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## Training future leaders



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Head Acolyte Bruce Hanohano of Church of the Epiphany in Honolulu, trains future acolytes, Ben and Logan Rubasch. Many acolytes will be lighting candles on an Advent wreaths the four Sundays in Advent, beginning Nov. 30.

## Turning money into ministry

Pledge challenge offers St. Michael's unique opportunity

By Sarah T. Moore

CHRONICLE EDITOR

"I'll give you \$2 for every \$1 you raise and it has to be done by the end of the year."

That's what a generous anonymous benefactor has pledged to a final campaign to retire the debt at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Lihue on Kauai.

"We are down to \$280,000 owed on the mortgage," says the rector, the Rev. Jan Rudinoff. "And we've raised pledges of \$62,000 — which translates to about \$180,000. We need at least another \$25,000."

"We're working hard. Really hard. But it's huge."

Rudinoff is making the big push because it is his dream to leave the church building debt free upon his retirement — opening the congregation to explore new ways to direct annual pledged income for exciting servant ministries, not just building maintenance.

Pastor of the congregation for more than 30 years, Rudinoff retires in February 2004. He has challenged the congregation, friends of the church, fellow Episcopalians, and community members to help leave that legacy so that the Episcopal church's ministry may not only continue, but flourish in new ways.

### Building a church

For more than a decade members of "St. Mike's" have welcomed people in

"He drew the dream, and that is what we have."

— THE REV. JAN RUDINOFF

Rector, St. Michael and All Angels, Kauai

Lihue to worship weekly in a bright, open building which bustles weekdays with activities to serve the community. Intentionally building a two-story parish hall to house non-profit agencies, the church provides

office space on the second floor for the American Red Cross and American Cancer Society. Head Start offers education for preschoolers in the nearby

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## Women 'Refresh, Renew, Rekindle' on weekend

By Louise Aloy

What did it take to get to this retreat? Prepare our homes, children, husbands, pets or plants before we could leave? Walking out the door with a sense of relief, I felt the freedom to let myself go and absorb all the weekend would offer.

Arriving on Oahu, seven of us from Maui hopped in a van and drove

through Haleiwa to Camp Mokuleia on the North Shore. We checked in at the lodge, scoped out the camp facilities, and answered the dinner bell calling all 30 of us to dinner to begin a spiritual journey.

The Rev. Ginny Doctor, a priest from the diocese of Alaska, was our leader. Bringing drums, tambourines, bells and chimes to help us make a joyful noise

unto the Lord, we started the evening with music.

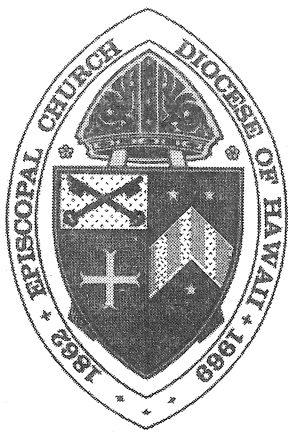
We built our community of faith around an altar, each placing something she brought to create the table. The group was diverse, from many places and backgrounds, each sharing a rich history and stories that are a part of us. Ginny noted how important it is to carry on our family history. This weekend

we would see how we are shaped by our past.

Each of us shared a little about who we are, where we come from, and our mothers' and grandmothers' names. We brought and described an object that is precious to us and how it has helped us on our spiritual journey.

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# Giving thanks through sharing

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Recently I realized that I don't have to wait until Thanksgiving to get a turkey dinner. In fact, given the availability of frozen turkeys, turkey "rolls", and turkey parts, you can pretty much have turkey any time or in any form you desire. There is neatly sliced turkey breast, turkey salami, and even turkey ham for sandwiches. There is ground turkey to substitute for ground beef for meatloaf or hamburgers. In fact, every day some restaurant in Honolulu offers roast turkey with all the trimmings on its menu as the special.

So I ask myself, "What makes Thanksgiving special this year?" One thing will be the gathering of family and friends to share a common meal and our stories. Each will bring their special dish for our common meal. Each will come with their story to share so that we can all "catch up" with each other.

Food and story will draw us together as family and friends celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. We will remember our family history and add to it the stories shared. Inevitably there will be comments on how much the kids have grown. There will be a few more senior citizens stories.

