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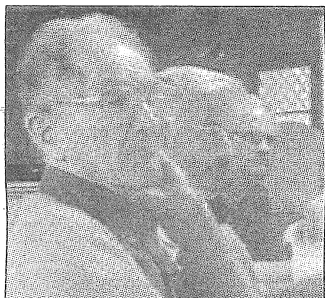
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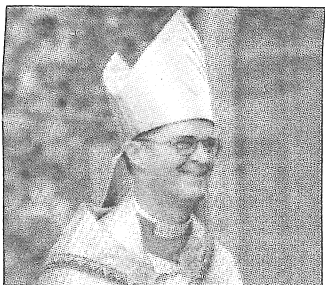
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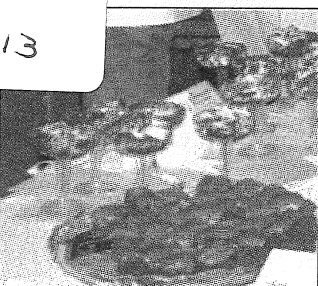
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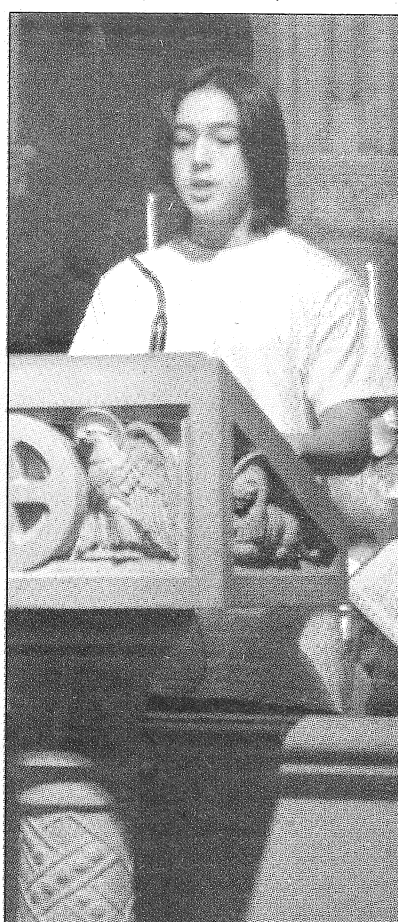
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## Looking for heart in Diocese of Hawai'i

By Sarah T. Moore

"It was a time of shame and a time of grace," said the Rev. Elizabeth Zivanov to her parishioners at St. Clement's in Honolulu on Sunday morning after the two-day 36th Annual Meeting of the Convention, Oct. 29-30.

From Bishop Richard Chang's opening challenge in Friday night's sensory-filled worship at St. Andrew's Cathedral — to "makeover" the church, "raise the roof, blow down the walls, so a new diocese of Hawai'i can be built," and the presentation of a new Strategic Plan with resolutions providing tools to begin the building, to controversial issues of homosexuality and ordination of bishops and blessing of same-sex relationships — the convention brought people to a point of frustration, excitement, sorrow, vulnerability, and new hope.

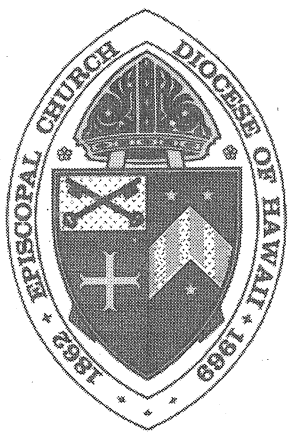
"I realize," said Cynthia Salley, newly

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Top: Bishop of Hawai'i Richard S.O. Chang celebrates the Convention Eucharist in St. Andrew's Cathedral, with attending deacons the Rev. C.S. Honey Becker, left, and the Rev. Patricia Leo. Bottom left: Chantor Richard Kua'ana, left, and liturgical dancers Debbie Nakanelua-Richards, center, and Natasha Dator perform to the offertory anthem with music by Dr. Arlan Sunnarborg and the cathedral choirs. Bottom right: Tucker Haworth of St. Clement's in Honolulu, reads Scripture.

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# Resolved: To make resolutions count

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I begin by expressing my gratitude to the members of the Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i for their two days of discussion and decision on October 29 and 30.

Special thanks need to be extended to the members of the Convention Committees, the acolytes, choir and musicians for our Convention worship, and my staff for their work to facilitate the work of the Annual Meeting. To Cass Bailey and the members of the Committee to Respond to the Bishop's Address, thank you for the gift certificate for three hours of massage at the Honolulu Club. Now the work to makeover our Diocese begins in earnest.

With every New Year we begin with resolutions to change how we do things. We resolve to exercise more and eat healthy. We resolve to maintain better communication with family members whom we see less and less frequently. We resolve to spend more time with the family and bring less work home from the office. And while we are preparing our resolutions for the New Year, we are very much aware of the reality that resolutions are just as quickly broken or forgotten by the end of January.

For those who would like some resolutions for the New Year, I offer these for your prayerful consideration:

1. Resolve to strive to live a personal spiritual discipline of the "Holy Habits" of tithing, daily personal prayer and



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

study, Sabbath time, and weekly corporate worship.

2. Resolve to use the four Goals of the Strategic Plans Report as criteria for developing and implementing a new vision for ministry in my congregation.

3. Resolve to engage in "Respectful Conversations" within my congregation and community.

4. Resolve to support the Hawaiian Church Chronicle by making my contribution using the special envelope provided annually.

5. Resolve to be accountable and responsible as a member of my congregation in the exercise of ministry using my God-given gifts and skills.

6. Resolve to live the promises of my baptism each day of the new year.

7. Resolve to support youth and young adults as an advocate and mentor.

May God grant us the strength and the courage to do all that we promise for the New Year.

Faithfully yours,  
+Richard



## Wake up! It's Advent. Rejoice! It's Christmas

Advent is the first season of the Christian calendar. Our "new year." It's a time of expectation and new beginnings as we approach Christmas. Wake up! Pay attention! Prepare for the coming of the Lord, God's son, bursting into the world, changing lives and transforming hearts.

We, as a nation, have had full months in October and November. Not only did an election of epic significance unfold, but also the day after voting for local and national leaders, Americans collided as interpretations of faith, culture and political policy polarized us.

In addition, we Episcopalians and Anglicans around the globe began reading and making sense of the 93-page Windsor Report.

Trying to read with a mind to reconciliation and listening, Episcopalians discovered a document that asks the American Episcopal Church to regret its action in confirming a gay man as bishop, for the Anglican Church of Canada to not authorize public rites of blessings for same sex unions, and that bishops stop crossing jurisdictional lines for Episcopal functions when not invited. These are three main points. There are many others.

In the midst of this, we joined other dioceses to gather for our annual meetings of convention in late October drawing attention to our life together and



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making decisions for our future. Such meetings prove both joyful and difficult.

Sometimes it's hard to enter Advent with anticipatory joy and high hopes.

However, think on this: This *Chronicle* is full of faces, names, and topics under discussion across our diocese. In some ways, what better way to say we are waking up. We are paying attention. We are welcoming in a new year. We are stirring to engage the church in life around us, and bringing life around us into the church.

Nearly 50 young people gave up parts of their weekend to be part of the church at convention. Dozens of you put your names forward to take on responsibilities that will direct the energies of this diocese the next few years. We honored our elders, kupuna, as faithful models. The Strategic Planning Task Force presented two years of work to help provide direction as the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i retools to better serve and witness to Jesus Christ.

Raise the roof! Knock down walls!

## BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

### DECEMBER

Dec. 12 ..... St. Peter,  
Honolulu

Dec. 19 ..... St. Matthew,  
Waimanalo, O'ahu

### JANUARY 2005

Jan. 23 ..... Emmanuel,  
Kailua

Jan. 30 ..... Episcopal Church  
in West Kaua'i

### FEBRUARY 2005

Feb. 6 ..... Calvary Church,  
Kaneohe

Feb. 13 ..... Church of the Epiphany,  
Honolulu

Feb. 27 ..... St. Mark,  
Honolulu

### MARCH 2005

March. 6 ..... St. Stephen,  
Wahiawa, O'ahu

March. 13 ..... House of Bishops

March. 20 ..... Holy Nativity, Honolulu

March. 27 ..... St. Andrew's Cathedral,  
Honolulu (Easter)

Those words from Bishop Richard Chang's address, someone recently told me, were "fiery."

Well, perhaps there is a fire being lit under us to get on with it and decide who we in the church in Hawai'i are to be. Whether it smolders and burns out or bursts into flame will remain our task, our choice, with assurance God works among us and through us.

What better time, really, than Advent to think on these decisions we have made as a body of the church, topics talked about, and topics we continue to talk about for the coming year.

