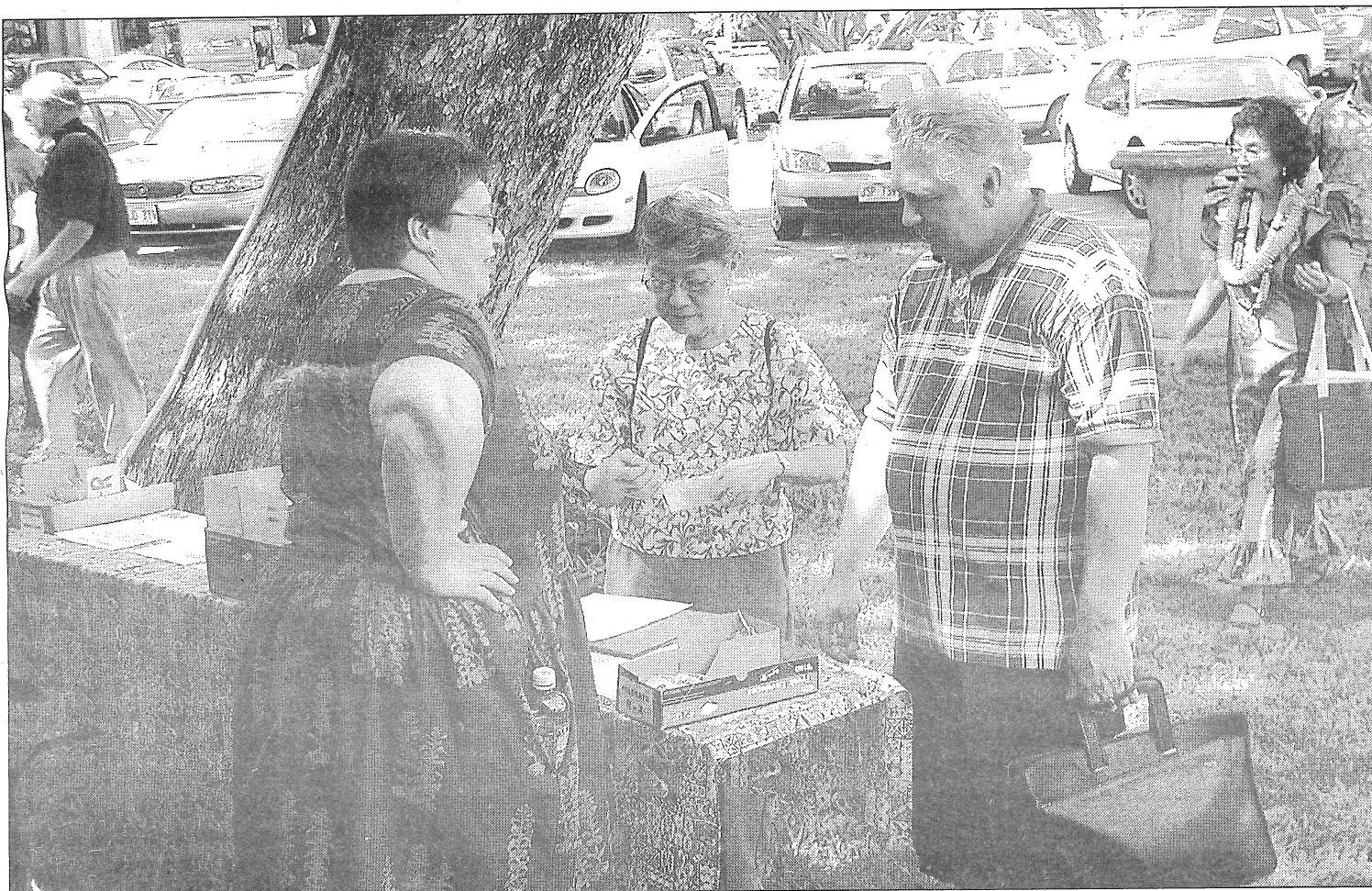


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Diocese explores 'Spirituality for Mission'



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Sandra Leialoha greets Ruth Yoshioka, center, and Greg Holmes, right, of St. Mary's, Honolulu, at the registration table at last year's convention of the diocese. Convention this year is Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25.

By Sandy Souza

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

Hawai'i Episcopalians will gather at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Convention on Friday, Oct. 24 at St. Andrew's Cathedral and on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Waikiki.

Exhibits showcasing activities throughout the diocese will be on display Oct. 25 at the Hyatt. Observers and guests are welcome but must register before the convention.

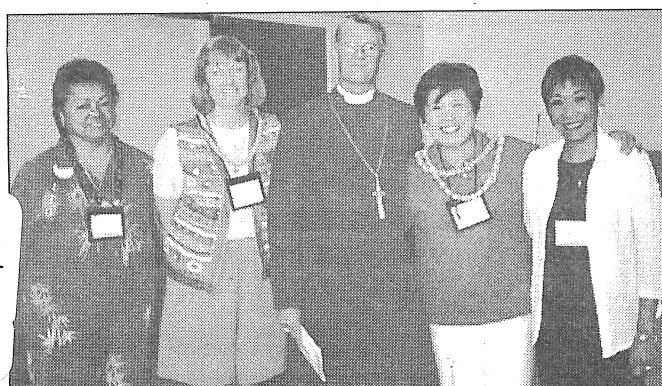
Registration forms and convention information are available through each congregation's delegates or clergy. Please adhere to all deadlines stated on materials.

Leaders will be elected to fill positions on the Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, commissions and committees.

Nominations received by the Sept. 5 deadline are included in this issue of the Chronicle. Nominations also may be made from

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Hawai'i lit up ECW Triennial



Greeting Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold at ECW Triennial in Minneapolis are, left to right, Louise Aloy, Karen Huston, Joyce Kim, and Marilyn Kunitake.

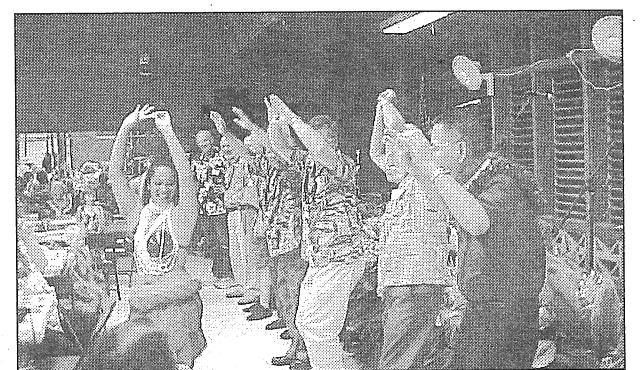
By Louise L. Aloy

ECW RECORDING SECRETARY

"A new light is shining" — the theme of the 44th Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women — are words taken from a song written by Marty Haugen of Honolulu entitled, "Here In This Place, Gather Us In." It was one of the many praise songs we sang before each business session of the gathering of women of the church meeting in the Minneapolis Convention Center at the same time as the 74th

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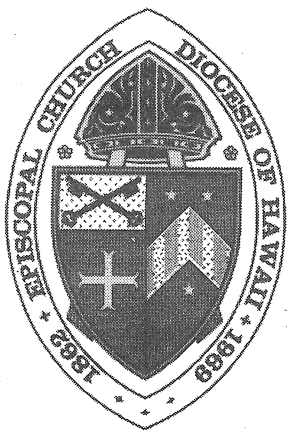
Celebrating 100 years



CAROL VAN CAMP PHOTO

Some of the brave men, including Bishop Chang, were eager participants in Tahitian dancing at the Centennial celebration of Church of the Holy Apostles, Hilo, Hawai'i. See story and more photos, page K.

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What did you do after convention?

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
On a recent flight to Maui the passenger sitting next to me noticed that I was entering information into my PDA. She commented that PDA's are the electronic diaries of the 21st century since it kept a record of our activities and described the kind of life we lived. For the rest of the flight I reviewed my calendar for the month following my return from Minneapolis. It provided a description of my ministry and our Diocese of Hawai'i. Let me share some highlights from my PDA diary.

August 9: Flew back to Honolulu from Minneapolis via Denver. Joe Carr and Cynnie Salley were on the same flights.

August 10: Celebrated at three services at the Cathedral since the Dean and David Kennedy were away. Had interviews with reporters from television stations KGMB and KHON after the last service.

August 11-12: Spent these days with the youth visitors from Okinawa and youth from our own Diocese. Got to know the young people during our bus rides, our worship, reflection time, and visits to Pearl Harbor, the Ehime Maru Memorial, and St. Mary's Church. Lots of tears at the farewell Eucharist, dinner, and program at St. Luke's.

August 13: Began day at 5:30 a.m. at the McCray Center at the UH campus in order to say farewell to the very sleepy-eyed youth and chaperones from Okinawa as they left for the airport. Spent the remainder at the office meeting with staff and working on mail that had accumulated since I left for the General Convention on July 25.

August 14: Took the day off from the office but worked on my mail at home.

August 15: Office closed for the Admission Day Holiday. Dee and I went to see the movie "Seabiscuit" since I remembered Seabiscuit's horseshoe in Father Bray's office when I attend confirmation classes at the Cathedral.



**The Right Rev.
Richard S.O. Chang**
BISHOP OF HAWAII

August 16: Spent the day at the meeting of the Diocesan Council and other appointments.

August 17: After church at the Cathedral, spent the day on chores that Dee left for me before she left for California to help our daughter with our grandchildren.

August 18: Spent most of the day at the doctor's for another part of my physical exam.

August 19: Took a day off at the recommendation of the doctor.

August 20-22: Full days in the office that included being the celebrant at the Eucharist for the faculty of St. Andrew's Priory and at the Thursday Cathedral Eucharist, a meeting with Oahu clergy to discuss General Convention, and breakfast with students at the Priory. Appointments filled out the rest of these days in the office.