At the end of day, we will pledge to get together more often as family, and not wait until the next funeral or other event of familial obligation. Our fami-



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

ly will have been strengthened by our time together.

Yet in the midst of this gathering, there will be family members with whom we feel uncomfortable. But they are family, so they are invited, welcomed and offered the full hospitality of our home.

I had an uncle, my father's older brother, who became a Jehovah's Witness evangelist in his 70s. I dreaded sitting next to him at family gatherings, but as the other "minister" in the family, we were intentionally seated next to each other so we could talk "religion." I always tried to steer our conversation away from "church talk" since uncle wanted to preach to me rather than allow a dinner conversation.

Uncle has since died, and I now regret that I did not do more to engage him in conversations about his belief and why he was converted from Taoism to become an evangelist. I'll never know why he traveled to Oakland, California, to receive training at a Jehovah's Witness school at age 70. As a result, I am diminished as a member of the Chang family.

As the family of God, ka Ohana ke

Akua, we are invited to gather at the Holy Table to share the Eucharistic feast. We are invited because we are family through our baptism.

Regardless of our station in life, we come to hear the sacred story of Jesus. We bring our gifts to share. We bring the stories of pilgrimage to share. We come together as community to reaffirm our faith by the telling of our story. We will share in the bread and the wine.

Though we may also find discomfort with some of the people gathered at the Table, we are family. We remain connected as family because we recognize and affirm our unity in Jesus Christ.

As we struggle with challenges and opportunities, we continue our conversations despite the diversity of ideas and strategies that would have each of us going it alone. As Paul's letters remind us, "we have need of each other" as parts of the Body of Christ.

This Thanksgiving may we give thanks to God who loves us as His children and gave us His only begotten Son. In thanksgiving may we receive one another as sister and brother in Christ that we may share our stories of pilgrimage as we share in the Holy Eucharist. In thanksgiving may we always hear the voice of Jesus calling us to be faithful disciples.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Dick



## Family of God, ka Ohana ke Akua

Family is one word Episcopalians are using to talk about the concerns of unity in the church. The expanded family concept of ohana is Hawai'i's gift to the wider world.

On Sept. 24, the Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty, born in Bhopal, India, raised in Canada and New York, was consecrated the ninth bishop of Oregon, serving the 22,000 Episcopalians in the western part of that state. When asked his opinion about issues of conflict facing the church today, especially concerns of gay clergy and leadership, Itty, 40, speaks about the word ohana.

"We have people of strong opposing positions," Itty says, "but God will find a way of sorting things out." And one way, he says, "is through ohana."

"We are all members of a family, and as members of that family, there will be times of disagreement, just as there are disagreements between husbands and wives, between parents and children, between siblings. But no one ever needs to feel left out. We are all welcome back home because we are members of one family." (*The Oregonian*, Oct. 13. 2003)

Itty used ohana. He knows millions



**Sarah T. Moore**  
CHRONICLE EDITOR

have become familiar with the Hawaiian concept through modern media — the Disney animated movie, *Lilo & Stitch*. In one way the post modern media is doing its part to gift the world with that time-honored Hawaiian reality.

As months unfold, I continue to learn and reflect on ohana. Our front page photo of head acolyte Bruce Hanohano helping aspiring acolytes Ben and Logan Rubasch to light candles at Church of the Epiphany, draws us into the concept of ohana.

As Christians, we are all joined as ohana in our common baptism. In church we have the opportunity to become ohana in a visible, sacramental way, such as Ben and Logan are learning to do by setting the stage for worship. We listen to shared wisdom in sermons, eat a meal at the altar, share our

lives in fellowship and study, and go out into the world centered by common bonds to embrace our daily tasks and relationships.

Advent is upon us. November 30 is the first of four Sundays leading up to the Christian celebration of Christmas. These four weeks we "prepare" and get ready to re-engage the significance of Christ bursting into our midst in that stable in Bethlehem. Entering humanity as a squalling baby, he joined a family — an ohana — probably with aunts and uncles, friends, relatives and mentors who helped him grow.