How are we preparing to welcome Christ into the world this year? Do any of the things mentioned in this paper help us connect our life with faith, our commitment to action, our spiritual journey to deepen and our welcoming the stranger on their spiritual quest?

When each of us worships at church on Christmas, how excited can we be to sing the glorious hymns, share a festive Eucharist, embrace family and friends, greet the stranger in welcome, and rejoice — God is reborn among us!

Is our expression of faith — our Episcopal Church in Hawai'i — welcoming, listening to one another, listening to the world around us?

Are we waking up? Paying attention?

# Windsor conversations: Education is key

By Sarah T. Moore

Some in the diocese say it is an elaborate, complex document that is hard to read.

Others find it a challenging scholarly, theological paper that they are eager to discuss.

Yet more note the person in the pew is not worried about what's going on in New Hampshire, Ireland, Africa or England.

"Peoples' interest lies right here, now," said the Rev. Morley Frech, rector, Trinity-by the Sea, Kihei, Maui. "Where are we going to be when the conversation dies down? Are we inhibited to do ministry to gay and lesbians? Most felt we got a slap on the wrist for ordaining a gay bishop. Are we going to be thrown out of the Anglican Communion? To some, that's a big deal. To others, they say 'So?'"

"For me, as a priest, it has a lot of tradition and meaning," Frech added. "But the average person in the pew doesn't relate."

Bishop Richard Chang met with leadership groups to listen to comments about the Windsor Report and discuss how the diocese would respond and help people understand what this is all about. Three meetings were held on O'ahu, one each on Maui, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, and Molokai.

"For me, these conversation in the diocese are important. The western church's higher priority is mission," said Chang to a group of 15 clergy and lay leaders on Maui. "This is not a hearing. But what leadership is saying (repeated last night at the O'ahu meeting at Holy Nativity in Aina Haina) is that education is key."

"I think it is a major report," said the Rev. David Coon, retired, former headmaster of Iolani School, at a meeting at St. James, Kamuela, Hawai'i. "It parallels beliefs in our society, our country. It think its major, we should think more carefully before we dash into something. Face it, we dashed into Iraq."

The report, produced over a year by a 17-member commission appointed by the

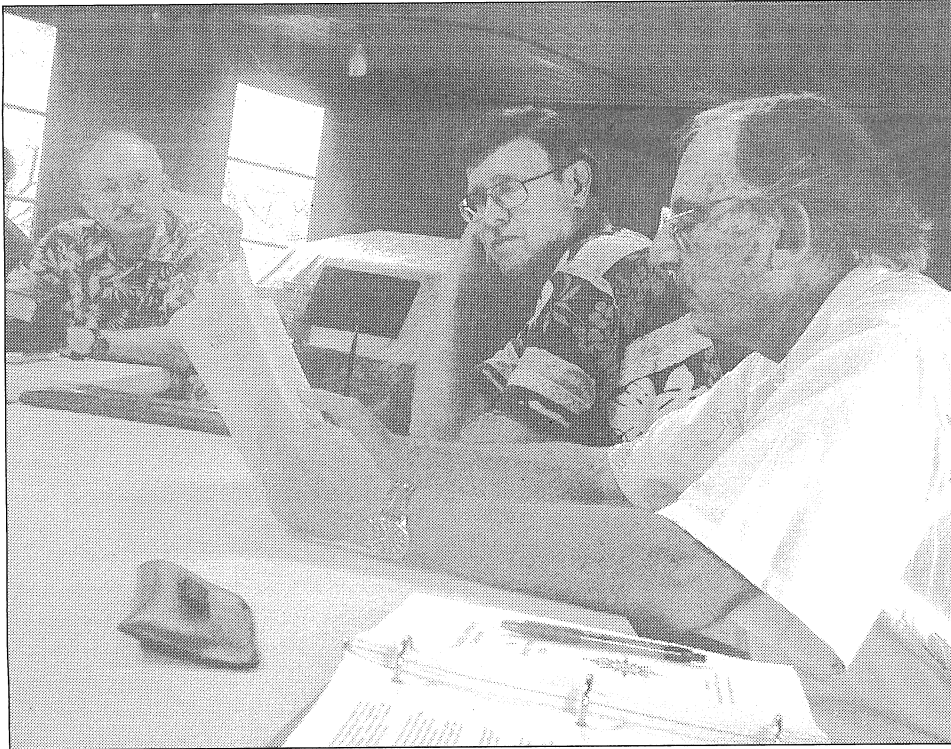


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**St. James, Kamuela, Hawai'i, Senior Warden Dick Solmssen reads from a Greek reference document to clarify the Greek word "adiaphora" used with the concept of "subsidiarity" in the Windsor Report, published by the Anglican Communion on Oct. 18. Bishop Richard Chang held six meetings on each island of the diocese to gather impressions on how the document will affect the churches in Hawai'i.**

Archbishop of Canterbury at the request of primates of the Anglican Communion, was the direct result of action by the 2003 General Convention of the Episcopal Church to consent to the election and consecration of Gene Robinson, a gay man in a committed relationship, as bishop of New Hampshire, the authorizing public rites of blessing of same sex unions by the Anglican Church of Canada, and the action by bishops without consent or approval to perform episcopal functions in diocese other than their own. This has caused divisions throughout the 77-million member Anglican Communion, sparking words of crisis, schism, and realignment of relationships. (see Editor's column)

The process to discuss and respond to the report within the Episcopal Church

leadership, then within the Anglican Communion, takes a long time, explained Chang to the various meetings held in late October and November.

The "official" reception of the report by the House of Bishops will take place at a special meeting Jan. 12-13 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to that meeting, Province 8 bishops (in western U.S. dioceses) will speak, by conference call, by Dec. 1.

As vice president of the House of Bishops, Chang will participate in many more meetings than most bishops. He attended the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice in New York City in early November, to discuss the agenda for the special Salt Lake meeting. The regularly scheduled Spring meeting of the House of Bishop's takes place March 11-16, at Camp Allen, Texas.

"This all leads up to the General Convention in 2006 where a formal response will be made on the report," Chang said.

"In terms of the wider Communion, on Oct. 18, the report was released at a Committee of Primates at which the Presiding Bishop was present," Chang said. "The next major meeting is in February 2005, when all primates meet in Ireland. Then, June 2005, the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) will meet and receive the report."

"The ACC is the only Instrument of Unity that has laity and priests on it," Chang explained. "Every international province has 3 representatives- bishop, priest, lay person. All other Instruments of Unity mentioned in the report, are comprised of bishops."

Those instruments (mechanisms by which churches could take council together) are: Archbishop of Canterbury (persona of unity), the Lambeth Conference, Anglican Consultative Council, and the Primates' Meeting.

The Lambeth Conference of all Anglican bishops in the world, will be held in 2008 in conjunction with an Anglican Conference. Both will be held in South Africa.

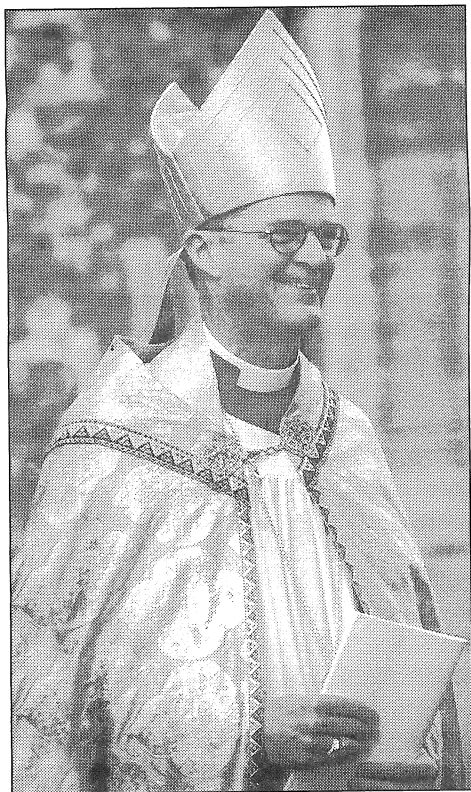
"This is a watershed time in this process," Chang stressed to participants at the Maui gathering. "The question is how long will the Anglican Communion hold until this time or will it fall apart?"

"This helps me understand how your congregation(s) view the report, how it is being received and gives me a good sense to take to the meetings I'll attend. How can we as a diocese continue a conversation? Will your congregations discuss the report? And which is a greater priority, the Windsor Report or the Strategic Plan?"

"This is a process we are being invited to participate in and it is not going to end quickly."