August 23-25: Flew to the Big Island for a meeting with the clergy before my visitation with St. James Church, Waimea. Spend an evening with the Tony Litwinski, rector, and his spouse, Jana Johnson. Celebrated, preached and confirmed at the Sunday Eucharist before meeting with the Vestry. Had a good visit with Guy Piltz before going to meet with Olaf Jorgenson, the new Head of Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, about an Episcopal chaplain for the school. Drove to Hilo for a meeting with the Vestry of the Church of the Holy Apostles. Bob Fitzpatrick joined me for the meeting, and we returned to Honolulu on the last flight from Hilo. Dee returned home from her babysitting chores to find clean but unfolded laundry stacked in the bedroom!

August 26-28: Office days. Held

staff review interviews to discuss their performances and restructuring of the staff in the Office of the Bishop. Met with three persons seeking ordination to the priesthood. Staff hosed a farewell lunch for Celeste McVeigh.

August 29: Flew to Kauai to meet with the clergy about General Convention. As a member of the Board of Governors, attended an Iolani School faculty reception hosted by Val and Cynthia Iwashita at the Headmaster's Residence on campus.

August 30-31: Flew with Dee to Maui for my visit to St. John's Church, Kula. Met with several parishioners and Heather Mueller-Fitch on Saturday afternoon before meeting with the Vestry. Met with the candidates for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation at a dinner hosted by Heather and Rik at their home. Celebrated and preached at two Sunday services. Confirmed three, received two, and witnessed the reaffirmation of two, including Art Kusumoto. After two other meetings with parishioners, returned to Honolulu late Sunday afternoon.

September 1: Office closed for Labor Day. Went to see "Whale Rider" after a brief stop at the office to drop off vestments and other things from the visit to Maui.

It is impossible to share all the experiences of these days. Travel takes more planning and occasions longer waits at the airport. But my time spent with the people and clergy of our Diocese in worship, at receptions, at meetings, and in their congregations is a wonderful blessing that Dee and I experience every weekend. There are difficult issues and hard decisions. But we know the presence of Christ as we move among you. We give thanks for the ministry to which you have called us in this place.

Faithfully in Christ,
+Dick



EPISCOPALHAWAII.ORG

Update on web and e-mail for the diocese

By Sarah T. Moore

Episcopalhawaii.org is the new address for the existing Diocese of Hawai'i website. It also is the email address surname for all the staff of the Office of the Bishop. Please address all staff with this email. (For example, for the Bishop, use the email address rsochang@episcopalhawaii.org). Email to the old lanakila.org address will be forwarded to the new address for a period of time while the transition occurs.

As email ceases flowing into that address, it will close down.

This is the most visible change people will find while communicating with the diocesan offices as we move towards reconfiguring technology and aim at developing a new website.

During July and August, the bishop's office worked on trial testing of these changes, finding a virtually seamless transition. In late June and early July the Diocese of Hawai'i website was moved from the server in New York to one in San Diego (TierraNet.com) as part of

our update and streamlining communications.

Hawai'i was one of two diocesan websites remaining on the server maintained by the Episcopal Church Center, set up more than five years ago. Over time, all other dioceses have moved to independent servers. This move enables us to take on the domain name: episcopalhawaii.org which, all agreed, is a more easily recognized and remem-

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One pilgrim's reflections journeying to adulthood

By Kate Fessler

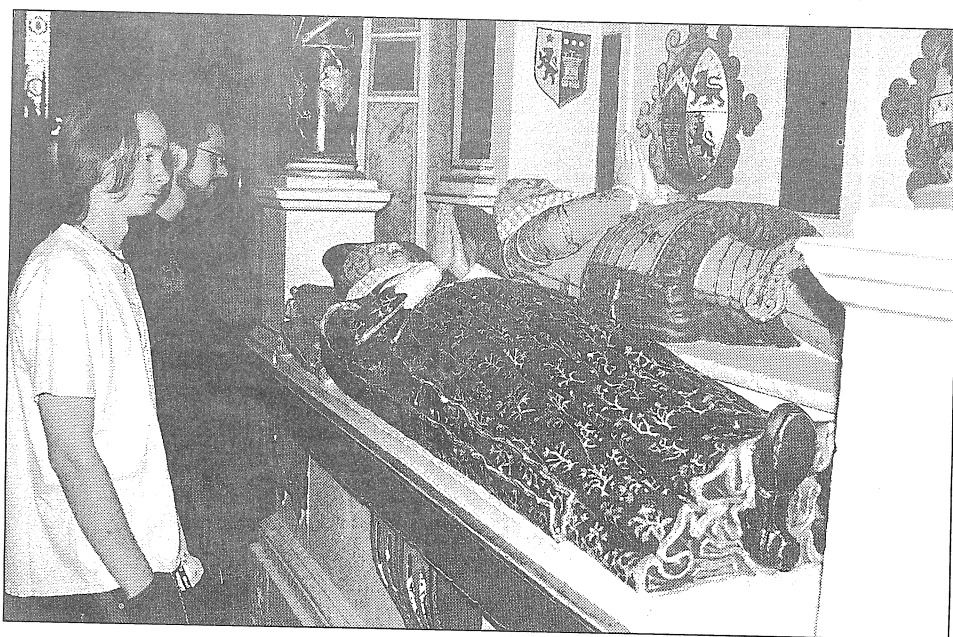
The 2003 Pilgrimage to England was an amazing, firsthand experience that helped me put my faith in perspective by learning about the historical roots of the Anglican Church.

On the trip, we visited 10 sites where churches once stood or still stand today.

The sites included All Hallows and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Winchester Cathedral in Winchester, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Martin's in Canterbury, Salisbury Cathedral and St. Martin's in Salisbury, Old Sarum, the present Coventry Cathedral and the old cathedral's ruins, and St. Augustine's Abbey.

Dating back to before Elizabeth I, St. Martin's in Canterbury was the oldest church we visited. Small, simple, and intimate with a country feeling, the church was set in the countryside and surrounded by a graveyard. While visiting, we participated in a Taize service, and then, we were given the freedom to explore the church at will. The few parishioners we met in the church were friendly and welcoming. Leaving the church, we walked through the graveyard filled with headstones placed during the late Middle Ages.

St. Martin's in Canterbury was my favorite church. When I walked inside, I was overcome by peace and tranquility. It made me really examine my faith and reminded me how old the church really is. It was startling to think that 500 hundred years ago, Queen Bertha stood where I was standing. I was fortunate to talk with a parishioner who showed me an old metal box, recently found and put on display. It had been hidden in the



JENNY WALLACE PHOTO
James Dator of St. Andrew's Cathedral, right, and fellow pilgrim Christian Wight, left, look at the tombs in the Salisbury Cathedral on the Journey to Adulthood pilgrimage to England this summer.

church's rafters to prevent it from being confiscated and melted down during the reign of Elizabeth I.

At the other St. Martin's, in Salisbury, the four pilgrims trained to ring at Hawai'i's Cathedral of St. Andrew had the opportunity to ring the church's bells. Although the rest of us had no experience, we were flattered to be invited to try ringing.

A favorite church for our group was Salisbury Cathedral. This church, with its spiraling tower, elaborate stained glass windows, and pillars leading up to the very high ceiling, was extraordinary. One of the most beautiful areas in the church was Trinity Chapel. It had a mysterious blue window with pictures hidden in it. After looking at the window long enough, it was possible to find images of Mary, Jesus, and other bibli-

cal figures.

Canterbury Cathedral, one of the most elaborate churches we visited, is the heart of the Anglican Church. Walking from the front of the cathedral, one slowly ascends to the high altar, which is thought to be the closest place to heaven one can get on earth. The walls are pierced by vibrant, awe inspiring stained glass windows and lined with countless tombs of the cathedral's archbishops. We saw the spot where Thomas a Beckett was murdered, as well as his shrine.

One of the last churches we visited was Coventry Cathedral. It is known as the Center for Reconciliation because of the bombing campaign during the Second World War. The parishioners knew in advance the cathedral was a bomb target and had time to save some of the

stained glass windows. Unfortunately, the people responsible for removing the windows forgot to label what the windows depicted or record what they looked like except for the few, which have been put together through patience and painstaking effort. It was amazing to see how the damaged church was incorporated into the new church. While in Coventry, we had the opportunity to participate in Holy Communion with a local school.

The pilgrimage has helped me understand how long my faith has been practiced and how large the Anglican community really is. I now know how far my church reaches and how the history of the church is tied to the history of England. Through this trip, I had the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with nine other teenagers, some of whom I have known for years at church and some only a few months. I hope the friendships made will last a lifetime. I consider myself fortunate and am thankful to have been able to take part in this pilgrimage. At the end of the trip, I considered my faith and what it has meant to people in past ages. I came to the realization the church, with God's help, will continue to grow in ages to come.

A pilgrimage to a holy place is the culmination of the Christian education program Journey to Adulthood (J2A), providing spiritual formation for young people ages 11-18. It is offered in several congregations throughout the diocese. Jenny Wallace of St. Andrew's Cathedral and Jeff Brooks Harris led this group on their pilgrimage to England this summer.

Go to:
www.leaderresources.org

College staffer reflects on Mokule'ia summer

By Sarah Benson

This summer I was Program Assistant at the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i camp at Mokule'ia. It was an attractive opportunity for me because I am very familiar with the camp through "Vocare" and St. Christopher's Family Camp. I've also had the pleasure of working with diocesan Program Officer, Lucille Caldwell on other projects.

