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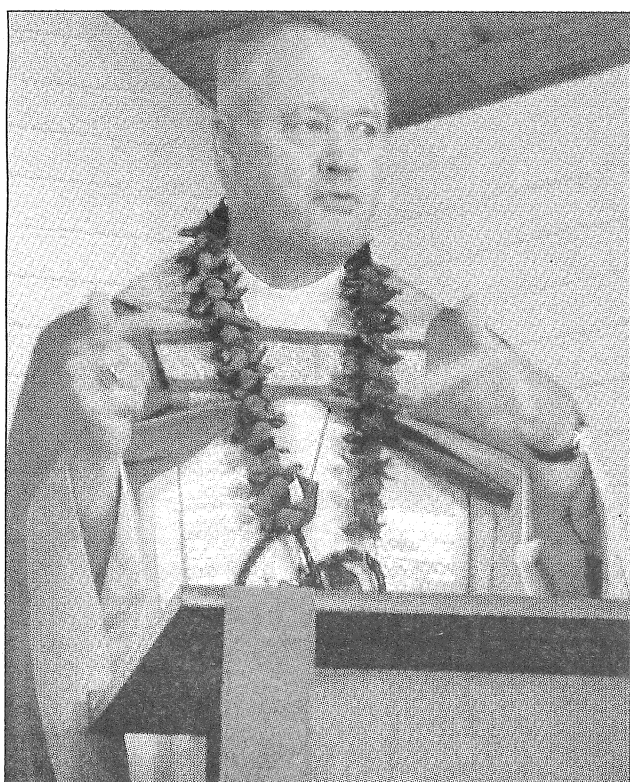
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Eight military families gathered at St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor to celebrate baptism. Participating clergy included the Rev. Lance Horne, vicar of St. George's (far left), Bishop Richard Chang (center), and Bishop George Packard, far right. PHOTOS BY SARAH T. MOORE

Facing conflicts, embracing faith



The Rt. Rev. George Packard, bishop suffragan of the Armed Forces, preached at St. George's, Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7.

By Sarah T. Moore

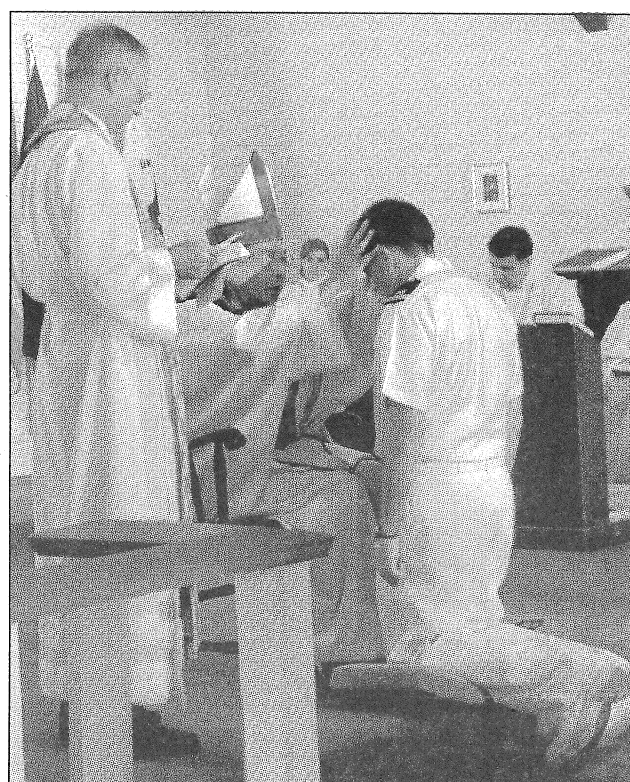
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Families at St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor, donned military dress uniforms to welcome two bishops and celebrate baptisms and confirmation in the Episcopal Church, while solemnly remembering the events on that spot Dec. 7, 1941, that broke open a world war.

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"This church is dedicated as the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel and is a witness to how important it is to strive for peace in the world today," said the Rev. Lance Horne, vicar, knowing his congregation comprises people in all branches of the military serving in today's conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Up from the ashes that day stands St. George's, where today we have 8 baptisms, 13 confirmations and receptions. What a day to say the Episcopal Church is alive and well."

Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces, George E. Packard, flew from the national

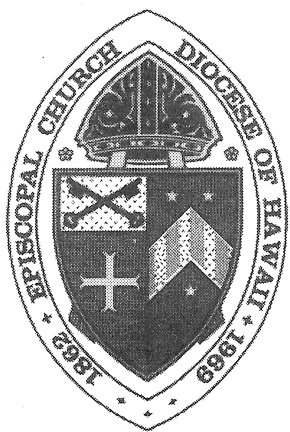


Bishop Richard S.O. Chang confirmed Navy Commander Christopher Eckols at services on Pearl Harbor Day at St. George's, Pearl Harbor.

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Let Christ's light shine in your daily life, work

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Three weeks ago I was attending a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center at Mokule'ia. As I left the dining hall where the meeting was held, Dee called out, "Come quickly and see the brightness of the full moon. Isn't it wonderful? See how the light of the moon is reflecting upon the ocean. The moon is so bright that we can't see the stars."

I replied, "It's late, we have a long drive home, and tomorrow is a full day in the office," and continued walking to our car. As Dee got into the car, she asked, "When was the last time you took the time to look at the brightness of a full moon like this one?" I couldn't answer.

As we are more than halfway through the Epiphany season and are fast approaching Ash Wednesday, Dee's question has been bothering me. I have been wondering if I might ask myself, "When was the last time I took the time to look at the brightness of Christ Jesus in my life?" Have I regularly opened up myself to allow the light of Christ to shine in me and illumine a pathway of faithful discipleship? Has the light of Christ shone brightly in my witness to the Gospel? Has the brightness of Christ's light been dulled in my life because I have become distracted by the "gaudy glitter or busyness" of the



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

world? Has the light of Christ in my life enabled others to see the presence of Christ in their lives?