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The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold

## Schedule set for Presiding Bishop's visit

### 5-day itinerary includes visits to Maui, Pearl Harbor

Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, will visit the Diocese of Hawai'i Dec. 1-5. The visit will include a Sunday service at St. Andrew's Cathedral, a Friday morning gathering with clergy and spouses and several open gatherings with people across the diocese. Phoebe Griswold will accompany him on several occasions.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30:** the Presiding Bishop will attend 9:10 a.m. morning chapel of the St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Following chapel he will meet with student leaders of the school. At noon he will meet for lunch with retired clergy, spouses, and clergy

widows, followed by a tour of Iolani Palace. He will meet at 4 p.m. with members of the Native Hawaiian Commission.

**Wednesday, Dec. 1:** the Presiding Bishop will fly with Bishop Richard and Dee Chang to Maui where he will meet with clergy and lay leaders of all Maui churches at Trinity Church By-the-Sea, Kihei. At noon he will have lunch with Maui clergy. A public Eucharist will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd, Wailuku, with the Presiding Bishop as celebrant and preacher. A reception will follow.

**Thursday, Dec. 2:** a trip is planned for the Presiding Bishop to visit Pearl Harbor in the morning. At noon, the Griswolds will lunch with the Changs followed by a 1:30 p.m. press conference at St. Andrew's Cathedral. At 6 p.m., the Presiding Bishop will deliver a homily in a service of Evening Prayer at St. Luke's, Honolulu, for members of the diocesan Episcopal Church Women followed by

an ECW supper.

**Friday, Dec. 3:** clergy and spouses are invited to a meeting and lunch at St. Andrew's Cathedral from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. the Presiding Bishop will gather for dinner with youth and young adults of the diocese at the McCray Center at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa campus.

**Saturday, Dec. 4:** is a time for lay leaders to engage the Presiding Bishop in conversation, scheduled from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Cathedral.

**Sunday, Dec. 5:** the Presiding Bishop will preside and preach at the 10 a.m. service at St. Andrew's Cathedral. A reception will follow the worship service.

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# Looking for heart in the Diocese of Hawai'i

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elected president of the Standing Committee, at the close of convention, "that whatever is in your heart — that's where you are going to be."

Much of the meeting was a time of listening — to the Rev. Tancredo Pastores of Resurrection and St. Columba's in Hilo, testify against homosexual behavior; to Holy Cross delegate Boyd Ready ask for more discussion on the confirmation of the bishop of New Hampshire, and to Bruce Fink, a delegate from Calvary Church in Kaneohe, talk about his struggles to stay in the church.

"Help me make a decision to stay in ECUSA," Fink said. "For 30 years I've been an army brat and in Episcopal churches from here to Virginia. Now we have decisions. We have to leave Calvary Church or Calvary may leave the diocese. This (ordination of a gay bishop and same-sex blessings) is not consistent with Scripture, as I understand it. I ask you to listen to a viewpoint with which you disagree, and I do not mean disrespect."

It also was a time of expressing justice, compassion and inclusiveness.

The youngest voice, 17-year-old Hilary Reynolds-Boyle (given permission to speak as a member of the youth presence) calmly conveyed her generation's tolerance.

"Times are changing. What can we do to help this generation?" Boyle said. "In a couple of decades, some of you guys won't even be here. I want to keep going to church and want to be in a community where people are accepted. I think we should have love."

Then, 84-year-old retired priest, the Rev. Malcolm Minor of St. Michael and All Angels, Kaua'i, rose to echo that sentiment, saying, "From youth to the oldest, we can be honest. I can say it as I feel it is, and I know there will be people who disagree with me. There's been a lot of talk of theology and Scripture. One thing I can say for sure is that Jesus is love, love is God, and we are love. And as the new hymn, 'They'll Know We are Christians by our Love,' says, if we really believe that, we will love."

## Worship

More than 300 people filled St. Andrew's Cathedral for the Eucharist, heard Bishop Chang's address to convention, and experienced joyful worship with young and old alike, praying in many languages and in liturgical dance and drama.

Opening at the cathedral Friday afternoon, with reports and resolutions in Tenney Theater, delegates gathered under a twinkle light-festooned tent for pupus, refreshment, and music by the group Nalu-hoe, prior to the evening Eucharist.

Earlier in the day, Chancellor Jack Lockwood primed about 25 first-time delegates with convention rules of order before the opening session.

## Strategic Plan

In a special order of business, Chair William Watkins introduced the Strategic Plan Committee who presented ideas of the plan through voices of youth, new Episcopalians, and seasoned wardens. The plan,



Delegates met for opening session in Tenney Theater at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

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The Rev. Alison Dingley of St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, pondered material at the second day of meeting at the Sheraton Waikiki.

"Conversion, Transformation, and Evangelism: Communicating a New Vision for the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i," has been two years in the making and provides a road map for Hawai'i Episcopalians to consider its vision, mission, life and focus for the next five years.

"For the first time in my life in a diocesan convention, I'm getting a little excited," proclaimed the Rev. Hollis Maxson in the opening session. A priest for 47 years, he noted Episcopalians are often called "God's frozen people," and said we "finally are getting the message to thaw out."

Over the two days, convention talked, and listened. At the end there was a stirring that perhaps a new spark would hasten the church's thawing out.

"This is the first convention I can remember that we didn't focus on nuts and

bolts," long time Hawai'i clergyman, the Rev. Jerry Gifford, told convention. "You're on the right track."

Of the record 21 resolutions before the convention, 12 were adopted, three defeated, one discharged, one postponed, and three withdrawn (see chart, next page for a summary of adopted resolutions).

Adopted resolutions included topics on recruiting, retaining, and development of clergy (No. 2), feasibility study to examine paying for seminary education for future priests for the diocese and diocesan and parish funding partners for curacies in congregations (No. 4) and adopting personal disciplines of stewardship (No. 7). Four resolutions passed to begin implementing the Strategic Plan.

Leaders of the councils of the diocese, committees, and commissions were elected

and appointed by the bishop. A \$2.4 million budget was approved for 2005.


Held at St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Sheraton Waikiki, the convention included a youth presence of about 40 young people organized by Nancy Tourk, youth and young adult minister at St. Clement. Assisted by a committee of adult sponsors, the youth attended the Bishop's Blast overnight at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Aina Haina, and served as pages and runners at the convention. The weekend culminated with the first Bishop's Ball in Davies Hall at St. Andrew's, Saturday night.

Several seniors were honored at a Saturday luncheon for their contribution to the life of their congregations.

In a change of venue, next year's convention will be held in Maui at the Wailea Marriott, Oct. 28-29, 2005.