The last week in June, other staff and I met the Camp Director, Loree Penner, a seminarian from the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tenn. and the Camp Chaplain, Gary Lewis from Moloka'i. They both were very enthusiastic and receptive to ideas and suggestions about the program, which was loosely based on C.S. Lewis' book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

The challenge drew us together. Gary daily led us in prayer, helping us to



More than 50 young people enjoyed two weeks of Christian camp experience at Camp Mokule'ia this summer.

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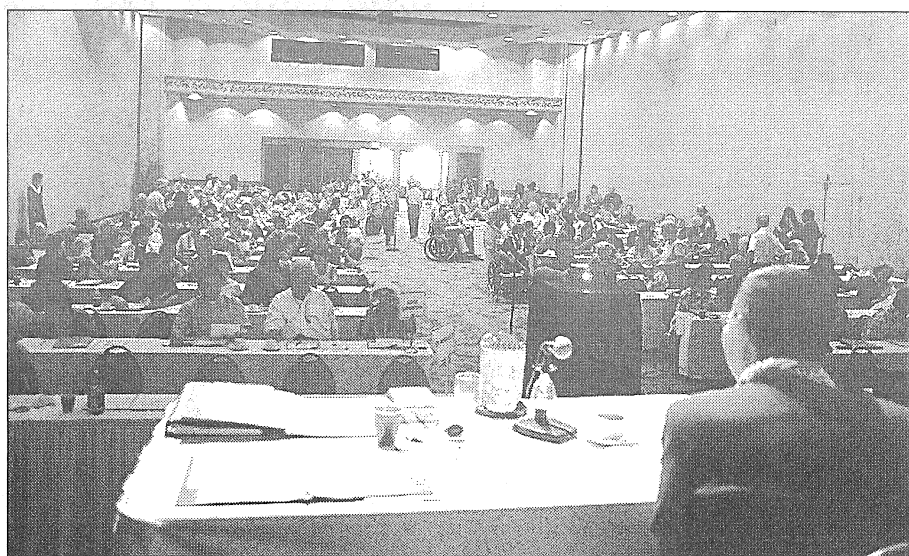
look inside each other and find the desire to create a memorable camping experience. We charged forward, overflowing with ideas and encouragement.

The campers' reaction to our efforts

was gratifying. They responded to the counselors who came alive in a new light around the kids, piquing their enthusiasm with just the right jokes and questions. The resource of sheer stami-

na was amazing as the staff herded the groups about or got them to listen. When it was time to act out the Narnia

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ELIZABETH HOUSE PHOTO

Convention delegates, pictured here from 2002, will hold opening session in Tenney Theater for Hawai'i's annual meeting.

Convention to elect leaders for Hawai'i's Episcopalians

By Sarah T. Moore

CHRONICLE EDITOR

Delegates to the 35th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i will elect clergy and lay leaders for several key roles this year including Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Cathedral Chapter, Ecclesiastical Trial Court, and Secretary of Convention.

Many nominations for most vacancies were not received by press time. However nominations may be made on the floor of convention. Below are the positions to be filled.

Diocesan Council: Exercises power of Convention and performs planning and policy-making between meetings of Convention. At press time, three names were put in nomination for Diocesan Council (see list of convention nominees, this page). This group has the largest turnover requiring new membership due to several resignations and vacancies this year. The Council is composed of six clergy and 15 laity serving three-year terms, plus seven "at large" members (one nominated from each of the seven Regions).

Continuing members of Council include the Revs. Walter Stevens III and Alison Dingley and lay persons Keane Akao, Sylvia Rowland, Rogelio Evangelista, Carol Connell, Frank Embree, Weilyn Ho, and Carol Trewman. Continuing regional representatives include Peter Lee, Maui; Lynn Reynolds, Hawai'i; and Nancy Tourk, East Honolulu.

To be elected: 2 clergy, 5 laity for a three year term; 1 clergy and 1 laity for a two year term; and 1 clergy, 2 laity for a one-year term. One nomination is needed from the following Regions: Three-year term from Central Oahu; three-year term from

Windward Oahu; one-year term from West Oahu; and a two-year term from Kauai. The remaining Regions of East Honolulu, the Big Island and Maui are filled and need no nominations at this time.

Standing Committee: Serves as the bishop's council of advice. Retiring and not able to be re-elected are Hollis Wright (clergy) and Bud Doty (laity). Continuing members are: Cass Bailey, Darrow Aiona and David Kennedy (clergy); Linda Sproat, Cynthia Salley, and Mary Schultz (laity). To be elected: 1 clergy (four-year term), 1 laity (four-year term).

Cathedral Chapter: Serves as vestry for St. Andrew's Cathedral. Each year one clergy and one layperson are elected by Convention to sit on the vestry. The Cathedral congregation elects other members. Going off as convention representatives are Gerald Gifford (clergy) and Marilyn Kunitake (laity). To be elected: 1 clergy (two-year term) and 1 laity (one-year term).

Secretary of Convention: Among several responsibilities are, serving as recorder of Convention and chair of Convention Planning. Term is through 2004 Convention. Current Secretary is Sandy Souza, whose term expires after this convention. To be elected: 1 clergy or 1 laity (one-year term).

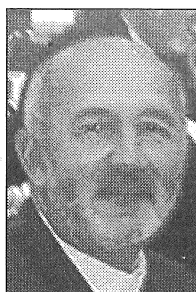
Ecclesiastical Trial Court: Presides over the trial of any priest or deacon under diocesan jurisdiction after a presentment of clergy has been made under canons. Composed of three clergy and two laity. Outgoing clergy is Ernest Uno. Continuing members are Gerald Gifford and Rob DeWolfe (clergy); Nathan Crockett, Jr. and Susan R. Lee (laity). To be elected: 1 clergy (five-year term).

CONVENTION NOMINEES

Nominations for the 35th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i

Standing Committee

Elect: 1 clergy (4 years); 1 laity (4 years)



Morley Frech

the Standing Committee.

Clergy

Morley E. Frech, Jr.
Rector, Trinity by-the-Sea, Kihei, Maui

Through my experience of 30 years in parish ministry, 24 in Hawai'i, along with service at the diocesan and national church levels, I believe I can make a contribution to



Elizabeth Zivanov

Elizabeth A. Zivanov
Rector, St. Clement's

Standing Committee is defined as council of advice to the bishop. I'd like to use my past diocesan-level experience and the knowledge I'm developing on the Strategic Planning Task Force to work

with the bishop as he leads the diocese toward a new and exciting future.



John Decker

Lay

John A. Decker

Church of the Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui

I would like to offer to the diocese the professional skills I have honed as a management consultant focused on nonprofit organization

as well as my experience in the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, to help it prosper in these challenging times.



Shauna Jones

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St. Nicholas, Kapolei, O'ahu

I was raised in southern California Episcopal church tradition. Through seventh grade I attended at a small Episcopal school in Sierra Madre taught by Episcopal nuns and

priests. I made my commitment to Christ as my Lord when I was a college student in the early 1970s. Over the years I have been involved with Cursillo, served twice on the Bishop's Committee, attended diocesan workshops, headed stewardship committee, taught Sunday school, served as treasurer, co-led Vacation Bible School and served on the fellowship and evangelism committees. Currently I lead the prayer meetings and am president of St. Nicholas' Daughters of the King chapter. My commitment is serving the Lord to my best abilities.

Ecclesiastical Trial Court

No nominations at press time.
Elect: 1 clergy (5 years)

Secretary of Convention

No nominations at press time.
Elect: 1 clergy or laity (1 year)

Diocesan Council

Elect: 2 clergy, 5 laity (3 years); 1 clergy, 1 laity (2 years); 1 clergy, 2 laity (1 year)



Hollis Wright

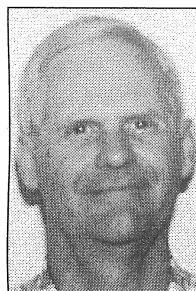
Clergy

Hollis Wright

St. Nicholas, Kapolei, O'ahu

My interest is in spreading the Gospel and reaching new people, while treasuring our Episcopal heritage. I am now the church planter at St. Nicholas

in Kapolei, O'ahu, and was previously the rector at St. James on the Big Island and associate rector at Holy Nativity on O'ahu. Chris and I originally attended St. Christopher's in Kailua. At that time I worked for Bank of Hawai'i and Chris was with Channel 2 News. We joined the church, began raising our children as Christians, and experienced first-hand the love of God. It was a transforming experience for all of us; my prayer is that the joy we found in the church might also be found by others.



William Lucas

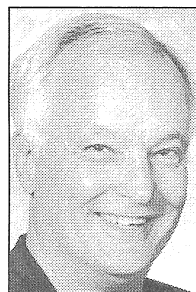
Lay

William B. Lucas

Christ Church, Kealahou, Hawai'i

I have been active in the Episcopal Church since 1996. I am a person of faith and believe I have a call to serve the church. I offer my experience gained from parish

work, the Diocesan Council and the Board of Camp Mokule'ia. I bring faith, stability, encouragement and understanding during this period of dramatic change.



Willis Moore

Willis H.A. Moore

St. Paul's, Honolulu
At this crucial time, our bishop and diocese need informed, capable, and willing people to serve full terms on Diocesan Council. After nine months on Council, and learning about Program, Mission, and Budget of the diocese,

please allow me a three-year term to continue service.

Cathedral Chapter

Elect: 1 clergy (2 years) and 1 laity (1 year)



David Kennedy

Clergy

David K. Kennedy

St. Andrew's Cathedral

As a retiree who is an assisting priest at St. Andrew's Cathedral, I attend all chapter meetings, but in no official capacity. Election to the chapter by the Diocesan Convention will give

me vote as well as voice.