In these questions I am reminded of my own need to make the time for prayer and the study of Scripture to see and receive the brightness of Christ. As I enter into these final days of Epiphany and begin to think about observing a holy Lent, I will have continually asked myself the question, "Am I really taking the time to see the brightness of Christ Jesus in my life, so that through me others may come to know Jesus as Savior?" As the light of Christ shines in our hearts, the pathway of our discipleship will be illuminated in the darkness of the world. The light of Christ overcomes the dark. The light of Christ transforms us and leads to ministry in Christ's name.

Let the light of Christ shine in your life as you proclaim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Faithfully in Christ,
+Richard



Seeking dynamism, not dormancy

Laity and clergy in the diocese are working to refocus energies and diocesan structures to better serve, grow, and minister in our communities. Involving more people in decision-making and action requires organization and intention. With many taking hold of renewed responsibilities, there is hope for dynamic movement, not dormant complacency.

Elected leaders of Diocesan Council are putting hours of work into grasping how their roles can help move us all into a livelier, relevant, more spirit-filled Episcopal Church in Hawai'i. Support their efforts and explore how you can engage more in the ministry and events of the diocese throughout the islands, as well as in your own congregation.

For example, several congregations have embarked on visible outreach beyond their doors, responding to the military presence among us.

The departure of thousands of men and women in mid-January from Hawai'i to war-torn areas affects us as a state in so many ways: economic, political, personal, family. Local media has covered this story from military parades, departure, to personal stories. There has been a great appreciation expressed to the people of Hawai'i for the "spirit of aloha" extended to the troops. No mat-



Sarah T. Moore
CHRONICLE EDITOR

ter what one's political stance on the rightness or wrongness of our conflicts around the world, Hawai'i has embraced the deployed troops with an outpouring of support.

Interestingly, little public note is given to the loss of the spiritual dimension of these people from our midst, or attention to their spiritual needs as they face a life crisis of transition. The Chronicle and our diocesan website is one place we can draw attention to such real concern. We profile two congregations this month who have begun such outreach.

One way we express our concern is by daily prayer — for those guarding our freedoms and all put into harm's way. A tangible sign of that is the expanding request for, and thus response to, chaplets — hand-sized Anglican prayer beads, which help soldiers focus on faith when faced with stressful situations.

Consider donating time, money, or

both, to support the chaplet ministry begun by St. Clement's. This is not just one congregation's project — it is for the whole people of God. Consider bringing the project into your church family.

Pray also, as St. George's, Pearl Harbor is doing, for the families of those left behind, as well as those in the field. Though St. George's specifically is taking on the concern for chaplains in the field and their families, all in conflict receive a flow of prayer.

In a printed meditation to the troops at Schofield Barracks last March, Keith Jones, then the Division Chaplain, introduced soldiers to chaplets provided by the Episcopal Church to deploying soldiers of any denomination.

Jones describes the beads, the attached Jerusalem cross, the people who made them, and how a soldier, in time of conflict and stress, might reach into a pocket, feel the beads, remember that others cared enough to make the chaplets, and think about talking with God.

Simply put, Jones says, "The purpose of the chaplet is to remind the holder to pray."

As the church in Hawai'i seeks its mission, you can help it be dynamic, not dormant.

And remind yourself to pray.

BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

February

Feb. 1 St. Mark's, Honolulu
Feb. 8 St. Stephen's,
Wahiawa, O'ahu
Feb. 15 Travel
Feb. 22 Holy Nativity, Honolulu
Feb. 28 St. Columba's,
Paauilo, Hawai'i
Feb. 29 Holy
Apostles/Resurrection,
Hilo, Hawai'i

MARCH

Mar. 7 St. Christopher's,
Kailua, O'ahu
Mar. 14 St. John's By-the-Sea,
Kaneohe, O'ahu
Mar. 21 Travel
Mar. 28 St. Timothy's,
Aiea, O'ahu

APRIL

Apr. 4 Good Shepherd,
Wailuku, Maui
Apr. 11 Cathedral (Easter),
Honolulu
April 18 Travel
April 25 Travel

Episcopal chaplain deployed from Schofield to Iraq

Biggest deployment since Vietnam

By Sarah T. Moore

CHRONICLE EDITOR

Capt. Beth Echols, Episcopal chaplain, U.S. Army, will carry prayers and thoughts to soldiers in areas of conflict from Hawai'i as she travels with the military to Iraq.

Echols requested and received chaplets — palm-sized Anglican prayer beads — to distribute to the troops among whom she ministers.

"By early morning, Jan. 9, we made 2,600 chaplets," says Kay James, chaplet project coordinator from St. Clement's, Honolulu. "We delivered them to Chaplain Echols with the promise that we would forward a remaining 1,900 to her through the Division Chaplain at Schofield Barracks."

Echols was deployed Jan. 13 with 4,800 soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) from Schofield, in the first major Army deployment from Hawaii to Iraq. The last time the 25th deployed as a division was during the Vietnam War in 1965. An additional 4,500 soldiers will

leave Schofield by March for Afghanistan.

Echols, an Army Reserve chaplain canonically resident in the Diocese of Washington D.C., recently moved to Hawai'i with her husband, Karl, only to be deployed after arrival in the islands. The couple has worshiped at St. George's, Pearl Harbor, notes vicar Lance Horne,

"She is one out of eight Episcopal military chaplains we're in touch with," says Horne. "Our vision is to support those chaplains who are deployed and their families at home — even those not here in Hawai'i."

Horne said he talked with Bishop George Packard (Bishop of the Armed Forces who oversees the ministry of the 128 Episcopal military chaplains,) when he visited Hawai'i Dec. 7, about St. George's supporting chaplains in the field.

"The first thing we sent them," says Horne with a smile, "were boxes of Macadamia nut chocolates. What else from Hawai'i?"



PHOTO BY KAY JAMES

Capt. Beth Echols, Episcopal Chaplain, U.S. Army, left, hands prayer bead chaplets to two officers from Schofield Barracks heading for Afghanistan. Standing right is Mary Carpenter, a member of St. Clement's, Honolulu.

Military personnel pocket prayer beads as demand for chaplets continues to grow

By Sarah T. Moore

CHRONICLE EDITOR

Chaplets are small, palm-sized circles of beads with a wooden cross, knotted together in a way to invite a person to focus and enter into meditative prayer.