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RESOLUTION NO. AND TITLE	SUMMARY OF ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS	ACTION/ACCOUNTABILITY
<b>Resolution No. 1</b> 2005 Clergy Compensation & Benefits Policy of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i	The 2005 salary ranges represent a 3.3% increase over 2004. The compensation categories and ranges are intended to be used as a framework within which the Vestry/Bishop's Committee and the clergy negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation. These salary ranges are minimums for full-salary clergy, and the percentage increase does not preclude merit increases or other increases as negotiated.	All clergy; all congregations
<b>Resolution No. 2</b> Task Force on Clergy Recruitment, Retention and Professional Development	The Bishop will appoint a Task Force to prepare a report on clergy recruitment, retention and professional development with definitive recommendations to be presented to the 37th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i.	Bishop; appointed Task Force
<b>Resolution No. 3</b> Retitling Makule E Akamai Award	This annual award will be retitled "Kupuna Akamai"— an award to honor those age 65 or older in congregations of the Diocese.	Episcopal Ministry on Aging Committee (EMOA); Convention Plans Committee; Office of the Bishop
<b>Resolution No. 4</b> Funding and Formation of Future Priests	A joint Task Force of the Commission on Ministry and Diocesan Council will prepare a feasibility study for the financial support of a plan to pay, from the regular diocesan budget by 2009, the entire tuition costs for all seminarians sponsored by the Diocese of Hawai'i as postulants or candidates for ordination to the priesthood at accredited seminaries of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and as approved by the Bishop, or at other institutions/programs of theological education specifically recommended by the Commission on Ministry and approved by the Bishop. This plan would include provision for two-year curacies funded jointly by the Diocese and the congregation.	Joint Task Force of Commission on Ministry and Diocesan Council
<b>Resolution No. 7</b> (as amended) Stewardship: Holy Habits	All members of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i are encouraged to develop a personal spiritual discipline that includes, at a minimum, the holy habits of tithing, daily personal prayer and study, Sabbath time, and weekly corporate worship.	Vestries. Bishop's Committees; all clergy
<b>Resolution No. 10</b> Millennium Development Goals Fund	Following a General Convention resolution, the Diocese commits 0.7% (\$17,500 in 2005) of its annual budget to fund international development programs which further the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDG's); Justice, Peace and Partnership Department of Diocesan Council and Episcopal Relief and Development will collaborate to allocate funds to projects furthering these goals; congregations will be encouraged to allocate 0.7% of their budgets to similar international development programs.	Justice, Peace and Partnership Department; Treasurer; Resource Development Department; all congregations.
<b>Resolution No. 11</b> Affirmation of the Work of TENS, the Episcopal Network for Stewardship	Convention affirms the work of the Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) and encourages all congregations in the diocese to join TENS and to use the resources TENS has developed for the Church. ( <a href="http://www.tens.org">www.tens.org</a> )	All congregations; Stewardship Commission
<b>Resolution No. 12</b> Peace Making in the Midst of Conflict	Members of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i will strive to seek and serve Christ in all persons with whom we are in conflict.	All congregations
<b>Resolution No. 13</b> Amendment of Canon 13. Diocesan Council and the Repeal of Canon 13A. Regions	A commitment to study and report next year a proposal to the next Diocesan Convention on the geographic regions and clustering of congregations to promote ministry, fellowship, programs etc.	Referred to Diocesan Council
<b>Resolution No. 14</b> Accept the Report of the Strategic Planning Task Force and Adopt the Goals	The Strategic Planning Task Force report, entitled "Conversion, Transformation, and Evangelism: Communicating a New Vision for the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i," is commended to all members of vestries and Bishop's Committees and other leaders of the Diocese for study, to adopt its four goals. All leadership entities should begin immediately to use the plan's goals as the basis of planning, programming, organizing, budgeting, funding and staffing.	Office of the Bishop; Diocesan Council; Standing Committee; all commissions; all congregations; other diocesan organizations
<b>Resolution No. 15</b> Evaluate and Implement the "Plans" to Achieve the Goals in the Report of the Strategic Planning Task Force	All entities in the Diocese should study, consider, and, as appropriate and fiscally prudent, implement "plans" to achieve the four goals in the Strategic Planning Task Force report "Conversion, Transformation, and Evangelism: Communicating a New Vision for the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i."	2005 Annual Meeting; Diocesan Council; Standing Committee; all commissions; other diocesan organizations; Office of the Bishop; Bishop
<b>Resolution No. 16</b> (as amended) The Goals and the 2006 Budget	The 2006 Diocesan budget to be presented to the 37th Annual Meeting of the Convention and the budgets presented to the four subsequent Meetings of the Convention shall be based upon the goals and plans in the report of the Strategic Planning Task Force entitled "Conversion, Transformation, and Evangelism: Communicating a New Vision for the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i."	Diocesan Council; all commissions; other diocesan organizations
<b>Resolution No. 17</b> Reports by the Diocesan Council on Implementation of the Goals and Plans in the Report of the Strategic Planning Task Force, "Conversion, Transformation, and Evangelism: Communicating a New Vision for the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i"	Diocesan Council shall make semi-annual public reports on the progress of and achievements and challenges in, implementing the goals and plans in the Strategic Planning Task Force report, "Conversion, Transformation, and Evangelism: Communicating a New Vision for the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i." Such reports shall be published on the diocesan web site, in the <i>Hawaiian Church Chronicle</i> , distributed to all congregations and presented to Annual Meetings of the Convention.	Diocesan Council; Office of the Bishop

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## Blessings Task Force to help discussions

A record number 21 resolutions were discussed. Several, relating to issues of interpretation of Scripture, homosexuality and same sex blessings, provided opportunity for listening and expressing passionate opinions.

Many of these topics will be addressed by the Blessings Task Force, comprised of Don Botsai, Church of the Epiphany, Mary Carpenter, Parish of St. Clement, Faith Shiramizu, All Saints, Kapa'a, Kaua'i, the Rev. Tom Yoshida, retired clergy, and the Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, canon to the ordinary, convener. The bishop will appoint two additional members. Same sex blessings are prohibited in the diocese.

This Annual Meeting also had several firsts. An example, all advance materials were published and available to delegates and the public on the diocesan website. Post meeting reports, documents, and additional photos are now posted for review.

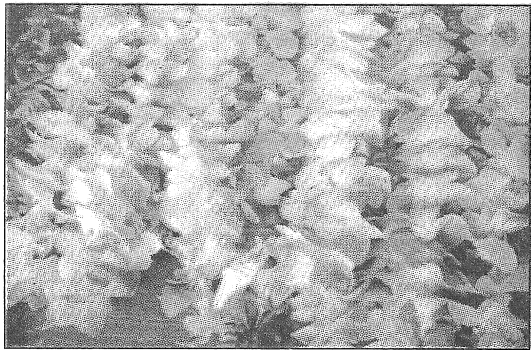


William Lucas, president of the Camp Mokule'ia board of directors, presented an annual report on the state of the camp on the North Shore.



Above: Convention goers enjoyed a buffet on the cathedral grounds before the worship service on Friday night; Above right: St. Andrew's choirs presented music; Right: leis waiting to be presented to guests and participants.

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Recipients of the Episcopal Ministry on Aging Award, renamed Kupuna Akamai award, are: Front row (left to right): Jean Smith, St. Stephen's, Alice Freitas, Calvary, Hazel Kealoha, St. Matthew's, Mary Reynolds, St. Clement's, Margaret Fleming, Emmanuel. Back row (left to right): Liz Napier, St. Timothy's, John Decker, Good Shepherd, Yachio Wataya, All Saints', Bill Sumida, St. Mary's, Albina Gamponia, St. Paul's.

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## Grappling to be faithful

By Sarah T. Moore

About 70 members of Calvary Church, Kaneohe met Sunday afternoon after convention, to discuss continued membership in the Episcopal Church.

"We had a very good meeting," said the Rev. Joe Carr, rector. "What was important, was that people were finally honest with one another. A number said we can no longer stay with the Diocese and the national Episcopal Church. Others said we disagree with Diocese but want to stay."

"How do we birth out of two?"

At last year's convention, Carr publicly stated that Calvary would withhold its assessment to the diocese as it struggled with issues within the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

With the October publication of the Windsor Report, the consecration of Gene Robinson, a gay man in a committed same gender relationship, as the Bishop of New Hampshire, and the blessing of same-sex unions in Canada and the United States, many across the church are grappling with theological differences and Scriptural interpretation.

"This convention was friendlier than the previous year. What was really good was that we were able to talk. Last year that didn't happen. Resolutions were tabled and stuff. But our delegation, I think, their sense was that it's time to go."

Calvary's vestry will continue working to discuss plans for the congregation's annual meeting in January.