Kathleen Norris convention chaplain

Noted author weaves, entwines spiritual thread

Award-winning writer, poet, and author of *New York Times* best-sellers *The Cloister Walk*, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*, *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*, and *The Virgin of Bennington* is the chaplain and meditation leader for the 35th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i.

Kathleen Norris divides her time between Honolulu and South Dakota, places of her childhood. While resident in Hawai'i, she attends St. Clement's Church where she is a member of the vestry.

Born in Washington, D.C., Norris grew up "all over" but spent most of her childhood summers in

Lemmon, S.D. After high school in Honolulu and college at Bennington in Vermont, she worked in New York City as arts administrator at the Academy of American Poets.

In 1971, while still in her early twenties, her first book of poetry, *Falling Off*, was published. Soon afterward, she returned to her grandparents' house in Lemmon, where she has lived for over 20 years.

This move was the inspiration for her award-winning best seller, *Dakota: A Spiritual Biography*. Not only was it a *New York Times* "notable book of the year" but also *Library Journal* selected it as one of the best books of the year.

Her other recent books include *Journey: New and Selected Poems*, and *The Holy Twins*, a children's book on Benedict and Scholastica done

in collaboration with noted author/illustrator Tomie de Paola.

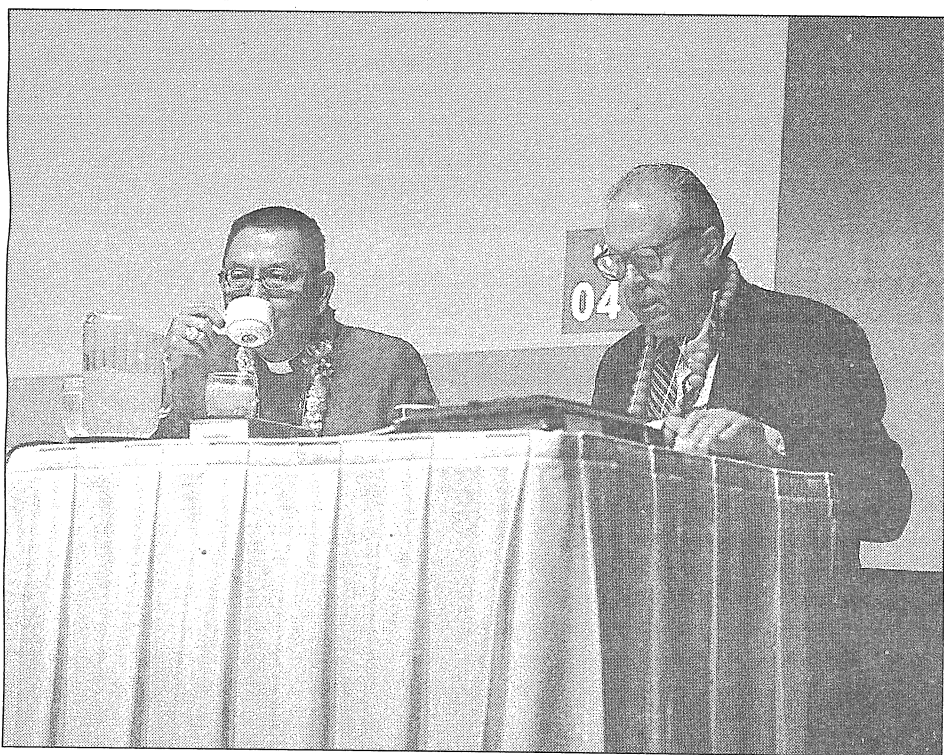
Norris is a recipient of grants from the Guggenheim and Bush Foundations. Her personal narratives, essays, and poetry have been published in a wide range of anthologies, magazines and journals, including *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times Magazine*. She has published five books of poetry, including *Little Girls in Church*, *How I Came to Drink My Grandmother's Pi-ano*, and *The Year of Common Things*. She has written several popular essays on monasticism that were published in the *Gettysburg Review*, *The Hungry Mind Review*, *The Massachusetts Review* and the *North Dakota Quarterly*.

She is married to the poet David Dwyer. They live in Lemmon and Honolulu.



Kathleen Norris

SARAH T. MOORE PHOTO



Chancellor Jack Lockwood, right, and Bishop Richard S.O. Chang, left, at the 2002 Diocesan Convention. Both will be on the podium for the 2003 gathering.

ELIZABETH HOUSE PHOTO

ECW opens 102nd meeting Friday; Eucharist, UTO Ingathering, 1 p.m.

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the floor of convention. (See list of convention nominees, page D).

Registration begins at noon Friday at St. Andrew's Cathedral at the grassy area fronting the Office of the Bishop. A convention Eucharist with a UTO (United Thank Offering) ingathering will be held at the cathedral, at 1 p.m., with Kathleen Norris, chaplain for convention, preaching. Norris, author of many spirit-filled books, is a member of the Parish of St. Clement and will speak on "Spirituality for Mission." (See related article, above).

The annual meeting will con-

vene in the cathedral's Tenney Theater at 2:30 p.m., followed by a reception on the cathedral grounds at 5:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the Strategic Planning Committee of the Diocese of Hawai'i will give a presentation in Tenney Theater followed by small group discussions. Convention will recess at 8:30 p.m. to reconvene Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2424 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu.

Saturday, registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Hyatt, and the annual meeting reconvenes at 8 a.m. Exhibits open that morning. The convention banquet will be held at noon with the Episcopal Ministry on Aging (EMOA)

awards to be given. The reading of the necrology and an invocation precede lunch. The meeting will reconvene at 1:30 p.m. and adjournment is scheduled at 4 p.m.

The ECW 102nd annual meeting will begin Friday with registration at 8 a.m. in the Von Holt Room of the Cathedral of St. Andrew. The business session will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. in Tenney Theater, and lunch will be served, immediately after, in Davies Hall. RSVP for the luncheon must be postmarked by October 15.

For further information, email ECW President Joyce Kim at joycekim@hawaii.rr.com.

Convention Schedule

Schedule for the 35th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i

Friday, Oct. 24, St. Andrew's Cathedral

12 Noon	Prayer Vigil, Parke Chapel
12 Noon	Registration, Cathedral green
1 p.m.	Convention Eucharist, UTO Ingathering
2:20 p.m.	Regional caucuses, nominations for Diocesan Council
2:30 p.m.	Call to order, Bishop Richard S.O. Chang, Tenney Theater
5:30-7 p.m.	Reception on Cathedral grounds
7-8:30 p.m.	Strategic Planning Committee Presentation, small groups

Saturday, Oct. 25, Hyatt Regency, Waikiki

7:30 a.m.	Registration, late arrivals
8 a.m.	Meeting reconvenes
9:50 a.m.	Coffee, refreshment break
10:05 a.m.	Election reports, resolutions
11:45 a.m.	Noon devotion, necrology, lunch invocation
12 Noon	Lunch, Episcopal Ministry on Aging awards
1:30 p.m.	Reconvene
4 p.m.	Adjourn

Triennial showcases church-wide ministry

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General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

From July 29-Aug. 7, Hawai'i's ECW Delegates Joyce Kim, Marilyn Kunitake, Karen Huston and I ventured on a spiritual journey that has enriched our lives. We spent time with 417 delegates from as far away as Puerto Rico and Haiti. There were 100 dioceses and 9 provinces represented. Sixteen dioceses came from Province VIII, of which Hawai'i is a member.

Each day began with Eucharist followed by a business plenary session. During each Eucharist, I worked at the children's worship table. This was the first time in the history of Episcopal conventions that children have been included. I was honored to be a part of the history-making.

I felt so at home working with these children, not to mention, winning their hearts with my little gift of a kukui nut pendant for each child I worked with. I came prepared each morning with macadamia nut cookies, Maui dollars and caramel-coated macadamia nuts to reward them for their sharing. Needless to say, my table was always filled.

Speakers, programs

We welcomed an opportunity to get to know Phoebe Griswold, wife of Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold. At the welcoming dinner, she was interviewed by Melynn Glusman, a member of the Southern Episcopal Women's History Project steering committee. Phoebe Griswold has led a life devoted to being an active lay member of the Episcopal Church, focusing on education and nurturing of children, the significance of women's spirituality, the importance of the arts in life and faith, and the problems of global peace, hunger, development and relief.

Presiding Bishop Griswold also spoke to us about the reconciliation of all humankind with Christ. "We must reconcile in the level of a same heart and not necessarily of the same mind. The context in which we live our life is so incredibly different. So many languages and cultures can still root in the same fundamentals."

"We are a generous nation yet an arrogant nation," he continued. "How easy it is for us to misunderstand one another. Yet, none of us can say, I don't need you. Like it or not, we are all there for each others salvation, conformed to the image of Christ."

Speaking at noon, the Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, the first woman bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion, now retired suffragan bishop of Massachusetts, focused attention on the issue of women's rights in the church, fighting injustice and inequality. Bishop Harris participated in the civil rights struggle through freedom rides, voter registration and marches with Dr. Martin Luther King in Selma, Ala.



Receive, repent, reconcile, restore — reflecting the General Convention theme — were emblazoned in Spanish (here) and English on banners hanging high in the worship space of General Convention and in the Exhibition Hall of the Minneapolis Convention Center.

I attended the UTO (United Thank Offering) grants hearing — a time for UTO coordinators to ask questions and express concerns regarding grants submitted from their dioceses. I am happy to report that the UTO Board approved a grant in the amount of \$37,104.84 to Camp Mokule'ia.

After a morning of prayer, we were given reflection opportunities on the theme of Reconciliation. Stations for the sacramental rite of reconciliation, and for healing and the laying on of hands were around the perimeter of the worship space. Many proceeded to other reflection options: Some chose to visit the Meditation Chapel or walk the outdoor Labyrinth. I attended Dr. Boyer's "Songs of Healing" workshop with the older children. The auditorium was jam packed with singing angels. It was a

wonderful melodious experience.