Modeled after full-sized Anglican prayer beads, the military chaplets are non-reflective and quiet, suited to soldiers' use in the field. They are made in various service colors, fatigue green for the Army, blue for the Navy, etc.

Since March 2003, St. Clement's Church in Honolulu has made and donated nearly 3,000 chaplets — the bulk of which went directly to military personnel stationed in the Middle East.

The production bumped up with the latest large request for chaplets for the 25th Infantry Division which left Hawai'i for Iraq in January.

"Our dedicated home chaplet makers continue to work diligently," says Kay James, coordinator and originator of the project. "But we really want more people to help in this ministry."

In addition to volunteers making them at home, chaplet-making sessions are held regularly at St. Clement's.

Members from St. Nicholas in Kapolei, Holy Nativity in Hawaii Kai, and the Cathedral of St. Andrew in downtown Honolulu have joined in the process.

Workshops on making chaplets are held at St. Clement's and James is willing



to travel to other churches to instruct groups on how to assemble the prayer aids.

Recently the vestry of St. Clement's put the Chaplet Ministry as a line item in their budget. The Diocese of Hawai'i gave the Chaplet Ministry \$2,000 for the project in December. Previously funds have come from the Rev. Liz Zivanov's rector's discretionary fund and individual donations.

The project is not solely Hawai'i focused. The olivewood crosses are made in Jerusalem, shipped to a church in the Diocese of Connecticut, ordered from there and shipped to St. Clement's, where volunteers make them into chaplets.

"These crosses have practically circled the world. Sort of ironic they end up back in the Middle East, isn't it?" notes James. "It gives one an idea of how truly small the world we live in is and how necessary it is to try to live in peace."

To begin a Chaplet Ministry in your congregation, donate funds to help with this existing ministry, or join the group from St. Clement's, contact the church at 1515 Wilder Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822, e-mail clem@lava.net or call 808.955.7745.

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— KAY JAMES
Coordinator of chaplet project

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Episcopal Church Center in New York, to join Bishop Richard S.O. Chang, and Horne, to lead worship that day commemorating the 62nd anniversary of the Japanese bombing of the island harbor, sinking the USS Arizona, killing more than 2,000 people and plunging the United States into World War II.

Designated "The Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel" by the Episcopal Church's 58th General Convention meeting in Hawai'i in 1955, St. George's was built with offerings from the convention. The processional cross and an anchor-cross on the altar were formed from steel taken from the USS Arizona. Named St. George after the patron saint of the military, the church sits adjacent to the Pearl Harbor military base on O'ahu. Most of the members of St. George's serve, or are related to those who serve, in the military.

Hawai'i student takes on NYC...

By Moki Hino

In November I went on a 12-day trip to New York City to immerse myself in a Caribbean parish in Brooklyn with three seminary colleagues from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in a program called the Plunge.

The purpose of the Plunge is to expose seminarians to a parish diametrically opposed to the parishes from which they were sent to seminary.

Because my home parish is St. James', a rural parish on the Big Island, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in urban New York certainly fit the bill.

Other teams were assigned to parishes in Chicago, Grand Rapids, Mich., Jackson, Miss., Austin, Texas, Austin, Minn., and Kapolei (see story below).

Our team's task was to study the parish and its success from the perspective of congregational and parish development.

This is a large component in Seabury's recently revamped curriculum. It was fascinating to see how this parish brought itself out of financial ruin and became viable and self-sustaining in just



Visiting the Bishop of Long Island during The Plunge in New York City are (L to R) Moki Hino (Hawaii), Leigh VanderMeer (Chicago), Bishop Orris G. Walker Jr., (Long Island), Jami Anderson (Nebraska), and Jenni Liem (Colorado).

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five years.

I was struck by the congregation's commitment to become self-sufficient

so that they can now commit themselves to mission and outreach outside the four walls of their church building.

At St. Augustine's I was privileged to share a sermon with 80 church members during a Wednesday morning Eucharist.

I was quite nervous at first, but as soon as I made eye contact with people in the pews I felt a connection that made for a very grace-filled moment and one that I will hold in my heart and cherish for years to come.

The Plunge experience also gave me the opportunity to work with a team of colleagues.

This will be an important skill in my ordained ministry — working with others, sharing ideas, and building a community of friendship and support.

Finally, I reveled in being in the largest city in the United States and fulfilled a long-desired dream to visit New York City.

I was moved by visiting Ground Zero and the nearby St. Paul's Chapel in Manhattan, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

Moki Hino is a Middler (second-year) student at Seabury Western Theological Seminary from St. James, Kamuela, the Diocese of Hawai'i.

...while Mainlanders visit Kapolei

By John Hickey

As the thermometer struggles towards zero in Chicago, we can't begin to express our fond memories of our November Plunge experience at St. Nicholas, Kapolei and St. George's, Pearl Harbor.

We can barely stop repeating "There's no place like Hawai'i" and have to be restrained from clicking our slippers together three times to transport us magically back to your wonderful islands.