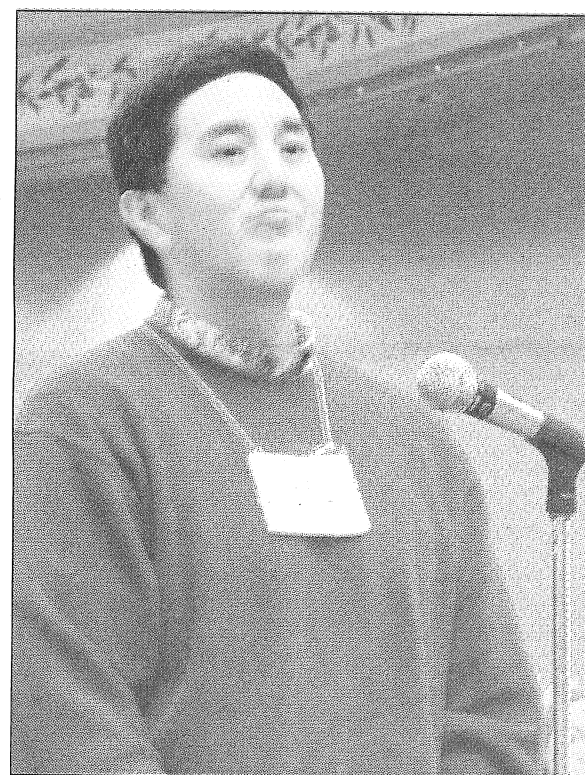
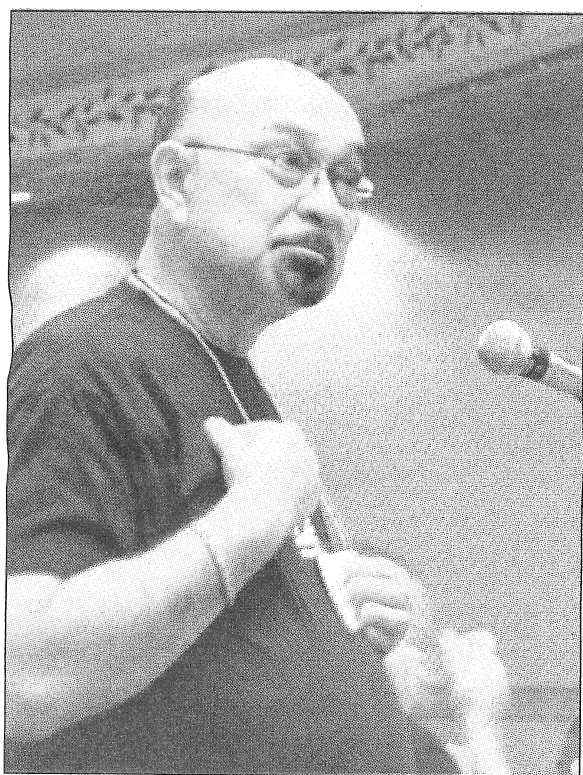
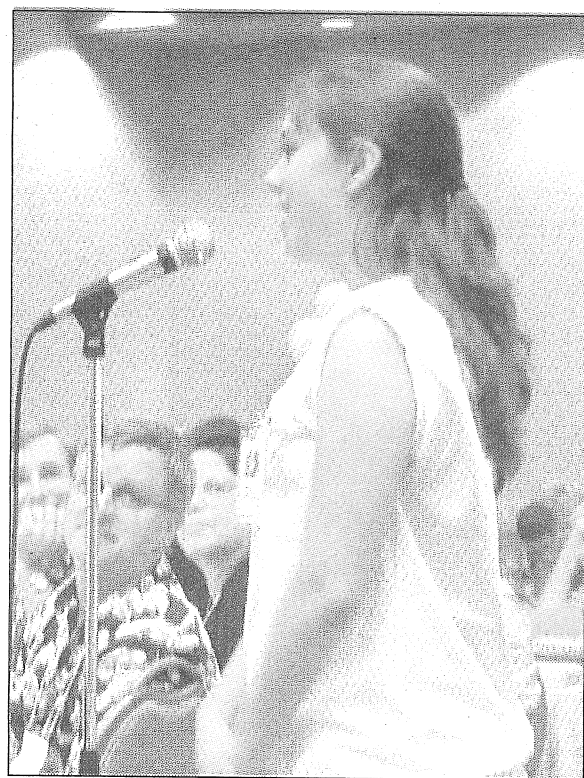
"There are those who want to stay — it is the church of their parents or grandparents. They just can't leave it. Many of us just want to put all of the issues back in the closet and pretend they do not exist."

"For me, as I think back to Minneapolis (where Carr was an alternate deputy to the Episcopal Church General Convention), that was as if I was waking up in the middle of the nightmare. Now it has disappeared and it's a reality."

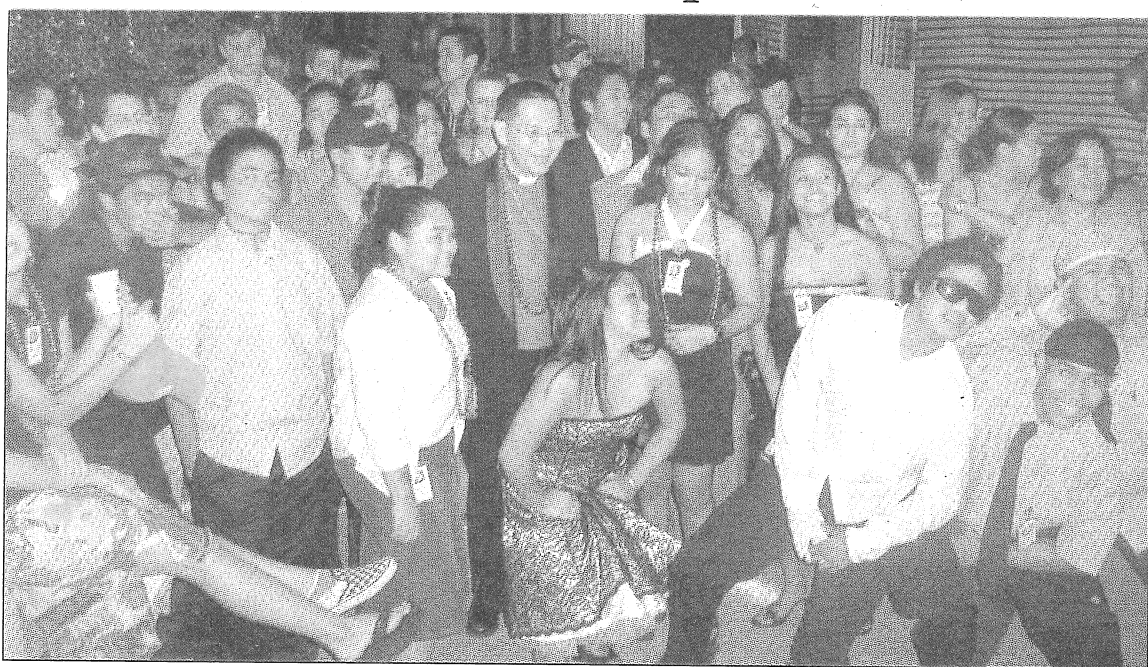
"We all do have to make decisions," he stressed. "Step by step."

On Nov. 6, Carr flew to a national meeting of Orthodox Episcopal leaders in Plano, Texas to hear more about the Windsor Report and to be involved in strategy meetings for the future. He asks for prayers for discernment.

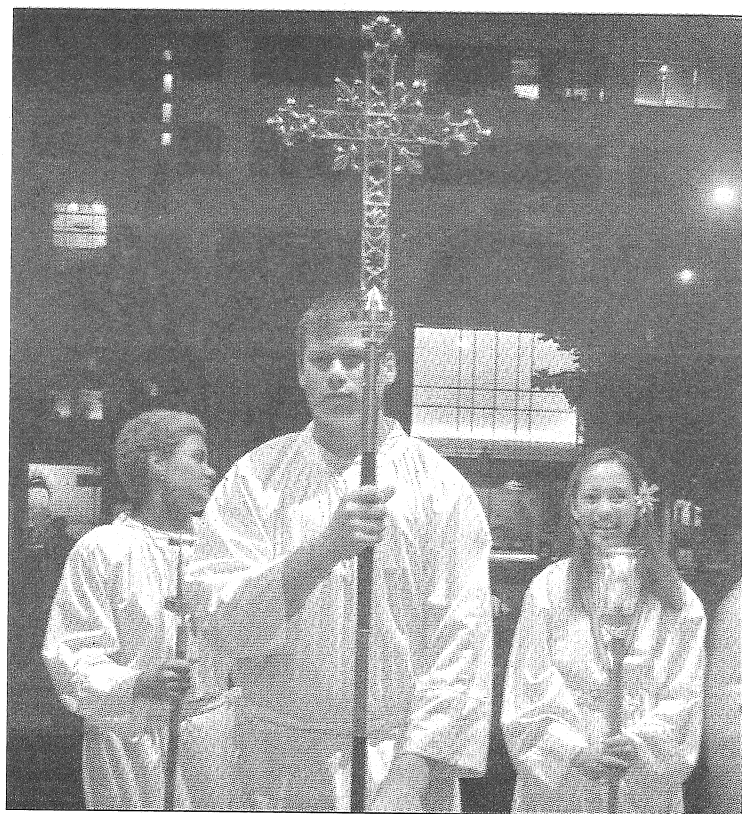
**Many voices spent hours discussing Resolution 18 (report on confirmation of the bishop of New Hampshire) before it was discharged and referred to the Standing Committee for future discussion. It was noted that the Blessings Task Force and Windsor Report meetings are venues for this topic. Clockwise from top left, the Rev. Joe Carr, Hilary Reynolds-Boyle, Wayne Yoshigai and the Rev. Darrow Aiona.**



## Youth make convention presence known



Nearly 50 young people join Bishop Richard Chang at the first annual Bishop's Ball. Right: Esther Carr, left and James Liberato, center, and Lizel Igaya lead the procession at opening Eucharist.



# Eight elected to attend General Convention

Every diocese sends its bishop, and elects four clergy and four lay people as Deputies to serve at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, held every three years. Elected at this year's diocesan convention, the delegation from Hawai'i will attend the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, June 13-21, 2006, in Columbus, Ohio. Among the duties at this convention is the election of a new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church by the House of Bishops. The Presiding Bishop's election must be confirmed by the House of Deputies (comprised of the elected clergy and laity from each diocese). Hawai'i's Bettye Jo Harris, St. Christopher's, Kailua, was elected at the 2003 General Convention as the lay representative from Province 8 (the western United States) on the Presiding Bishop Search Committee for the church.