At the United Thank Offering sharing dinner, the after-dinner program featured young men and women of the Young Adult Service Corp (YASC). A few of them shared their experiences serving in Honduras, Africa and Israel. They are truly remarkable young adults serving God in very poor countries. We were taken by each of their incredible strengths, will and determination to fulfill their missions at such a very young age.

Saturday, Aug. 2, brought another day of business and voting for new board members. New ECW board members elected were Betty Jo Dulaney, Diocese of Mississippi, President; Karyl Otten, Diocese of Utah, VP of Program; Shirley White, Diocese of Nebraska, VP for Information; Donna

Keller, Diocese of Los Angeles, Secretary; Mary Ann Lawing, Diocese of Kansas, Member at Large, Social Justice; and Marcia Hynes, Member at Large, Multi Media.

Following the business session, a presentation, "Why UTO?" was put on by the UTO Committee. It was informative and helped all of us gain a better understanding of the grant application process and how the funds are being used. UTO clearly gives us a time to offer our daily prayers of thanksgiving through coins in the blue box. All monies collected are used to award grant applicants; nothing is used for administrative and travel costs.

Jim Koppel from the Minnesota Children's Defense Fund, a statewide, non-profit advocacy organization headquartered in St. Paul, spoke at noon. Under his leadership the organization has expanded eligibility for children in medical assistance, lowered the cost of Minnesota Care for children, enrolled more families and made the application available in many languages.

Finally, a time we all anticipated had finally arrived: "Honored Women." More than 55 nominees were submitted and many were present to receive their certificates.

Our own Hatsune Sekimura, was among the recipients and was present to receive the honor. Her husband, Tom, accompanied her on this trip and is as very proud of her, as we are. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated woman who participates actively in all aspects of her church and with ECW. Congratulations Hatsune! An honor very well deserved (see related article on page H).

After all the Honored Women were recognized, we needed to give ourselves an energy break so I was called to the stage and gave the women a lesson on hula-robics. Yes, yours truly, Ms. Aloha got up on stage and taught well over 350 women the kaholo, hela, 'ami, uwehe, and the 'ami ku ku. Did we ever have so much fun! It was the talk of the town for a few days. Aerobics has a new meaning now for all. They were all doing the hula and getting a little exercise at the same time.

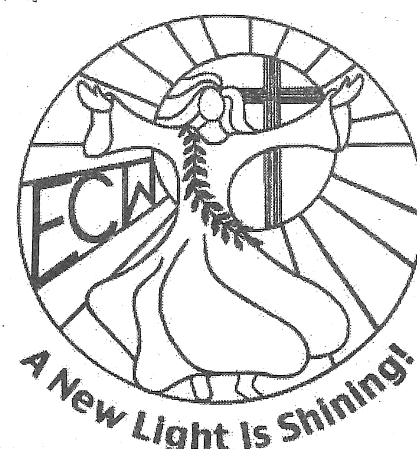
UTO Ingathering

Sunday, Aug. 3 was the one day I heard so much talk about the General Convention. We worshiped at the Convention Eucharist, with the theme "Engage God's Mission" and included the UTO Ingathering.

Four large banners streamed across the top of a very high platform that served as the altar. They read, "receive, repent, reconcile and restore." These were the four words that embraced the Convention theme.

It was amazing how the room was transformed into church by use of special visual effects, bell ringers and many

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Above: Ms. Aloha, Louise Aloy, left, taught 350 women Hawaiian dances such as the ka-holo, hela, 'ami, uwehe, and 'ami ku ku in an energy break. Fellow delegates modeled ECW tee shirts, noting ECW's founding in Hawai'i in 1902. Left: An unidentified National Altar Guild member from the Dominican Republic, left, joined in a photo from the Hawaii delegation at the ECW Triennial. Pictured from Hawai'i are, left to right, front row: Joyce Kim, Hatsune Sekimura, Louise Aloy; back: Karen Huston, Marilyn Kunitake.

ECW PHOTOS

Women glean insight through 85 workshops

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singing voices. More than 100 UTO coordinators and board members marched through the halls of the convention center following over 100 Bishops into the church service. It was quite a long procession. It gave me Holy Ghost bumps being among all those bishops and clergy.

Each of us made our way across the stage as our diocese was called. We placed our UTO pledge cards and prayers on a silver plate held by Bishop Griswold. A total of \$2,761,084.15 was collected and every single penny is granted.

I have since received confirmation that, in addition to the \$37,104.84 granted to Camp Mokule'ia, another

\$10,000 was awarded from that Sunday's Eucharist offerings. What a blessing for the Diocese of Hawai'i to receive a total of \$47,104.84. (see related article on page H)

On Monday, Aug. 4, we enjoyed workshops and a spiritual learning from featured speaker, the Rev. Mary Earle from the Diocese of West Texas. Mary's particular interest is in "ministry with and for women of all ages, seeking to foster growth in Christ, for the building up of the Body, for ministry in the world."

There were 85 workshops to choose from, ranging from Baptismal Parity to Prayer and Spirituality. That evening, we got all dressed up for the social evening - "And All That Jazz" with the Jim Cullum Jazz Band at the Hilton Minneapolis. We had an enjoyable

evening watching people dance and just talking story.

The following day, the Rt. Rev. Jon Bruno, bishop of Los Angeles, shared "Hands in Healing," a program of reconciliation that young people from his diocese took across the country. Bishop Bruno is a strong advocate for youth and families, for gang diversion, for immigrant equality and for human rights. He has called clergy and laypersons to be people of mission for the Christian faith. He encourages all to "plan and prepare for God's service, work for abundance and care for the community as we would care for Jesus."

On Wednesday, Aug. 6, Joyce Kim attended networking/open space with all ECW Presidents and Presidents-elect, Karen Huston with all Vice-Presidents, Marilyn Kunitake with all Treasurers,

and I with all UTO coordinators. It was a time well spent sharing ideas, goals and objectives of each diocese. We were there to encourage one another and to lend a supporting hand to any newcomers.

Thursday, Aug. 7, was our day to check-out. It was hard to believe our time there had come to an end and that we would soon be on a plane heading home to Hawai'i. While packing, all I could think about was eating rice. I really missed eating white mushy rice.

I wish to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you in Minnesota and for trusting me to be your voice. My photos and other printed materials will be on display at the Annual ECW Meeting on October 24. Until then "A New Light is Shining" on the islands of Maui and Oahu.

Mokule'ia attacks termites with UTO grant

By Sarah T. Moore

CHRONICLE EDITOR

Camp Mokule'ia has received a grant from the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church Women to renew the physical facilities of the camp.

"Camp Mokule'ia will receive an additional \$10,000 which came from Sunday Holy Eucharist offertory at the General Convention for a total of \$47,104.84," reported Louise Aloy, Hawai'i's UTO representative. The first \$37,104.84 was granted based on the application made to the women's organization within the church which funds projects throughout the world.

"What wonderful news," Aloy said. "I heard some talk while at convention that they were considering giving an additional amount to Hawai'i."

The grant request, sent in by William Lucas, president of the Camp board of directors, had sought \$70,000 for facilities repair and restoration. The \$47,000 amount was one of the larger ones given to one diocese, Aloy thought.

Refurbishment on the buildings will



ECW PHOTO

Hawai'i's United Thank Offering representative, Louise Aloy, readied to walk across the altar platform with representatives from other dioceses in the General Convention Eucharist to give the diocese's UTO offering to Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold. About 5,000 people attended the service in Minneapolis Aug. 3.

begin immediately. At the last board meeting, the Building and Grounds Committee reviewed the maintenance backlog for prioritization.

First priority is termite treatment in the lodge and dining hall, then roof repairs on those buildings which have leaks and are badly deteriorated, and

painting of the lodge and dining hall, both exterior and interior, as monies allow.

The board also reported plans are moving ahead for a shelter for the outdoor shower, to be built using donated labor and materials. They also discussed replacement of the plywood and framing of the cabin bunk beds.

The board is continuing to seek other grant funding sources to continue to upgrade the facilities, which have experienced a decade of deferred maintenance.

Renewed facilities at Mokule'ia will support the emphasis to reach toward new ministry in the diocese as expressed in the Bishop's charge to the diocese at the 2002 Convention, Lucas wrote in the application. Many members of the church have noted a desire for education and spiritual renewal to prepare for growth and new commitment as the church moves forward the next decade in Hawai'i. For many, Mokule'ia Camp and Conference Center is one place such renewal and formation events begin.

Hatsune Sekimura honored for life service

O'ahu woman recognized at Triennial

"For modeling Christian life and walking in the ways of God in church and community," Hawai'i's Hatsune Sekimura of Honolulu was recognized as an "Honored Woman" at the 44th Annual Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women on Aug. 2 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Sekimura is a member of Good Samaritan Church in Honolulu where she has served as senior warden and a long time lay leader. She has been a member of the Diocesan Council and an active member of Hawai'i's Episcopal Church Women.

"Her love has been her work with all multicultural ministry here and in Province VIII," said her rector, the Rev. Robert DeWolfe. "She is a wonderful person in many ways who loves Jesus, the Episcopal Church, Good Samaritan Church, and this diocese. She has a master's degree in social work – and is very thoughtful and quiet, small in stature, but always perseveres in her quietness. She has spoken her peace when needed to and brings all that back to Good Sam and helps



LOUISE ALOY PHOTO

Hatsune Sekimura holds a certificate celebrating her being named an "Honored Woman" by the National Episcopal Church Women for her dedicated service to the church.

us to realize we're not just this little bubble in the Pacific but we're connected to the wider church.