Our ohana is global — and getting more so everyday. We know this more than many, living on an island crossroad in the Pacific. We have varying points of view, hues of skin, cacophony of tongues, and come in all shapes and sizes. No "one size fits all." Yet we all have the ability to smile and grace one another as a child of God.

May we take time this Advent to help ourselves and others to embrace ohana and be a witness to the world we touch.

— Sarah T. Moore



# Mission Fund = ministries for youth and family

In June on Pentecost Sunday the Diocese of Hawai'i celebrated its first Mission Fund In-gathering to be used for the mission of St. Nicholas in Kapolei, in leeward Oahu.

A total of \$49,000 was gathered from across the diocese as people dropped coins into yellow mission boxes the 50 days following Easter. The money collected will support the ministry of Hawai'i's newest congregation.

"We are going to use it for our church to grow," says the Rev. Hollis Wright, vicar. "Research shows that churches grow when you've got program happening."

St. Nicholas hired a half-time youth and family minister to focus on growing the church, she says. Moani Miller, from the Big Island, is engaged in that ministry, using her skills with an emphasis on the arts in music and drama.

"We think that will cover about two years of her half time with benefits."



**St. Nicholas**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Miller is recruiting teachers, working with curriculum and working with local theater. Kids now play music the first Sunday of every month, working also with the music director, Jim Ross. Ice cream Sundays is a real draw, bringing in about 30 children to the church that day.

"For us, her theology works," Wright says

In order to build a church you have to have full time people doing program type stuff to bring in the people, she adds. "That's why we are real light on administration and heavy on program."

Worship at St. Nicholas is at 9 a.m. Sundays at Mauka Lani Elementary School in Kapolei.

# St. Michael's challenge

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former rectory.

One of six Episcopal churches on the small garden isle, St. Mike's is also the newest building in the diocese, completed and blessed in 1992.

"We built a church like no other church in the diocese," says Rudinoff. "We built it. It works great. None of us alone was smart enough to do this. It was the work of the Holy Spirit. We just raised enough money to get it done."

## A 10-year plan

How did they get there in 10 years?

"You never build a parish hall first — cause you'll never get a church. When we built the church, we built the whole thing."

Also, most importantly: you tear down the old church. "We had a tent in the parking lot for nearly three months," Rudinoff said, before moving into the new sanctuary. People were really ready to be in the new building after that.

The designer of the building drew the plans after having had a dream, Rudinoff said. "He drew the dream and that is what we have."

The cost was \$1.7 million. When the building was finished, it appraised at \$2.6 million.

Soon after the congregation moved into its new space, Hurricane Iniki swept through Kauai causing damage from which the island has just recovered the last few years. St. Mike's sustained very little damage, however. In fact, the parish hall was used as headquarters for the Red Cross and was one of the few places with water and



PHOTO BY JAN RUDINOFF

The welcoming altar and open sanctuary of St. Michael and All Angels on Kauai.

phone service during the disaster relief.

## Crunching the numbers

To finance the building the church raised about half the \$1.7 million and took out a mortgage for the rest, \$850,000 in 1992.

"We gradually knocked off the mortgage with gifts and people's commitments and we owed about \$480,000 two years ago," Rudinoff said.

Once it was down to \$400,000, parishioners Hobey and Nancy Goodale agreed to take on the loan. The bank offered a rate of 9 percent.

The Goodales said they'd manage 6 percent, then dropped it to 4 percent during the term, and currently hold the mortgage, which totals the \$280,000.

Enter the anonymous benefactor and the challenge.

To participate in retiring the debt at St. Michael's and All Angels, please contact or send a check or pledge to: St. Michael's and All Angels, PO Box 572, Lihue, HI 96766; for information call 808-245-3796; or email: [stmikes@aloha.net](mailto:stmikes@aloha.net) or [janr@aloha.net](mailto:janr@aloha.net)

# ECW retreat offered time for sharing, spirituality

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Women shared stories of immigrating from the Philippines, Japan and China, of early Hawaiian women, and of a Korean college student. One told of her mother in Singapore and the strength drawn from her memory. Another spoke of her father going to college with Charles Lindbergh and a family connection with the Mayo Clinic. Many were stories of determined women, with strong faiths and convictions, and most importantly, how the lives of these women from different cultures touched the hearts of many.