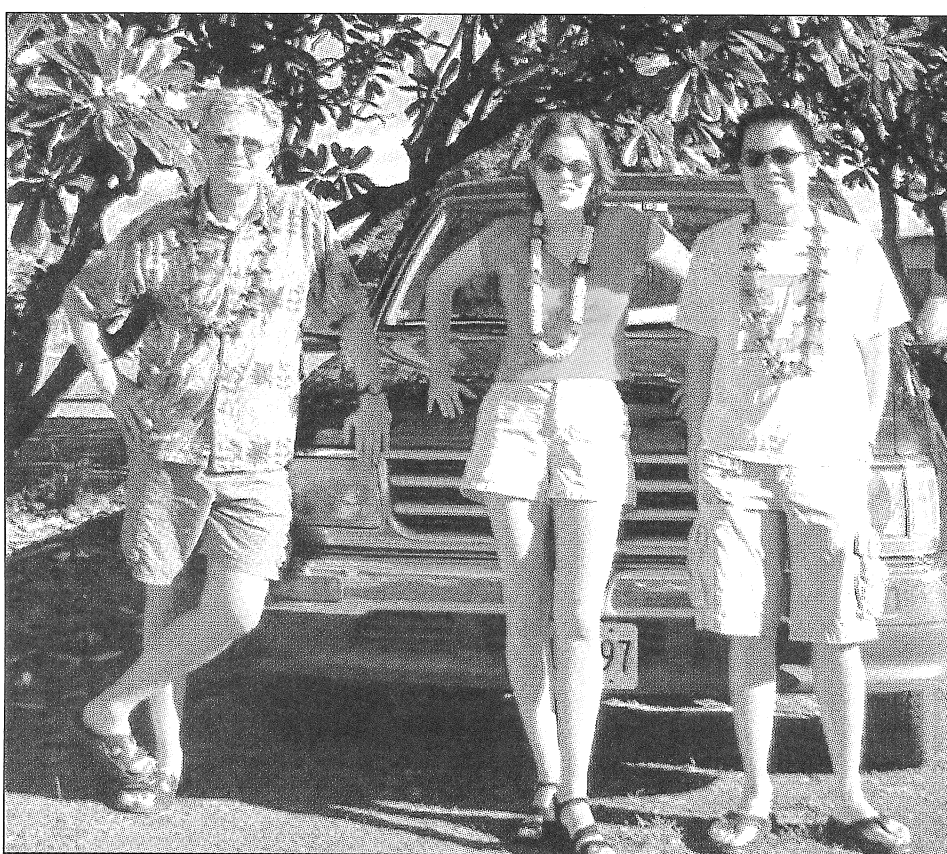
One can only imagine the disbelief, joy and "daggers" received from fellow students when we learned that a parish in Hawai'i had been assigned as our Plunge site.

As confirmed mainlanders, our heads were immediately filled with visions of blue oceans, beautiful beaches and surfing. And while there was all that, our time at St. Nick's and St. George's exceeded our expectations.

In these congregations, we discovered exciting and authentic Christian spirituality.

It was evident that God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are alive and working in people's lives and that the Spirit was being taken unabashedly into the wider community.

The innovative worship service at St.



On O'ahu for seminary Plunge are, left to right, John Hickey, Susie Shaefer, and Robert Cristobal.

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Nick's was challenging and refreshing to our more traditional Anglican eyes. It was a delight to be among so many children at St. George's pre-school.

Our Plunge in Hawai'i was definitely

ly a highlight in our formation as priests and renewed our excitement to be in the church.

We must end with a word on *ho'okipa* (hospitality). When we arrived in O'ahu

we didn't know what this Hawaiian word meant. By the time we left we had been plunged into *ho'okipa*.

Time and again, in the churches and on the island, we were treated with incredible welcome and hospitality.

Bishop Richard Chang took time from his busy schedule to meet with us — twice! Members of the parishes greeted us like long lost relatives and offered new and delightful treats to eat.

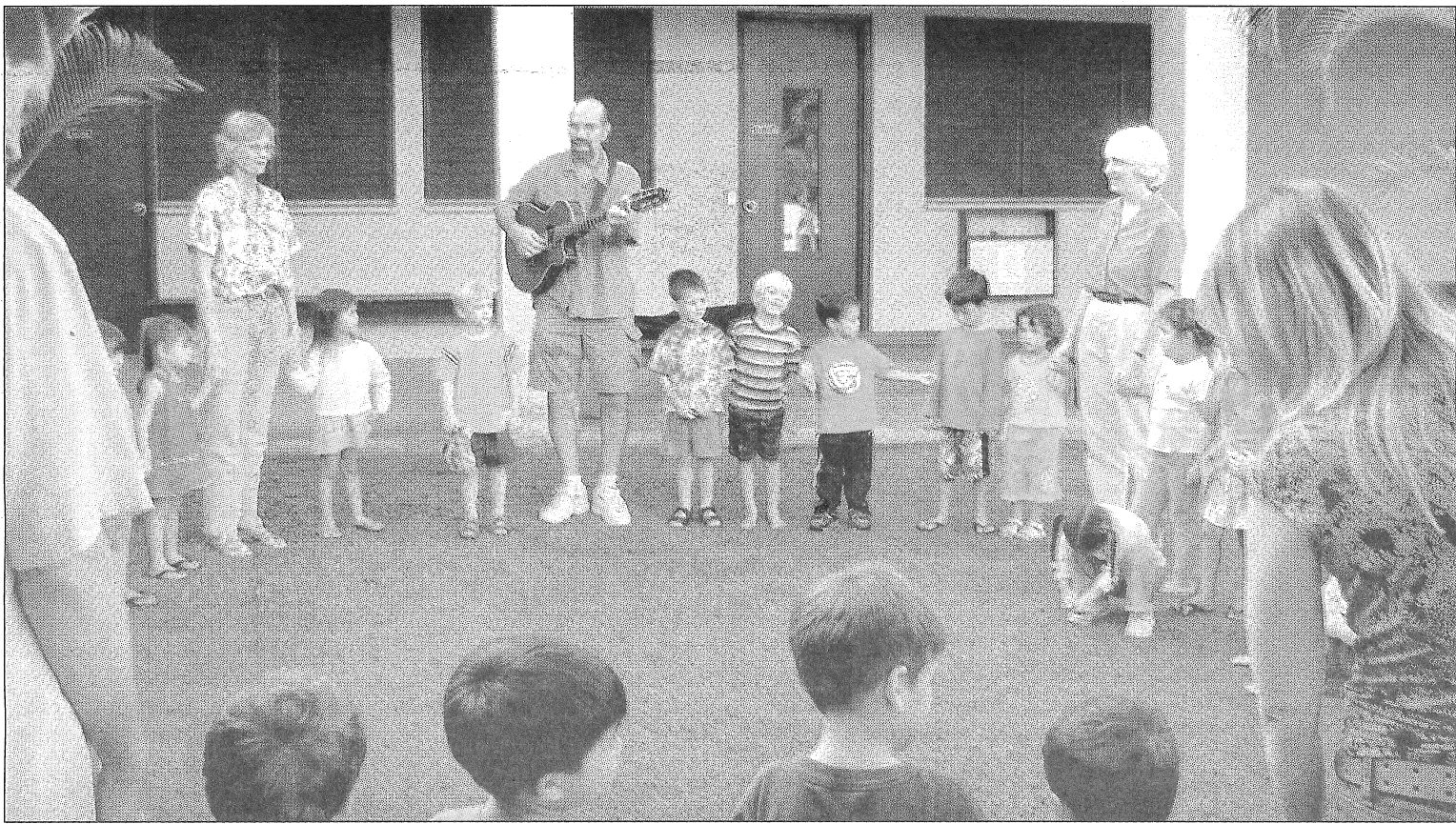
Thanks especially to the Rev. Hollis Wright and the Rev. Lance Horne and their families — Hollis gave of her time, energy and herself to allow us to see and experience the joys and challenges of planting a church.