"She's really amazing," DeWolfe added. "I guess that's my word for her: amazing."

Born in Hilo, Sekimura was baptized, confirmed, and married at Church of the Holy Apos-

tles, Hilo. She and her husband Tom celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They have two children and two grandchildren.

As a child of Japanese immigrants, Sekimura grew up on a sugar plantation where she learned to live with diverse families, including Chinese, Korean, and Filipino. Loving and sharing were a very important part of life and probably influenced her to engage in multicultural ministry leadership as an adult in the church.

She is a graduate of Hilo High School where she was salutatorian and recognized as the Best Female Graduate to Succeed. She received a bachelor of business administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a master's degree in sociology from the University of Hawai'i.

Active with Episcopal Asian-American Ministry since 1973, she served as a representative to the national ECW board and was elected to the national church's Executive Council in 1994.

Her life has been filled with church work at the parish, diocese, national and international levels. She acknowledges that God has filled her life with abundant opportunities to love and serve Him with heart and soul.

Mokule'ia moments now new memories

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stories my character was Mr. Tumnes, and I wore a paper-bag mask that convinced the campers. They called me only by my character name after that and begged for repeat performances.

As camp progressed I appreciated the opportunity I had been given to use new skills, meet other skilled camp staff and, most importantly, realize how camp is a unique experience for children. I found myself reliving my own camp days as a child. I had forgotten the many advantages to camp, found nowhere else, such as stink bombs in the shower at midnight, surprise water-balloon bombardments, and parties where everyone wears Burger King crowns and drapes themselves in crepe paper.

There were some tiffs and minor injuries, but the campers made the most of each other's company, telling jokes and reaching out. They fell asleep and woke up together, making interesting these usually ordinary moments.

Though I had had some hesitations about the job, I was convinced again: it is never a mistake to go to Mokule'ia. Summer camp 2003 was magical for me as well as for the children. Mokule'ia was a new world that included new friends, new adult leaders and new creatures from Narnia. It is certain that they spent quality time with God as well, for their participation in religious activities was wholehearted; they had plenty to say during group prayer. The closeness to God I always feel at Mokule'ia gave me optimism in heading into this experience. The other staff and I listened to Him; we were able to give a lot to the children.

Sarah Benson is a member of St. Christopher's, Kailua and a junior at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania.

Peace corner in Cathedral dedicated with art

The Very Rev. Ann McElligott, dean of the Cathedral of St. Andrew stands with artist Rosalinda Kolb, whose painting "Crown of Thorns" hangs in the diamondhead side of the cathedral. It is a focal point of a prayer corner dedicated to peace, and was dedicated as such on Sunday, Sept. 7. This balances with the eva side of the cathedral, which is dedicated to Queen Emma and King Kamehameha. Universal peace speaker Rizek Abusharr preached on issues of peace Sept. 13 at the Hawaiian morning service and later at a community gathering in Tenney Theater.

TOM McELLIGOTT PHOTO



A Prayer for the Holy Land

*Spirit of the living God,
Come afresh on your Holy Land.
Help your people restore broken relationships..*

Give them the patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust; ability to discern personal prejudice and the courage to overcome fear.

Encourage them to respect each other's integrity and rights so that your kingdom may be established on earth for Jesus' sake. Amen.

— From the Rt. Rev. Riah Abuu El-Assal,
Bishop of the Episcopal Church
in Jerusalem and the Middle East

Holy Land division shocks local cleric

By the Rev. Carol Arney

I have just returned from a two-week visit to Jerusalem where I attended a course at St. George's College, Jerusalem, part of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Though I know that two weeks in a country does not make me an expert, I prepared for my trip by studying the political situation of the country. Also, while I was there, I had an opportunity to meet and visit with every day Palestinians in a way that diplomats and elected officials rarely do.

The College I attended is in East Jerusalem — the Palestinian part of the city. The staff and their families are all Palestinian, as was our guide/driver for the two week course. I was invited to Palestinian homes and churches attended by Palestinian Christians.

I was appalled by what I learned.

The Palestinian people have lived under Israeli occupation for 36 years, in defiance of U.N. Resolution 242. This occupation has been conducted in the harshest way, violating human rights universally accepted by the United Nations. Palestinians are kept in communities isolated from one another, often denied permits for work and travel needed to find employment and visit family.

Like apartheid in South Africa, their towns have roads with electric fences and deep trenches around them, so they cannot leave except by specified check points manned by armed soldiers. Their homes are arbitrarily destroyed so Israel can build roads and Jewish settle-



The city of Nazareth

DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM PHOTO

ments inside the occupied territories. They are treated to humiliation every day. The policy of the Israeli government is based on a form of ethnic cleansing they call "transfer" which attempts to drive the Palestinians from their homeland so that Israel can take over the land.

The plight of Palestinian Christians is particularly sad. Though these people can trace their Christianity back to Pentecost and the times of the Apostles, they are a minority in their own land. We know only about the Muslims and the Jews, and these people, though Palestinian, are neither. Especially in towns like Bethlehem and Nazareth, where they were once a majority, they are being driven from their homes.

The government of Israel excuses their policies as necessary for "security,"

but the there is no balance of power, and the Israeli militarism so far outweighs the Palestinians that the people live without hope of a decent life. It is important to know that the government policy is not universally supported in Israel.

The American media has not presented a balanced picture of the Palestinian situation. We only know about Arafat and the suicide bombers. On September 11th, images of celebrating Palestinians are repeated on the TV screens and burned into our minds. We don't see the man out of camera range who was handing out candy to the kids who are jumping around. We never saw the footage of the candlelight vigil of Palestinians in East Jerusalem who held a candlelight procession from the Damascus Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem

to the U.S. Consulate several blocks away.

When I left Palestine, I made a promise to myself and to my new friends that I would not forget them. I am planning to keep their cause in the forefront of my thoughts in several ways.

First, I will tell people what I know, and increase the awareness of the situation by talking to public groups and by writing articles.

Second, I will write letters to my congressmen and any other people of influence that I can identify.

Third, I will try to enlist others so there are more voices calling for change. I will provide website links to help inform others, and recommend a reading list with more information.

Fourth, I will offer financial support, by buying items from organizations that support Palestinians, especially those in refugee camps, and also by direct contributions.

I am aware that there are very many good causes in this world, a symptom of our fallen and broken humanity. For me, this cause calls to me because these are the people of the Holy Land.

If we promise at our baptism to strive for peace and justice for every human being, where better to begin than with the forgotten people of the land where Jesus once walked, healed and reached out to the poor and forgotten.

The Rev. Carol Arney is rector of Christ Church, Kealahakua on the Big Island.

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Middle East peacemaker speaks in Hawai'i

By Sarah T. Moore

CHRONICLE EDITOR

The week of September 11 brought a timely message of peace in a troubled world to Hawai'i's shores in the faces of Rizek and Alice Abusharr. A Palestinian Christian and Episcopalian, Rizek Abusharr brought insights into the Middle East, the Israel-Palestine situation, and the many significant endeavors by Israelis and Palestinians, Jews, Muslims and Christians, to create bridges of forgiveness and acceptance.

Through stories of work in guiding youth leadership in the YMCA in Jerusalem, Abusharr brought messages of hope amongst turmoil in that region of the world.

He closed his activities-packed seven-day visit with a presentation "A Universal Gathering for Peace," at the Tenney Theater of the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

The gathering included an original new Hawaiian chant created for the evening, discussion time, a calabash offering for youth projects for the YMCA, and a closing dance about "The Oneness of Religion" by a group of young people from the Baha'i Faith.

Abusharr is the retired director of the Jerusalem International YMCA, an agency working at neutrality, peace and understanding among historic faiths and cultures.

His opening public event was at Iolani School where he spoke at St. Alban's Chapel and then with combined world and geography classes.

"Youth are going to be the leaders in the near future," said Abusharr, reflecting his years of ministering with young people.

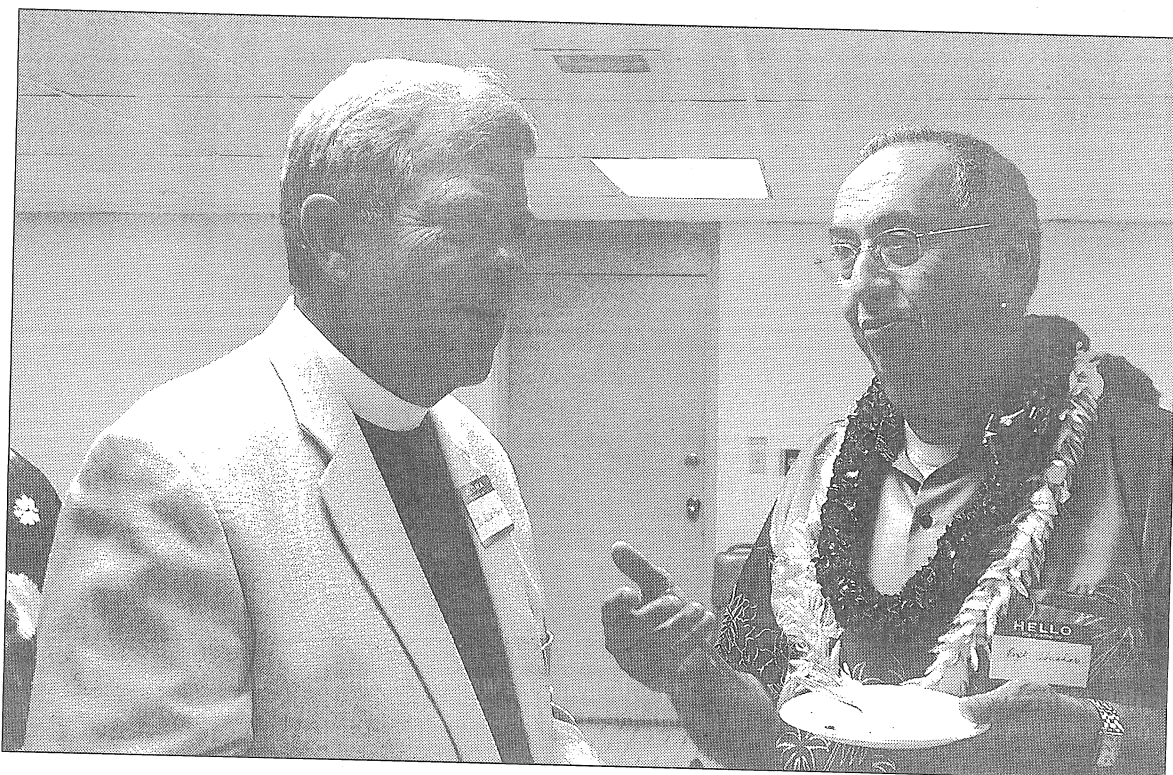
On Sept. 10, he spoke at Evensong at St. Clement's Church followed by a dinner, conversation and questions.