We are a diverse culture. Our faith and trust in God are intertwined with one another. We are the melting pot of the Pacific coming from all parts of the United States and other far away places.

Early Saturday morning I heard voices outside my second-floor room. I looked out the window and saw heads bobbing up and down in the ocean. Three women decided to take an early swim. One said she had not been in the ocean in five years. Mokuleia and this retreat provide such a space.



PHOTO BY ANNETTE JIM

The Rev. Ginny Doctor provided music as well as spiritual wisdom and leadership to the women of Hawaii at an annual retreat, "Renew, Refresh, Rekindle."

At worship Ginny spoke to us about discipleship. We were given a *Disciple's Prayer Book*, a handbook born from the *Book of Common Prayer* made possible by Bishop Mark MacDonald of Alaska and the diocese's Congregational Min-

istries Cluster, Native Ministries and Gospel-Based Discipleship. It is used as a reference to engage the gospel everyday.

We read Scripture and discussed what is the new direction for the women

in the Diocese of Hawai'i? Answers ranged from reaching out to non-believers, listening to gain a better understanding of others, and preparing for change if change happens.

We shared many ideas and visions to grow Hawai'i's Episcopal Church Women including expand publicity and communications; build self esteem to overcome our tensions; focus on spiritual growth, unite women; provide Christian formation and educational events; strengthen clergy relationships and understanding of ECW; and launch an "each one reaches one" campaign to increase membership. Several mentioned developing a one-to-one mentoring program with children and mothers in their communities.

The retreat ended with Holy Eucharist. We had experienced the 3Rs of the retreat — refreshed in body, mind, spirit and soul, renewed in our desire and commitment to serve Christ, and rekindled in the light within to go forth in peace and harmony.

Louise L. Aloy is ECW Recording Secretary. She is a member of Church of the Good Shepherd, Maui.

POSITIONS OPEN  
IN THE DIOCESE OF HAWAII

**RECTOR:** Holy Apostles, Hilo. Vestry has selected a task force.

**INTERIM RECTOR:** St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu. Vestry evaluating options following rector's retirement.

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

**RECTOR:** St. Peter's, Honolulu Search task force preparing profile.

**CHAPLAIN:** Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Kamuela, on the Big Island. Ministry being evaluated by headmaster..

**CHAPLAIN:** Seabury Hall, Makawao, Maui. Receiving names, Candidates being interviewed.

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

**INTERIM RECTOR:** St. Michael's and All Angels, in Lihu'e on Kaua'i. Receiving names. Candidates being interviewed

*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 to be called to ministry in Hawai'i. There will be other congregations coming open in the future and we need to actively seek out those who may be called to minister here with us. RL Fitzpatrick @episcopalhawaii.org; 808-536-7776, ext.110.*

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Christmas Concert

Guest conductor John McCreary, former music director of St. Andrew's Cathedral, will lead the Hawaii String Orchestra in a Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 13, at 7: 30 p.m., at Calvary Episcopal Church, 45-435 Aumoku Street, Kaneohe.

Other guest artists include Susan Duprey, who will direct Hawaii Pacific University's Choral Ensemble, guest violinists Robert Hamilton and Chad Uyehara, and guest harpist Sherene Boulos.

The concert will end with a sing-along of favorite Christmas carols.

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call Louise Emery, 247-0610.

Consider gift to Chronicle

As you consider year end contributions to your church, charities, and non profit agencies, please give thought to a donation to the ministry of communications of the Diocese of Hawai'i through the publication of the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*.

A gift to the diocesan newspaper will help continue to bring news of the church in Hawai'i and information you will find no where else. It also allows us to continue to improve and expand the stories of transformation underway in this corner of Christ's church. Mahalo for your consideration.

Contributions may be addressed to: *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Nativity Christmas sale

Church of the Holy Nativity in Honolulu will hold a Silent/Live Auction and Christmas Sale, Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The event features vintage and collectibles, estate jewelry, Hawaiiana, orientalia, painting, and much more. A food court for dining and purchase of jams, jellies, and Portuguese bean soup is open beginning at 8:30 a.m. Free admission, parking. Located in the Holy Nativity Gymnasium, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy. in Aina Haina.