Four clergy and four laity are elected for a three-year term. Elected Deputies in order of number of votes received are:

Clergy: The Rev. Canon Robert L. Fitzpatrick, canon to the ordinary, priest-in-charge, St. Luke's, Honolulu; the Rev. Darrow L.K. Aiona, rector, St. Mark's Church, Honolulu; the Rev. Elizabeth Zivanov, rector, Parish of St. Clement, Honolulu; the Rev. Morley E. Frech Jr., rector, Trinity By-the-Sea, Maui. Alternates are (1) The Rev. Alison Dingley, priest-in-charge, St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, O'ahu (2) the Rev. Carol M. Arney, rector, Christ Church, Kealahou, Hawai'i (3) the Rev. Honey C.S. Becker, deacon, St. Andrew's Cathedral, and (4) the Rev. Heather M. Mueller-Fitch, rector, St. John, Kula, Maui.

Laity: Ryan K. Kusumoto, Church of the Epiphany, Honolulu; Keane J.K. Akao, Parish of St. Clement, Honolulu; Cynthia M. Salley, St. Jude, Ocean View, Hawai'i; John A.



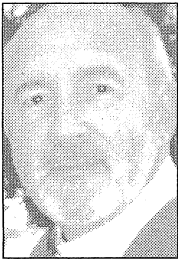
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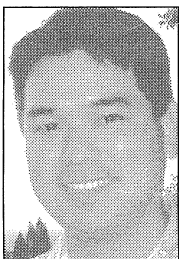
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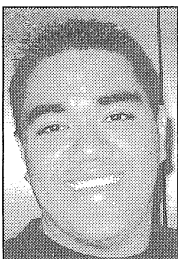
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Decker Jr., Church of the Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui. Alternates are (1) Bettye Jo Harris, St. Christopher, Kailua; Beverly M. Amjadi, Parish of St. Clement; Nelson J. Secretario, St. Michael and All Angels, Lihue, Kaua'i; Raymond E. Gandy Jr., St. Christopher, Kailua.



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Newly-elected members of the 2005 Standing Committee are the Rev. Dr. David C. Moore, chaplain, Iolani School and Keane J.K. Akao, member of Parish of St. Clement's. Full membership for 2005 stand, left to right: the Rev. Darrow L.K. Aiona, rector, St. Mark's, Honolulu; Mary Schulz, All Saints', Kapa'a, Kaua'i; the Rev. David Kennedy, priest-associate, St. Andrew's Cathedral; John Decker, Church of the Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui; the Rev. Elizabeth Zivanov, rector, Parish of St. Clement, Honolulu; Moore; Cynthia M. Salley, St. Jude, Ocean View, Hawai'i; and Akao.

## Two elected to Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese in the absence of a bishop. Elected by the Convention, each member serves for four years with two members rotating off each year. Half of its members are lay, half clergy. Among its duties are serving as the bishop's council of advice, giving consents for all

bishops elected in the Episcopal Church, recommending persons for ordination, giving the bishop advice and consent on the purchase, sale or encumbrance of any property held by a congregation or the diocese, and giving advice and consent to the bishop as to any judicial sentence given to clergy.



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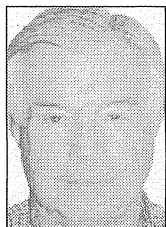
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## Delegates fill Council positions

Diocesan Council exercises the power of the Convention and performs planning and policy making between meetings of Convention. It oversees the policies, programs, mission, and budget of the diocese and may initiate new work. It is the legal corporate body of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i and, as such, is responsible for the business and property of the Church. Departments of Council are: Resource Development; Justice, Peace and Partnership; Congregational Transformation and Evangelism; and Emerging Generations.

Two clergy and five laity are elected for a three-year term. Two clergy elected are: The Rev. William H. Allport, II, rector, St. Peter's, Honolulu and the Rev. Teresa T. Bowden, supply priest, Holy Apostles, Kahuku.

Elected, in order of votes are: Lot T. Lau, St. John by-the-Sea, Kaneohe; Cynthia S. Foltz, Church of the Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui;

Cecilia H. Fordham, Parish of St. Clement, Honolulu; William W. Watkins, St. Christopher, Kailua; Nelson J. Secretario, St. Michael and All Angels, Lihue, Kaua'i.

Elected to represent geographic Regions of the Diocese not presently represented on Council are: Pete Peterson, St. John's, Kula, Maui Region; John Bernhart, St. George, Pearl Harbor, West O'ahu Region.

Continuing Council members are: Through 2005: The Rev. Alison Dingley, the Rev. Anthony Litwinski, Carol Connell, Wallace "Bud" Doty, Frank Embree, John Hawkins, Weilyn Ho, Lynne Reynolds (Regional Hawai'i), Nancy Tourk (Regional East O'ahu); Through 2006: The Rev. Randolph Albano, the Rev. Hollis Wright, Richard Gerage, Rhoda Hackler, Leslie Isaki, Duane Leach (Regional Central O'ahu), William Lucas, Willis Moore, Nancy Rowe (Regional West O'ahu), the Rev. Hollis Wright.



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Delegates Pete and Julie Peterson of St. John's on Maui used forms fed into an electronic voting machine to facilitate diocesan elections.

# ECW helps Hawai'i widen world viewpoints



## Sends outreach beyond island shores

Members and friends of Hawai'i's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) met at St. Andrew's Cathedral for the Annual Meeting the morning of the diocesan convention, Oct. 29.

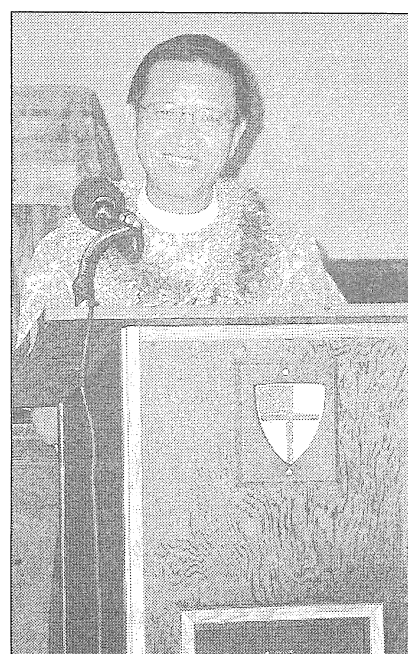
Morning Prayer included the United Thank Offering ingathering in Parke Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Representatives from more than 20 churches came forward giving over \$9,000 for UTO with more monies still coming in.

Officers commissioned for next year by Bishop Richard Chang include: Joyce Kim, continuing as President through 2005; First Vice President, Louise Aloy; Second Vice President, Gina Perkins; Neighbor Island Presidents, Maui, Louise Aloy; Kaua'i, Mary Smith; Hawai'i, vacant. Treasurer, Laurie Lee; Recording Secretary, Mi Sun Hong; Christian Social Relations chair, Annette Jim; Diocesan Altar Guild, Rosella Newell; United Thank Offering (UTO) Chair, Debra Lee; Church Periodical Club (CPC) Chair, Sandy Leialoha; Auditor, Pat Konno.

Christian Social Relations Chair, Annette Jim, gave the "ECW Specials" report, naming outreach projects ECW supports each year. Last year's \$5,100 outreach funds were shared by St. Elizabeth, Honolulu, for work with Pacific islanders in the community, Christ Church, Kealahakua, Hawai'i for its career resource center, and the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

This year individuals and churches pledged \$4,240 to Specials, the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and Rag Dolls 2 Love, Inc.

"ECW Specials is the major support of the Bishop's Discretionary Fund," said Bishop Chang. "It is just part of the ministries that support my ministry. About 56 percent of the total discretionary fund is used to pro-



The Rev. Frank Chun, rector at Church of the Epiphany in Honolulu, spoke on "Women of the World" to the ECW group.