Approximately 80 people attended, bringing in many from the community. The Rev. Liz Zivanov credited the leadership of Beverly Amjadi, Nancy Tourk, and others who organized the evening.

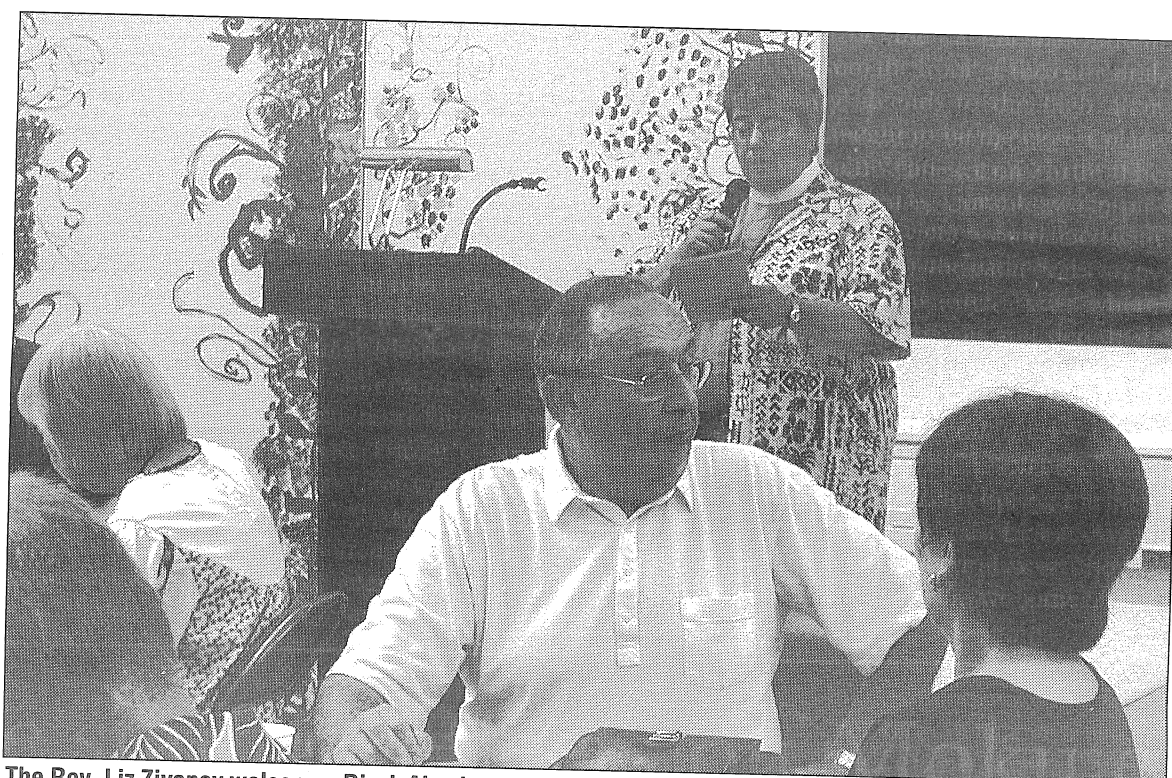
Other visits included Puna-hou School, Waikiki Rotary, meetings with the editorial boards of *The Honolulu Advertiser* and *Honolulu Star Bulletin*, Hawaii Public Radio, Unity Church, Church of the Crossroads, the University of Hawai'i, services at Temple Emanu-El and worship at the Sunday morning Eucharist in Hawaiian at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The Honolulu Advertiser quoted Abusharr telling Iolani students, "In that region of the Middle East, we should not take full sides. We should be pro-justice, pro-peace for the regions. Why? Because we in the Mideast can cause an explosion you could hear even in Hawai'i."

The presence in Hawai'i was sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, St. Clement's Church, Friends of Sabeel, the YMCA and Church of the Crossroads. Members of the Episcopal Peace Institute who organized events for the diocese include Nancy Tourk, Leslie Isaki, George Lee and Beverly Amjadi.



Rizek Abusharr, right, talks with the Rev. Dr. David Moore, chaplain at Iolani School, at welcoming reception on Waikiki. SARAH T. MOORE PHOTOS



The Rev. Liz Zivanov welcomes Rizek Abusharr, center, during a meal at St. Clement's. He spoke at Evensong and answered questions after dinner in the parish hall.

MEDITATION KATHLEEN NORRIS

Being part of an Episcopal church community

Our rector has asked the vestry to consider what it means to be a part of this faith community. The canons define a "member in good standing" as one who receives the Eucharist several times a year and makes a financial pledge. But we all know that belonging to a church means much more.

Being a member of a church is not like being in a club or a labor union where like-minded individuals pursue a common interest. The people of St. Clement's have remarkably diverse interests, and run the political spectrum from liberal to conservative. Members

of a Christian community are united not by their politics or ideas, but by a common baptism and the sharing of the Eucharist. It is Christ who makes us one. It is Christ who works through us, despite our limitations, and makes of us a united body.

But, as Paul's letters to the first Christian churches illustrate all too well, the task of honoring our unity in Christ is a difficult one. Like the early Christians, we constantly test the bonds of community. When it comes to respecting and preserving Christian unity, we are often our own worst enemies.

Our culture promotes loud argument over reasoned discourse, and divisive, us-against-them thinking. However, as the 14 young confirmands and the nine members of the adult reaffirmation-of-faith classes at St. Clement's are being reminded, there is another way: the way of Christ. They have been asked to promise that their words and actions reflect their Christian faith by coming to class with an open mind and listening to each person with respect, even people with whom they may disagree.

It is the hope of the vestry that everyone at St. Clement's will make a con-

scious effort to support our confirmands by acting and speaking in a way that builds up faith and promotes Christian unity. It will not be easy, but it is not impossible if we will commit ourselves, and pray, along with our confirmands, "I will, with God's help."

Kathleen Norris is a vestry member at St. Clement's Church in Honolulu. An award-winning writer, poet, and author, Norris will be the chaplain at the Diocese of Hawai'i Annual Meeting of Convention, Oct. 24-25. This is the first of three articles in a series of church membership published in a recent St. Clement's newsletter, *The Kalendar*.

Holy Apostles, Hilo celebrates Centennial

By Carol Van Camp

Nearly 200 people gathered at the Hilo YMCA on Sept. 6 to help members and friends of the Church of the Holy Apostles celebrate 100 years of serving the Hilo community.

The Centennial celebration featured Hawaiian music by Grant Ka'au'a and Friend, and a fabulous Hawaiian lu'au prepared by church member Leilani Kaluhiwa and her family.

Bishop Richard Chang and his wife, Dee, were on hand to congratulate the congregation on this historic occasion. Former vicar, the Rev. Gerald Loweth, and his family traveled from Canada to participate in the weeklong festivities that included the lu'au. Former rector, the Rev. Ed Bonsey, Jr., also participated.

"100 Years & Counting!" was the theme for the lu'au. A short church history booklet outlining historical highlights was created thanks to church member, Chris Lothian. She also helped produce pictorial placemats used at the celebration.

Founded in 1903 through the efforts of the former Waiakea Sugar Company manager, the church grew to its present



Members and friends of Holy Apostles stand and join hands in celebration of the church's centennial.

CAROL VAN CAMP PHOTO

site at 1407 Kapiolani, across from the University of Hawai'i-Hilo, in 1962. The Rev. Gerald Loweth preached at the first service in the new building on Dec. 20, 1962.

During the early years, the Church of the Holy Apostles was very small. Soon after World War I, the Rev. J. Lamb Doty attempted to develop the congregation to a size that would be self-supporting, but his dream was not realized until 1972.

Holy Apostles has always been a mul-

ti-ethnic congregation. Services were conducted in English, Japanese and Korean as early as 1910. Today, the church continues to enjoy a close relationship with Resurrection Mission, a Filipino congregation, which holds services at Holy Apostles on Sunday evenings.

At the original site, St. James Hall housed a day school for more than 20 years. At present, the parish hall has been used by various organizations to house pre-school operations under January 2003.

Church of the Holy Apostles continues its outreach into the community by supporting many non-profit organizations through volunteers and numerous monetary contributions. Clergy and laity were instrumental in the development of Hospice of Hilo and the Peanut Butter Ministry. Many continue to be active in both ministries as well as the Feed the Hungry program.

An active youth group has been developed that is attracting a growing number of youth of all ages from the Hilo community. A recent focus has been on gatherings for the elderly in the community. Attendance at these events is expected to increase as awareness grows.