And Lance gave us lodging, food and his truck so that we could experience the whole of life on O'ahu.

A parishioner at St. Nick's told us that God must have brought us to Hawai'i for a reason — we think it was to get to know you and to experience a life in Jesus through you.

With Godspeed, peace and much mahalo to all our friends, aloha,

Middler seminarians Robert Cristobal, Susie Shaefer and John Hickey send greetings from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in frigid Chicago, IL.



While strumming a guitar, Warren Dastrup, center, gathers preschoolers at Morning Circle at All Saints' Preschool in Kapa'a, Kaua'i. Often the Rev. Liz Beasley, right, participates.

PHOTO BY SARAH T. MOORE

A school of gentle respect and metamorphosis

By Sarah T. Moore

KAPA'A, Kaua'i — In a warm voice Warren Dastrup sings and strums "Our School" (his own composition) on his guitar while several dozen preschool youngsters gather to greet the morning.

It's 8:45 a.m. — morning circle time — at All Saint's Preschool in Kapa'a, Kaua'i. No jazzing up the kids and revving their engines for the day. Rather it's a quiet entrance into thinking of others, greeting the day with a smile and prayerful attitude, and focusing on gentle interaction.

Dastrup, director and family life coordinator for the school, comfortably shifts to "Menehune Santa" as he prepares the kids for their Christmas program. Dressed in shorts and sneakers, the former marketing director and educator from Chicago is clearly in his element.

"This is about all the practice we'll get," he smiles and says about the upcoming program. No extra rehearsals; just building on daily songs.

With 48 students enrolled ages 3-5 years, the school is at capacity. Four teachers and four aides staff five days a week from 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., allowing par-

ents to schedule drop off and pick up according to their work day. "Class" is 8:30-noon followed by nap-time and organized play.

"We have precious cargo and we're right in the middle of it," he says gently. "We stress the fact that for parents and us, this is a partnership. It's your chance to start on the ground floor with your kids."

Acknowledging that many parents stay and take part in the opening morning circle, Dastrup says the school encourages that. "You get to know your kids' friends and social relationships and get right in there with them."

A part of the ministry of All Saints' since 1966, the preschool has an "incredibly stable staff. The staff of dedicated teachers is what makes the school," Dastrup believes. "We also have one of the best facilities in Kaua'i," he said, glancing around Sloggett Center, one of six buildings perched on five acres of church property along Kuhio Highway (Route 56) on east Kaua'i.

"The church support is really outstanding," he adds, remarking that interim rector, the Rev. Elizabeth Beasley, regularly joins the morning circle. Though not many church members are enrolled in the school, it is a great outreach to the community, and there is a link-age to All Saints'.

"Talk about ohana!" Dastrup says enthusiastically.

"We emphasize the Golden Rule and all ramifications: respect yourself, respect others, respect adults, respect the earth. We really stress from that the love of learning."

Dastrup not only administers the school but makes home visits to families to help children adjust. He also gets to know the kids through music.

He was "blown away" last year when he took 12 preschoolers to perform at the Hyatt Hotel on Poipu Beach. Selected through competition, Dastrup was invited to sing his song "Metamorphosis" at the Kauai Music Festival, an international competition for song-writers, which brings great talent to the Garden Isle.

Finding butterfly chrysalises hanging on the playground equipment one early morning sparked his song. Teachers gathered them up into hastily made cages. For two to three weeks the youngsters watched the miracle — transformation from caterpillar to chrysalis to wings-drying butterflies — and celebrated with a "release party."

"During the process I went around to the kids and got their words and imagery — and wrote the song."

Dastrup, with his gentle miracle song and the kids singing along, took first place.

Lectures provoke new images, Christian thought



PHOTO BY SARAH T. MOORE

Members of St. Thomas, Kaua'i, hosted the Rt. Rev. John Spong for the annual Kamehameha and Emma Lectures. Back row, l-r: Peter Somers, Mary Lou O'Brien, Phyllis Somers, Robert O'Brien, Bishop Spong, the Rev. Donor MacNiece, Christine Spong. Front row, l-r: Janice Fukuda, Lorraine Fukuda, Judy Wakumoto, Elaine Watari.

By Sarah T. Moore

KILAUEA, Kaua'i — For nearly two hours, the Rt. Rev. John S. Spong animatedly delivered the Emma and Kamehameha Lectures to a full house at Christ Memorial Church on Nov. 24. Spong, retired bishop of the Diocese of Newark (N.J.) was completing a two-month lecture tour of the South Pacific, with Hawai'i the last stop before returning to the Mainland.

The annual Kaua'i lecture series was dedicated this year to

For a full story on Spong's presentation, go to the News and Events link on the diocesan website: www.episcopalhawaii.org

the 10th anniversary of the re-opening of St. Thomas Church, Hanalei, a yoked congregation with Christ Memorial.

Giving insight to the context of his newest book, *A New Christianity for a New World*, the prolific writer, speaker, and provocative bishop, challenged

the 90 people in the audience to consider new concepts of interpreting biblical stories in view of today's world.

"The question is can we tell the Christ story against a different background?" Spong asked the participants. "I invite you to scrape away the traditional language you've heard over the centuries, and think, what was the experience of Jesus that caused people to change — that when they encountered Jesus, they touched that which was holy."

"Can we do that today, in our culture?"