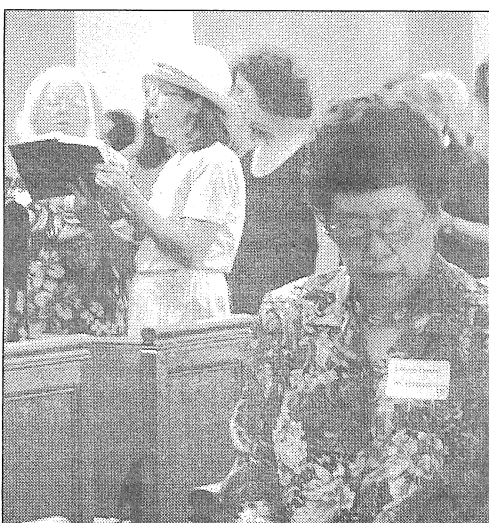
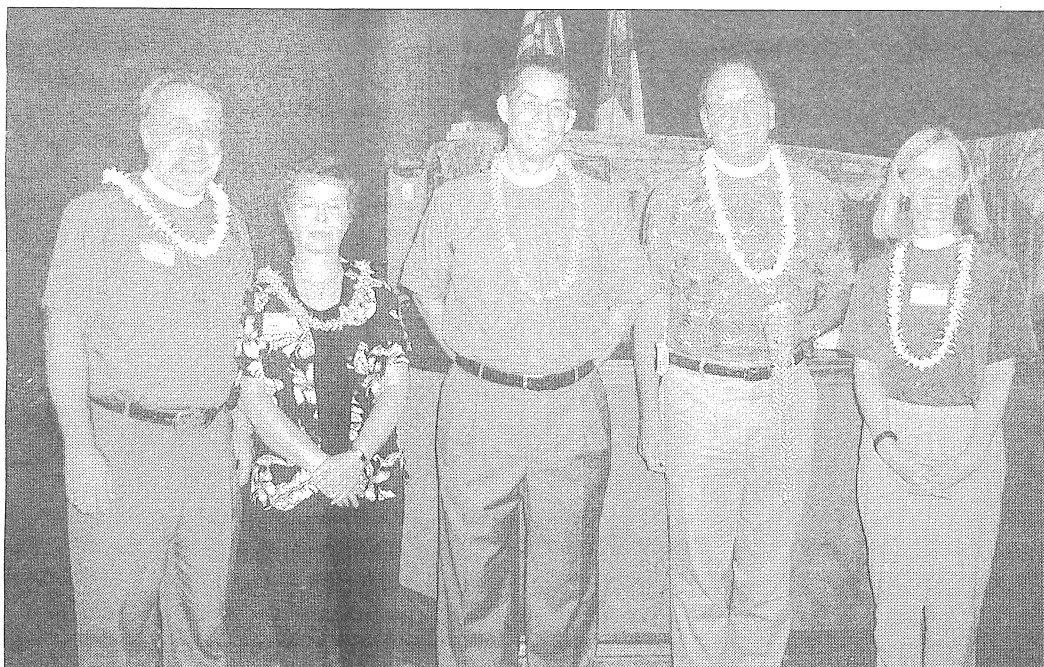
vide support for clergy families, especially emergency medical needs."

The Rag Dolls program was started by Mary Page Jones, wife of Bishop Robert Jones, retired of Wyoming, to provide soft cloth dolls to children under six in war-ravaged countries. Gertrude Tyau and Laura Iwami brought samples of the dolls made by women of St. Elizabeth's Church, Honolulu.

The Jones' spent six months in Hawai'i this year while Bishop Jones was interim rector at St. Elizabeth's. Patterns for making the dolls were distributed to interested participants and are available.

The Rev. Franklin Chun, rector of Church of the Epiphany, Honolulu, spoke on "Women of the World," touching on women of the Bible, especially Ruth, and women in powerful positions in the state and world.

Elected to represent Hawai'i at the 2006 Triennial Meeting of Episcopal Church Women in Columbus, Ohio were Louise Aloy, Annette Jim, and Debra Lee. Rosella Newell will serve as alternate.



Right: Gertrude Tyau, at microphone, introduced Rag Dolls 2 Love outreach project, with Laura Iwami, left, and Annette Jim, right, holding dolls sent to children in war torn countries. Top: The Rt. Rev. Richard S.O. Chang stands with ECW president Joyce Kim, right, and Vice President, Louise Aloy, left, to receive the annual United Thank Offering gifts from churches. Center: New clergy from the diocese were presented to the ECW meeting. From left: the Rev. Canon Timothy Sexton (St. Andrew's Cathedral), Barbara Sexton, The Rev. William Allport (St. Peter's, Honolulu), the Rev. James Bethell (St. Michael and All Angels, Lihue, Kaua'i), the Rev. Mary Lindquist (Episcopal Church on West Kaua'i). Left: The congregation sings during the ECW Eucharist in Parke Chapel.



## Time to build a new Diocese of Hawai'i

It is a blessing to be with the diocesan 'ohana again this evening. I look forward to our continuing ministry together. This is an important time in the life of this diocese. I am blessed that God has called me to be your bishop. As many of you know, our own Bettye Jo Harris of St. Christopher's Church, Kailua, O'ahu, is a member of the Presiding Bishop Nomination Committee. Let me assure you that given my current age and personal experience in the Presiding Bishop's office, I will not be a candidate for that position under any circumstances. I am called to continue as the Bishop of Hawai'i. Some things in my life are changing. Dee is retiring as the President of ProMeet, Inc., and closing her business at the end of this calendar year.

It has already been announced on our Diocesan Web Site that I have appointed, as stated in my address to last year's Annual Meeting, a Task Force to study the issue of the blessing of same gender relationships. Its first objective is the development of a model process that we can use in small groups throughout the Diocese to discuss the issue and related topics. The Task Force is already meeting and reading a stack of papers and books on the theology and history of marriage, blessing, covenant, and the life of commitment in a Christian community. The membership is diverse, and has my support in taking their time to work through this process. The current members are Faith Shiramizu (All Saints Church, Kapa'a), Mary Carpenter (St. Clement, Honolulu), Don Botsai (Epiphany), the Rev. Thomas Yoshida, and the Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick. Please feel free to contact them with your suggestions or concerns.

I have scheduled a series of meetings for diocesan and congregational leaders throughout the Diocese to discuss the Windsor Report of the Lambeth Commission on Communion and its implication for our Diocese, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion. Last week Thursday I sent letters of invitation to clergy and wardens, and members of the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee. This is the beginning of a process that the Commission has recommended in its Report. I anticipate follow-up meetings here in the diocese. The House of Bishops has adopted a plan to study the Report, and this will culminate at a special meeting of the House in January 2005.

I don't watch much television. I do watch some of the early morning and late night news programs, segments of an occasional sporting event, and brief clips of movies. Recently I became curious as to why people like to watch the "make over shows" of reality television. I wondered why people apply to be the object of makeovers. I have been told that if you have seen one of these makeover shows you have seen them all.

About a month ago, I decided to watch one of these makeover shows. In that show, a Los Angeles family had their home made over. While this makeover was being done, they were sent off to a resort hotel to relax and enjoy themselves. Having told the



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**Bishop Richard S.O. Chang delivered his convention address within the service of Holy Eucharist at the opening worship of the 36th Annual Meeting of Convention**

builders what their dream home would be like, they vacate their residence; so others could do the work of improving their home. The program concludes with the return of the family to their totally reconstructed home, and they are totally overwhelmed by the changes. Total strangers transformed their home in ways that the family never thought possible. For me it was tragic that the family had nothing whatsoever to do with the makeover. They arrived home to a completed project having had no involvement.

I have been told that there are other makeover shows that involve personal involvement to varying degrees. Other programs demand physical participation of your body. Others require "sweat equity" where individual participate in the makeover by doing different tasks, including plastic surgery or drastic weight loss. Occasionally, individuals quit or stop the makeover process because the physical or emotional pain required for the transformation is too great.

At this 36th Annual Meeting of the Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, you and I must make thoughtful and informed decisions about the future of the Church in Hawai'i. We will decide as to whether or not we will "makeover" the Diocese of Hawai'i for the purpose of Mission.

Until recently I have told clergy candidates seeking positions in Hawai'i that we were a "diocese in transition". If they could not exercise effective and faithful ministry in a diocese in transition, don't accept the call or appointment. We have been in that transition since 1969 when we became a domestic diocese. That transition has been a seemingly endless pilgrimage of ambiguity, disappointment, fears, and uncertainty. Thirty years of transition is long enough. It is time for accountability and responsibility. For the past eight years of my episcopate, the leadership of this diocese and I have struggled to move this diocese through this transition. It has not been

easy. We have not been without our critics. It feels like we have crawled forward inch by inch. There have been times when we have gone two inches forward, and then gone one and a half inches backwards. But we have risked undertaking new ministry initiatives and experienced success. The "Don't Miss the Boat" and "Krispy Kreme and Coffee" programs resulted in new youth initiatives and leadership during this year. The O'ahu summer volleyball league and the environmental work day at Waimea Bay Park are two such programs. St. John's By-the-Sea provided the leadership and the idea for the environmental day that was expanded to include a youth group from Boston, Mass., and other O'ahu young people. The idea and leadership for the Summer Volleyball League came from St. Clement's and the Cathedral. These small beginnings must give way to new and larger dreams and ministry. Today we begin with the active participation of forty young people in this Annual Meeting. Be prepared to give way to their dreams.

Tragically, we continue to engage in regressive unhealthy behavior demeaning the dignity of others and encouraging or fostering division. It disturbs and grieves me that we continually demonize, devalue, and judge others in these words from last Sunday's Gospel: "I am not like those people." We have made people, organizations, and congregations the issue and objects of anger. We act as if we were competing for power and superiority, rather than living the promise of our baptism to respect the dignity of all persons and to seek and serve Christ in all persons. The Diocesan Council has been blamed for raising the assessment when in reality they have lowered the assessment percentage to its lowest level in decades. No more blaming. It is time for accountability and responsibility.