A large Centennial Committee, headed by Diane Cockett, has been overseeing a full year of special events that included a wedding vow renewal service in February, baptismal renewal service in April, a Kids' Fair in July, and a special "birthday" service on Sept. 3.

Bishop Chang conducted a Centennial celebration church service on Sept. 7 that included confirmation. The final Centennial event will be a Hawaiian service in recognition of Queen Emma's birthday, to be held on Nov. 2.

St. Paul's honors five at 44th anniversary celebration

By Amado I. Yoro

On its third annual Awarding Ceremonies this year, St. Paul's Episcopal and Philippine Independent Church, Honolulu, honored five members for their outstanding contribution to the congregations. Meeting at the Ala Moana Hotel Hibiscus in Honolulu on Aug. 10, the congregation celebrated with the theme, "Grow With Him Forever," as they aim to continue continuity of fundraising towards a building fund.

Honored for their faithfulness were:

Fe Agullana is a native of Sanchez Mira, Cagayan. In 1961 Agullana immigrated to Hawai'i with her mother and sister to join her father. A graduate of Cannon's Business College, she worked at St. Francis Hospital in Liliha as a medical transcriptionist and at five other major hospitals in Honolulu. After 27 years at St. Francis, she resigned to establish an independent, home-based medical transcriptionist service. FSA Transcriptionist has been in business for six years.

To give back to her homeland, Agullana joined the Aloha Medical Mission in February 2000 as a volunteer and went on a 10-day mission trip to the Philippines. Upon her return home, she began volunteering for the Department of Education. After several months she was offered a position as an educational assistant working with children with special needs.

Agullana began attending St. Paul's Church in 1963 and was involved in the church's fundraising. She continues to be actively involved in the church as an officer of the Bishop's Committee, Women of St. Paul's, Episcopal Church Women fundraising co-chair, and lay reader. She and her husband Eddie I. Agullana have two children and two grandchildren.

Norma Alejandro is from Laoag City, Philippines. She graduated from the Divine Word College of Laoag, Laoag City with a degree in commerce, majoring in finance. Her first job was at the Pacific Lumber and Hardware store as secretary to the owner/manager. After several years, she became the warehouse checker, in charge of everything that came in and out of the store, a position of complete trust. She came to Hawai'i in 1986 and started working at Aloha Born Free Fashion, Inc. where she currently works. A member of St. Paul's Church since 1986, Alejandro is active in all of the church activities. She is a member of the Bishop's Committee (former committee secretary) and *Aramid ni San Pablo* staff member, altar flower chairperson, Women of St. Paul's treasurer, lay Eucharistic minister, and lay reader. She is married to Hilario "Larry" Alejandro.

Estrella "Esther" Baltazar Cariaga was born in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. As one of the pioneers of St. Paul's she is active and supportive as a choir member and Hermana Mayor sponsor. She has five

grown children, 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She is an adviser of the Filipino International Social Affair and counselor of the Valley of the Temples.

Lolita Peralta was born in Batac, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. She is the eldest of nine children. She graduated from St. Rita Hospital School of Nursing and Midwifery and moved to Hawai'i in 1978. Peralta was employed by Convalescent Center of Honolulu for 10 years. She then joined the Hawai'i Department of Health and Human Services' foster program. She is a proud caretaker of Doris, Beth and Hokunani. Peralta has been active member of St. Paul's Church since 1978 along with her husband Reynaldo, daughter Jenelyn and son Jay. She is vice president for the Women of St. Paul's, a lay Eucharistic minister, chairperson for the altar guild, a lay reader and member of the Bishop's Committee.

Emma Valdez was born in Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte. She graduated and earned a degree in elementary education from the Divine Word College of Laoag, and Northwestern College (now Northwestern University) Laoag City. She came to Hawai'i in 1974 and was a substitute teacher at Mother Rice Kindergarten. She joined St. Paul's in 1977 and served with Bishop's Committee, (including as secretary). She currently serves as Junior Warden (Vice President). Among her activities are the Hermana Mayor, Mother of Perpetual

Help, Christmas caroling, church choir, and being a lay reader. She is the treasurer of the Pagudpud Association of Hawai'i. She was married to the late Gavino Valdez. Their son PJ is active at the church as an acolyte.

These honorees received a certificate of recognition from the vicar, the Rev. Randolph Albano, and from the state legislature at the celebration. Joshua Dela Cruz and Cristyine Alarcon emceed the program.

Bishop Richard S. O. Chang gave the benediction and presentation of awards. Special guests were Consul General Rolando Gregorio, and the Rev. Dr. Gerald G. Gifford, who, as guest speaker, praised St. Paul's for continued growth.

Among those providing entertainment were the St. Paul's Choir and Chorus and TV's "American Idol" participant from Hawai'i, Jordan Segundo.

Committee members heading up the event include Dwayne Bueno, editor of *Aramid ni San Pablo*, Amado Yoro, Leonora Albayalde, Albina Gamponia, Marcelo Acopan, Jr., Luisa Balmilero, Constantino Dela Cruz and Marilyn Kunitake.

Albano has been vicar of St. Paul's since 1999. The Rev. Tim P. Quintero founded the church in August 1959 with 36 people. Currently, there are about 500 church members. St. Paul's worships in Parke Chapel on the grounds of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew in downtown Honolulu.

COMING SOON
(EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

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
Nov. 23	Kamehameha & Emma Lectures, Bishop John Spong, speaker, 6:30 p.m., St. Thomas, Hanalei, Kaua'i
Dec. 8-9	Clergy/spouse Advent Retreat
Dec. 12-14	Senior High Diocesan Retreat

BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	
Oct. 5	Christ Memorial, Kilauea, Kaua'i
Oct. 12	St. Augustine's, Kapaau, Hawai'i
Oct. 19	St. Clement's, Honolulu
Oct. 24-25	Diocesan Convention
Oct. 26	Holy Cross, Kahuku, O'ahu
NOVEMBER	
Nov. 2	St. Nicholas, Kapolei
Nov. 9	Trinity-by-the-Sea, Kihei, Maui
Nov. 23	Travel
Nov. 30	St. Matthew's, Waimanalo
DECEMBER	
Dec. 7	St. George's, Honolulu
Dec. 14	All Saints, Kapaa, Kauai
Dec. 21	Emmanuel, Kailua
Dec. 24	Cathedral, presiding
Dec. 25	Cathedral, presiding
Dec. 28	Grace, Hoolehua, Molokai

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Holy Innocents publishes electronic newsletter

The Church of the Holy Innocents, Lahaina, Maui, is publishing an electronic newsletter. "We are brushing up and perfecting the formatting," says the Rev. Al Stefanik, priest-in-charge. Go on the web at: <http://www.aloha.net/~holyinno/NWS1.html>

Chocolate event at Emmanuel, Kailua

Consider a candlelit evening, good entertainment and chocolate galore! Emmanuel Church is hosting a Chocolate Festival, Saturday, Oct. 4, from 6-9 p.m. at the church, 780 Keolu Drive in Kailua, O'ahu. One can

indulge in an evening of chocolate decadence from some of the best Windward restaurants to favorite home recipes of area cooks.

Cost is \$10 admission (\$5 under 12 and under 6 free). All proceeds go towards the Habitat for Humanity house under construction in Waimanalo, sponsored by Windward Episcopal Churches.

Chaminade Chorus invites members

Experienced singers are invited to join this growing chorus of Chaminade University. Membership is free and open to all members of the community. Rehearsals are at Eiben Hall, 7-9 p.m. ongoing Wednesdays.

Phone: 261-6495 or e-mail maestro.tim@aol.com

Medication management seminar

A free seminar on Medication Review and talk to a pharmacist is offered to the public at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16 at Emmanuel Church, 780 Keolu Drive in Kailua. More than half the people over age 60 have a medication-related problem and don't know it. This is an opportunity to talk to a pharmacist about medications and hear ways to improve the quality of life. Sponsored by the Episcopal Churches of Windward Oahu and the Oahu Medication Management and Wellness Program. All are welcome.

Website development plans continue

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bered website address than our previous. Roxanne Birch continues to be a valuable volunteer to post items on the website until a new site is developed.

We agreed to contract with Tedd Landgraff, director of Computer Technology at the Priory School, to help us update the existing system, downsize our hardware and proxy server needs, and assess the state of our software. This partnership with the Priory and Tedd gives the diocese good flexibility, service as needed, and wider resources. Some of the students worked this summer to help inventory office systems and will, over time, be engaged with staff on mentoring programs and computer projects.

Tedd's updates made the office compatible for both Windows and Macintosh platforms, reconfigured machines for new email addresses, and installed a simpler router system within the offices. With new technology providing faster and easier usage along with lower prices, this has saved us

money, updated our equipment, and made communication less cumbersome.

We have eliminated an internal website, lanakila.org, Content deemed necessary from that website will be incorporated into a new website. Content for a new website is under discussion with various audiences.

These changes redefined the work needed on computers and maintaining the system. We no longer need the in-house technical support of Gary Perry. We thank him for the work he has done over the past more than five years when the diocese entered into the Internet age and his assistance in getting us to this stage.

At an Episcopal Communicators meeting in April in Los Angeles, I met with Christene Budzowski, of West Coast Technologies of Los Angeles to consider developing a website for us which will reflect the newest advances in web design and yet lower costs. I chose this company after talking with several people here in Hawai'i and recommend WCT. It currently devel-



November 21-23
Camp Mokule'ia

New Beginnings is a unique weekend specially designed to respond to the issues, concerns, and needs of those teenagers in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9. The program is designed to help participants grow in their love of themselves, others, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

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