Staff reorganizes

Lucille S. Caldwell ended years of ministry to the Diocese of Hawaii at the close of 2003 as she stepped down as Program Officer for the Diocese.

"It has been a wonderful servant hood journey of 13 years and I can say I enjoyed the walk with you. You made my life richer by your sharing and special relationship. I thank you for all you have given me," Caldwell wrote the Diocesan Council meeting on Dec. 19.



Lucille Caldwell

Effective December 31, the position of Program Officer was eliminated in a move to restructure the ministry goals of the diocese, it was announced from the Office of the Bishop on Dec. 4.

"This is a ministry that Lucille Caldwell has faithfully exercised for many years since her appointment by Bishop Donald Hart," said Bishop Richard S.O. Chang.

Among the many diocesan programs that Caldwell coordinated during her time on staff were New Beginnings, Happenings, Camps and Conferences, Campus ministry, Diversity training, Lay Eucharistic Minister training programs, Sexual Misconduct Awareness training, and as lead staff for the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention.

"Her ministry has touched many persons in the diocese, Province 8, and the National Church," Chang said. "As a diocese we give thanks to God for her ministry and presence among us."

In leaving the end of the year, Caldwell told the Diocesan Council, "It is time for me to discern where God is leading me. I look forward to this period of being. God called me to serve in the diocese and I believe I have been faithful and obedient. Do know that I will continue to pray for you, the leaders of the diocese, as you embark on the reorganization of the council. You were chosen to serve God's family. God bless."

As part of the restructuring of the diocese and its leadership, the bishop also announced the establishment of a new position of Canon for Ministry Development (see related story, this page).



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Newly elected and continuing members of the Diocesan Council met at Camp Mokule'ia for an overnight retreat. Front row (left to right): Teresa Bowden, Nancy Rowe, Tony Litwinski, Bob Fitzpatrick (staff), Lynne Reynolds, Lucille Caldwell (former staff), Carol Connell, Nancy Tourk, Leslie Isaki, Richard Gerage; Second row (left to right): Dick Chang (bishop), Frank Embree, Peter Pereira (staff), Bud Doty, Peter Lee, Dick Schulz, Alison Dingley, Keane Akao, Roger Evangelista, Darlene Zarker, Lyn Ho, Duane Leach; Back row: (left to right): Hollis Wright, Walter Stevens, Bill Lucas.

New focus bids council, staff

In November, after election at the October diocesan convention, the newly configured 2004 Diocesan Council took the first step to reorganize for mission.

Meeting for an overnight retreat at Camp Mokule'ia, the Council departments were re-configured around the priorities identified by Bishop Richard S.O. Chang for the work and ministry of the diocese: young adults and youth; congregational transformation; reconciliation and evangelism; justice, peace and partnership; and resource development.

Council members were appointed to departments on the basis of their ministry skills, so that each department would have the widest diversity of talents available.

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During the next few months, each department will work with the various commissions and other program groups to identify and help deliver resources for ministry to congregations, so that each congregation can fulfill its mission priorities.

It is hoped that this change will help congregations and their leaders expand training and resources at local and regional levels.

"Decentralizing" ministry from the diocese to the congregation represents a response to the data collected by the Strategic Planning Task Force, Chang explained to the council.

To further resource ministries at the local level, the staff of the

Office of the Bishop is being re-structured. This includes the elimination of the position of Program Officer (see related story) and the establishment of a position of Canon for Ministry Development.

Such person will work directly with congregations to strengthen leadership and ministry through training programs and resource development.

"As the Canon to the Ordinary works with congregations on deployment, this person will spend time in congregations as a consultant and facilitator for ministry," the Bishop reported. Position details and a nationwide search for this position will be formulated early in 2004.

COMING SOON

(EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

FEBRUARY

Feb. 5	Bishop Scruton Preaching Mission, All Saints', Kaua'i
Feb. 6	Certificates of Election/Church Officials' List Due
Feb. 6	Bishop Scruton Preaching Mission, St. George's, Honolulu
Feb. 7	Bishop Scruton Preaching Mission, Good Shepherd, Maui
Feb. 8	Bishop Scruton Preaching Mission, St. James', Hawai'i
Feb. 13	Standing Committee
Feb. 13-15	Happening #16, Mokule'ia
Feb. 21	Diocesan Council

MARCH

March 1	Deadline: Parochial Reports
March 6	Deacons' Meeting
March 12	Standing Committee
March 20-23	"Don't Miss the Boat!" Leadership Cruise
March 20	Diocesan Council

Where have all the lay readers gone?

By The Rev. Canon Robert L. Fitzpatrick

Several changes in "lay" ministries came about this summer by action of the Episcopal Church's General Convention meeting in Minneapolis. These were part of broader changes in the Title III section of the national church canons that focus on ministry. The "canons" are the laws that govern the structure, ministry and organizational life of the Episcopal Church.

First, "Lay Reader" is no longer an official licensed ministry title within the Episcopal Church. The six licensed ministries exercised by lay people when authorized by the ecclesiastical authority are:

tical authority are:

Pastoral Leader: a layperson authorized to exercise pastoral or administrative responsibility in a congregation under special circumstances, as defined by the bishop.

Worship Leader: a layperson who regularly leads public worship under the direction of clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or community of faith.

Preacher: a layperson authorized to preach. Persons so authorized shall only preach in congregations under the direction of clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or community of faith.

Eucharistic Minister: a layperson authorized to administer the consecrated elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist.

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Eucharistic Visitor: a layperson authorized to take the consecrated elements, in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist, to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of a deacon, if any, or otherwise, clergy or other leader exercising

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✠ **The Rt. Rev. Bob G. Jones**, retired Bishop of Wyoming, will serve as the Interim Rector of St. Elizabeth's Church, Honolulu, for six months. Jones has most recently served as the Assisting Bishop for Cyprus and the Gulf and has also served as Dean of St. George's College, Jerusalem, and as a parish priest in Alaska and Arkansas. The Bishop and his wife, Mary Page, arrived in Hawai'i on Dec. 16.

✠ **The Rev. T. James Bethell**, former rector of St. David's, Austin, Diocese of Texas, will serve for 18 months as the Interim Rector of St.