Advent at St. Timothy's

All are welcome to usher in Advent at St. Timothy's Church in Aiea with an Advent Retreat, "Time Apart with Jesus Amid Commercial Madness." Held from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Dec. 6, the time to reflect is led by the Rev. Dr. Vincent O'Neill, rector. St. Timothy's is located at 98-939 Moanalua Road in Aiea.

Relationship workshop

A five-session workshop will be held at Church of the Holy Nativity Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Dec. 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. Leaders are Garry Francell, Ph.D. And Jacqueline Winter, MSWS, co-authors of *Getting Smart About Love* ([www.gettingsmartaboutlove.com](http://www.gettingsmartaboutlove.com)) Open to all to explore relationships with friends, partners, spouses, children, parents, and colleagues, the cost is \$30 per person for the entire workshop. Child care will be provided. For information contact the Rev. LaRue Downing at Holy Nativity, 373-2131, ext. 108.

PEOPLE

✠ **The Rev. Gerhard Laun** has retired as rector of St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu as of Sept. 30. Gerhard has been rector of St. Elizabeth's since 1990.

✠ **The Rev. Mary Lindquist** has been called to be the vicar of the Episcopal Church on West Kauai, St. Paul's, Kekaha and St. John's Eleele. Mary comes to the Diocese of Hawai'i from the Diocese of Delaware where she serves as associate rector and school chaplain at St. David's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del. She and her husband Kirk will move to Kauai in December.

✠ **Sara Yap**, a member of St. Peter's, Honolulu, daughter of Willis and Jan Yap, began two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco this fall. Sara graduated this spring from Brown University, with degrees in International Studies and Fine Arts. After graduation she completed a fellowship in fabric design, studying in Finland and visiting Estonia and Iceland. In August she visited India before beginning her Peace Corps assignment.

✠ **Dawn Frankfurt**, a senior at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University, has been admitted by Bishop Richard S.O. Chang as a candidate for holy orders in the Diocese of Hawaii. Dawn is a member of Church of the Epiphany, Honolulu.

✠ **The Rev. John B. Connell** is supply priest at St. Peter's, Honolulu, providing pastoral counseling, spiritual guidance, and presiding at weekly services.

✠ St. John's By-the-Sea, Kahalu'u, welcomed all to a Celebration of New Ministry on Nov. 2 with their new rector, **the Rev. Patton Boyle**.

✠ **The Rev. Tony Litwinski** and the congregation of St. Augustine's on the Big Island celebrated a New Ministry on Oct. 12.

Reaching 'Ohana  
Teaching 'Ohana

Part II: Learning to Serve

A conference to explore and encourage community service in Hawai'i

Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Priory, Honolulu

Keynote speaker  
**Kelly Lum Oshiro**,  
executive director of Youth Service Hawaii.

Registration and lunch: \$10 regular; \$5 student

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VISITATION  
SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2.....St. Nicholas,  
Kapolei  
Nov. 9.....Trinity-by-the-Sea  
Kihei, Maui  
Nov. 16.....Grace, Ho'olehua  
Moloka'i  
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

JANUARY

Jan. 4.....Calvary, Kaneohe,  
Jan. 11.....Epiphany  
Honolulu

COMING SOON

(EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 Vocations Day, Grades 9-12  
Nov. 14 Diocesan Standing Committee,  
Cathedral; Diocesan Council  
Orientation, 6 p.m., Mokuleia  
Nov. 15 Diocesan Council Orientation  
and Meeting, Mokuleia  
Nov. 22 Episcopal Schools Conference  
Nov. 21-23 New Beginnings #6, Mokuleia  
Nov. 23 Kamehameha & Emma Lectures  
Bishop John Spong, speaker,  
6:30 p.m., St. Thomas, Hanalei,  
Kaua'i  
Nov. 27-30 Thanksgiving holiday

Looking Ahead

**Dec. 8-9**, Clergy/spouse Advent  
Retreat, Mokuleia  
**Dec. 12-14**, Senior High Diocesan  
Retreat  
**Dec. 20**, Diocesan Council  
**Dec. 25-26**, Christmas Holiday  
**Jan. 1-2**, New Year's Holiday  
**Jan. 16**, Standing Committee  
**Jan. 17**, Diocesan Council  
**Jan. 18**, Martin Luther King Holiday