Michael's and All Angels, Lihue, Kauai. The rector, the Rev. Jan Rudinoff, retires as of Feb. 24. Jim and his wife Anne's first Sunday at St. Michael's will be March 14.

✠ **The Rev. Tancredo Pastores**, who retired from the U.S. Army in December, has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Resurrection Church, Hilo, and St. Columba's Church, Paauilo, on the Island of Hawai'i. Pastores also will assess the ministry needs of the various Filipino communities on the Big Island. The Pastores family arrived in Hawai'i in January.

✠ **The Rev. Lorna Williams** withdrew her acceptance to serve as Chaplain at Seabury Hall School on Maui because of family illness.

✠ **The Very Rev. Dr. Ann McElligott**, dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, was named one of "12 to Watch in 2004," in a front page article of *The Honolulu Advertiser*, Jan. 1, 2004, New Year's Day edition. The paper identified a dozen personalities who it feels will shape Hawai'i this year. It noted the Episcopal church faces a tumultuous year and McElligott represents strong leadership at the church's cathedral center.

POSITIONS OPEN

Rector, Holy Apostles, Hilo. Search Task Force is preparing the profile.

Rector, St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu. Search Task Force will soon be organized. Interim minister in place.

Rector, St. Peter's, Honolulu. Search Task Force and Vestry have completed the profile. This is a full-time position. Names of candidates are being accepted by the Canon to the Ordinary.

Pastor/Vicar, St. Philip's, Maili, and Maluhia Lutheran, Waianae. Profiles complete for a shared pastor/vicar call to a full-time ministry. Names of candidates are being accepted by the Canon to the Ordinary.

Completed profiles of open positions are posted on www.episcopalhawaii.org Contact Canon to the Ordinary at 536-7626, ext. 110; RLFitzpatrick@episcopalhawaii.org

DIOCESE.COM NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Hobday to visit Hawai'i

Sister José Hobday, an internationally acclaimed speaker who has authored books, articles, and audio tapes, will visit O'ahu, Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i, April 24-May 8.

On a speaking tour to Hawai'i sponsored by the Stewardship Commission of the Diocese, Sister Hobday, of Seneca, Iroquois, and Seminole descent, will weave together wisdom from Native American and Christian traditions.

A member of the Roman Catholic Order of St. Francis, Hobday is currently a missionary-at-large in the diocese of Gallup, New Mexico. She has worked in many areas, with such leaders as Thomas Berry, Henri Nouwen, Cesar Chavez, Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa, Richard Rohr and the Dalai Lama.

Besides a broad background in education and world religions, she has a degree in architecture and Limited Space Engineering, has taught in the Native American Culture Center at UCLA, and is a licensed auctioneer.

Hobday's finalized schedule will be announced soon. Check the diocesan website: www.episcopalhawaii.org and announcements in your church for details. All presentations are open to the public.

Women's Quiet Day

Women of Hawai'i are invited to the Episcopal Church Women's Annual Quiet Day retreat, Saturday, March 13, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Anthony retreat house in Kalihi, O'ahu. The Rev. Liz Zivanov, rector of St. Clement's, Honolulu, is the spiritual leader.

China tour by Kennedy

If you have never been to China, or have been there and want to see it one more time, here is your opportunity to see the major sites and cities in that great country. The tour departs Honolulu on Friday, April 23, and returns on May 19.

The itinerary includes, among others, Beijing, the Forbidden City, Great Wall, Tian'anmen Square, Xi'an, the Terracotta Warriors, Chongqing, a Yangtze cruise, Fendu, Outang-Wuxia-Xiling Gorges, Three Gorge Dam Site, Jing-Sha, Gezhou lock, Wuhan, Shanghai, Jade Buddha Temple, Children's Palace, Guilin, Li River, Shenzhen and Hong Kong.

The Rev. David Kennedy, a retired priest of the diocese, is the tour escort representing the travel agency, in addition to a tour director from China. Deadline is soon. Call European World Travel at (808)-732-5587 for details. Tell them you are interested in the "Wonders of China" tour escorted by David Kennedy.

Maui church offers Alpha

Holy Innocents' Church in Lahaina, Maui, will offer the Alpha Course to the local community and winter residents on Tuesdays through March 23. The complete program offers an all day session on Saturday, Feb. 21, to emphasize the work and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Call 661-4202 or email holyinno@aloha.net to sign up for this course.

Guam outreach

Forty-six students of St John's Episcopal School's class of 2006, Tumon Bay, Guam, were commended by the Guam Legislature for collecting more than a half-ton of food, clothing, textbooks, and sports equipment for the residents of Namonweito Atoll in the northwestern Chuuk State. Chuuk is one of four states in the "Federated States of Micronesia," located between the Marshall Islands and Guam.

Namonweito Atoll was hit by typhoon Chata'an and then super typhoon Pongsons in less than six months. Ron Tooman, formerly of Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, heads St John's School. The Diocese of Guam formerly were overseen by the Bishop of Hawai'i but now is under the Bishop of the Armed Services.

Changes in lay ministry

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oversight of the congregation or community of faith.

Catechist: a layperson authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, and shall function under the direction of clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or community of faith.

The diocesan bishop is usually the ecclesiastical authority; when, however, there is no diocesan bishop, the role is filled by the Standing Committee.

Other changes

There have been some other substantial changes.

- Note that the word "lay" no longer prefaces any of these ministry titles.

- Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors "act under the direction of a deacon, if any." This is the first time that such ministries have been officially placed under the direct of the deacon.

- Lectors, the formal title in the old canons for someone who reads a lesson during worship, is no longer listed. Any baptized person can read a Scripture lesson. The historic title of "Lay Reader" has been removed and some elements added to the ministry of "Worship Leader." Unless a congregation has regular services of Morning or Evening Prayer, there may be no need for a "Worship Leader."

Establishing guidelines

Another important change is that "[r]equirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons and the duration of

licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry."

In the past, these requirements and guidelines were set in the national canons for the entire Episcopal Church.

There now is a requirement for continuing education. *Bishop Richard Chang* has asked the Commission on Ministry to help establish the needed guidelines and they are working on them now.

At least for Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors, the goal is to develop congregationally or regionally based trainings that can take place as needed.

Immediate concerns

Although there are no longer Lay Eucharistic Ministers, (LEMs) current LEMs will carry over until new training and guidelines are in place. If licenses expire, they will be renewed on a one-year basis.

"Lay Reader" licenses will not be renewed. Since there are no canons regarding who can read the lessons, guidelines for diocesan norms are being prepared.

The "Eucharistic Minister" can administer the elements — chalice and paten — as needed. Because of the changes in titles and functions, future "licenses" will not be the formally printed documents, but simple letters from the bishop. These need not be posted, but kept in the files of the priest-in-charge of the congregation.

These changes will take some time to implement and everyone will need to be understanding as new local guidelines are developed.

Questions? contact Bob Fitzpatrick at RLFitzpatrick@episcopalhawaii.org or call him at the Office of the Bishop, 536-7776, ext. 110 or 1-800-522-8418 from the Neighbor Islands.

Kaua'i youth group gets an eyeful of Las Vegas

BY SARAH T. MOORE

Ask eight young people from All Saints', Kapa'a, Kaua'i what was memorable about their service outreach trip to Nevada, and you get different answers.

Wehi Oliver will tell you, "It was too hot!" Everyone's eyes sparkle remembering Sun's Hawaiian restaurant, with "the best local food."

But dig a little deeper and they begin to talk about the experience, organized by youth group and Sunday School Director Mel Furugen.

They liked the upbeat feel of the closing service of the Diocese of Nevada's New Beginnings youth weekend. "It was modern," said Cory Sokei.

They were sobered seeing the back streets of Vegas. "The strip seemed like a casino itself, but outside the strip are homeless people looking for shade," said one student.

They became aware of the poverty of the children in school, not only by their clothes, but action.

"When school was over all the parents came to pick up the children. They could do that because they were unemployed," said Kira Furugen. Some children would go to home to shelters and eat at food banks. "School for them was like heaven."

When serving meals to the homeless, including children, Kira said "It hits a certain spot."

All Saints' group has been saving money for several years earned from craft fairs and fund raising projects.

"I tell them we use 50 percent for fun and 50 percent for service," says Furugen.

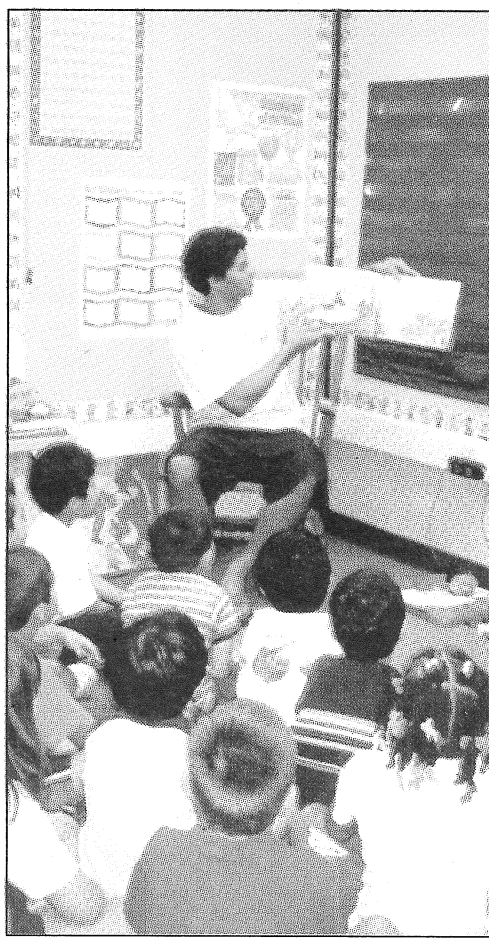
Pooling that with money voted by the church vestry and their own personal earnings, the group left during a two-week break from year-round school on Sept. 26, taking a red-eye flight to Las Vegas. Tired but curious, they piled into a van, and drove through dry desert landscape to get an eyeful of the other side of Vegas.

They served meals in a rescue mission, spent two days reading with children in a primarily Hispanic public elementary school, taught Sunday School at Christ Episcopal Church, joined the New Beginnings weekend for teens, and saw the "ghetto" side of one of the nation's fastest growing regions.

Bonded as friends, these Kauai high school students have been together as a youth group since early junior high, with Furugen as their leader. They included a college tour on the trip, visiting the University of Nevada Las Vegas where member Keoki Saiki's sister is a student, and saw the Hoover Dam.

"They came back and shared with the Sunday school here," said Furugen. "I saw a lot of growth and confidence in them. I was impressed at how well they did sharing with our kids."

Working with the homeless was not the first outreach experience this group has done from the Garden Isle. Earlier in the



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Waika Oliver of All Saint's, Kapa'a, reads to elementary school youngsters on a youth service outreach trip to Las Vegas.

year they flew to O'ahu to volunteer serving meals at IHS in urban Honolulu.

"We served 300 people in O'ahu," said Kira Furugen, a sophomore. "It was very different in Las Vegas. There the first thing that hits you is the smell. Really sour. Eventually you get more used to it. They'd keep to themselves, eat. All races were there, singles, old people, and well-dressed people who looked like they were there to gamble in the casinos. And all had this kind of lost look in their eyes. You could see they had mental problems. In O'ahu, they didn't have the empty stares as much as there."

The elementary school classrooms, painted in bright yellow, turquoise and orange, were a joyful contrast.

"Most of the kids spoke Spanish which was kinda neat — we could practice our Spanish," said Brent Sokei. The group took children's books of Hawaiian myths and tales and read stories "all day long."

"We used 'Lilo and Stitch' often (the Disney-Pixel animated movie set in Hawai'i), then kids got where we were from and connected with some of our stories," noted Kira Furugen.

During the week the students also helped a couple move into a house, distributed at least 60 Hawaiian-patterned blankets they had made during meetings at their church on Kaua'i, spade and weeded a desert garden for a school.

"They weren't happy with me when I scheduled that project," laughed Furugen. "It was so hot! And the desert did not look like a garden to them!"

The group will report about the trip in a youth service at All Saints' in February.

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