I challenge this 36th Annual Meeting of the Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i to make decisions that will finally "makeover" or "re-form" for the future

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mission of the Church in Hawai'i. The majority of our resolutions address some aspect of mission for The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i. Adoption or rejection of any resolution has great implication for the future of this diocese. These are resolutions that cannot be acted upon and forgotten. Once we decide, we will have crossed the "threshold" for the makeover of the Church in Hawai'i. We will have taken down the walls. It is time to raise the roof.

Two years ago at the 34th Annual Meeting, we adopted a resolution that has led to the Report of the Strategic Planning Task Force and four resolutions. I hope that you carefully read the Report and each resolution, and were engaged in our Special Order of Business this afternoon. Four years ago I described my vision for the kind of Diocese that I would like us to become and in which I would be proud to serve. I have studied the Report and the resolution in light of these characteristics for our Diocese:

- The Diocese of Hawai'i is "mission oriented", not "maintenance oriented."
- The Diocese of Hawai'i is where ministry is shared by all the baptized.
- The Diocese of Hawai'i is where people are encouraged and enabled to live their baptismal covenant.

What mission criteria will you use to make your decisions about our future? We shape our future for the next five years with the decisions that we make in these two days. The goals of the Plan offer us criteria — a measure — for the future. Will we hold ourselves accountable?

The resolutions on clergy compensation and theological education will cost a lot of money. But they will determine who our future ordained leaders will be and from where they come. Currently, we have two seminarians, Robert Moki Hino from St. James Church, Kamuela, and Craig Dolack from St. George, Honolulu. Their annual total support from the Diocese is \$2,000 each! Thankfully they have been supported by their sponsoring congregations, scholarships, and part-time employment. Will we make the education of new clergy for Hawai'i a center piece of our future, so no good candidate will be lost to due to the financial burdens of theological education? Are we willing to take the risk and pay the price?

We need competent skilled clergy to serve. We need to provide not only resources to support their formation, but must support others in vocational discernment within congregations. We must identify and raise up young people from our congregations to seek Holy Orders in order to serve this Diocese and the greater Church. Lay and ordained leadership

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raised by our multicultural congregations can be our gift to a Church that is only now recognizing and understanding the cultural diversity among them. Clergy and lay leaders of our congregations are responsible identifying and nurturing persons for whom ordination is a vocation. It cannot be left to school chaplains and the bishop. Congregations and clergy call out new leaders — lay and ordained. Are we willing to take the risk and pay the price?

Our makeover will involve the formation of new diocesan structures, policies, canons, and strategies that will encourage and support effective mission of the Church in Hawai'i. The makeover must not be cosmetic. It cannot be the "reshuffling of deck chairs as the Titanic sinks." The formation of this new structure is not going to be built by a single resolution of this Annual Meeting. This "re-formation" of this Diocese is a process or pilgrimage that we must begin this weekend. It is a process that must be authentic and faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a process that will demand respectful conversation among all members of this Diocese, not just a privileged few or the most articulate. This process cannot be captured by one theological position but must allow for the breadth and diversity that is part of our Anglican heritage in Hawai'i. This process will demand active, not passive, effort and commitment by every member of this Diocese. This process will be painful, but it need not be hurtful to those who engage in it. This process must be seen in "God's time," not yours, not mine. Like the pilgrims in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, we will be a radically diverse group on a pilgrimage of faith moving towards a new vision for the Church in Hawai'i. A Church that is vibrant, multicultural, inclusive, and alive with faith, hope, and love, is a Church alive with Christ.

In the extreme home makeovers of reality television, there is relatively little ownership or participation by the residents of the house. They go off, have a good time, and then return to the completed vision. That cannot be the way for this diocese. We cannot be "receivers." As "givers," we hold a new vision for The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i that looks beyond ourselves. We cannot go away and expect someone to do it for us. That was our way as the Missionary District of Honolulu when the National Council took care of everything, so that we had no ownership in decisions for our future and no real responsibility for providing the resources for ministry. That has been the way in many of our mission congregations looking to the diocese, or the Bishop, or the Council, to take care of everything. Are we willing to risk and pay the price? Are we ready for mutual accountability and personal responsibility?

In the physical makeovers, individuals quit the process because of the pain and discomfort. For us we must endure the discomfort and pain of change as individuals bound together by our baptism. We must bear one another's burdens as Christ himself took on our sins. As one member of the Body suffers, the whole Body suffers. We have need of each other as we embark on this pilgrimage to become something new. Pain and discomfort or not, we have no choice. Ready or not, we must take risks and pay the price. We must hold one another

other accountable and take responsibility.

I firmly believe that we have all the necessary resources within this Diocese to undertake this "re-formation" for the mission of the Church in Hawai'i. From the very beginning of my episcopate, I stated clearly that people of The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i was the greatest blessing that God had provided to me and the Church in Hawai'i. We need to be stewards for mission, rather than stewards for maintenance. It is time to move from maintenance to mission. There is no turning back.

Resolution 7, "Stewardship: Holy Habits," begins our formation as stewards of the vast resources that are available in the Diocese of Hawai'i. This is more than a nice resolution. This is a call to action that begins with our adoption of the resolution. Implementation begins here at this Annual Meeting when we publicly and individually sign the Declaration and have our signatures published as the 2003 General Convention Deputies and I have done. Each of us accepts responsibility for living

through those open doors. In our blindness we are seen as irrelevant parochial institutional chaplaincies to the old and infirmed. We rent our buildings to non-profit and service agencies to derive income to fund our operating budgets, and call that our community outreach. As I said to a Vestry recently, "if you truly believe that use of your buildings by service agencies is outreach, you would not collect rent from them." Building rental is not ministry or mission. It is not stewardship. It is fund raising.

A theology of scarcity has us believing that we don't have the resources necessary for doing the mission. We are critical and angry when we perceive that we are not getting the share to which we are entitled — an entitlement that we may define by church size, race, geographical location, relationship to authority, or history. There is no one to pay for entitlements any longer. We are in this ministry together. No one is going to take care of us. When scarcity shapes our stewardship, we are will-

Makule E Akamai awards. For me, the Holy Habits of Resolution 7 are the basic standards of being a Christian and a member of the Episcopal Church. These habits with the goals of the Strategic Plan are the basis of our makeover as a Diocese and the people of God. The risk must be taken, and the price must be paid. We have no choice.

We are at a decision point as The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i. Will we move beyond times of transition to be formed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be equipped for Mission? Will we cease to be hostages of our past behavior of victimization, to be formed for mission so that we are reconciled with God and each other? Will we set aside the fear of scarcity to become stewards shaped by the Gospel of God's abundance?

We must decide to begin our formation as a Diocese proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ free from the limitations of our past and using the abundant resources of our present. Our view must be beyond personal and parochial desires and agendas that will perpetuate or replicate our past. We are called by Jesus as pilgrim disciples willing to change for the sake of the Gospel.

This re-formation demands transparency, open communication and respect of the other. In Parker Palmer's Book, *The Courage to Teach*, he writes, "Truth is an eternal conversation, conducted with passion and discipline." Passion does not demean and denigrate the other. Passion mobilizes. Discipline demands that our focus and foundation is Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 3:11).

This re-formation demands that we listen to each other with respect rather than always defending. These words from Archbishop Robin Eames' address to his Synod in Ireland, describe how we must enter into the conversations and discussions of this Annual Meeting:

"This can best be summed up by a passage I came across the other day, having nothing to do with the Anglican Communion as such but we could certainly benefit from the advice: Can you just listen? When I ask you to listen to me and you start giving me advice, you have not done what I asked. When I ask you to listen to me and you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way, you are trampling on my feelings. When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my problem, you have failed me, strange as that may seem. Listen. All I asked was that you listen, not talk or do, just hear me."

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."

The foundation has been laid by others. Let us now build upon it with our own labor and treasure. Holding one another accountable and taking personal responsibility, let us dare to take the risk and to pay the price, and together make over this Diocese upon the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. This is the year to raise the roof and blow down the walls, so that a new Diocese of Hawai'i can be built.

**"Like the pilgrims in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, we will be a radically diverse group on a pilgrimage of faith moving toward a new vision for the Church in Hawai'i. A Church that is vibrant, multicultural, inclusive, and alive with faith, hope and love, is a Church alive in Christ."**

"Holy Habits". We publicly begin our pilgrimage towards common vision for mission by "signing on the dotted line" We must not be afraid to teach that tithing is the standard of giving in the Episcopal Church, and move to accept all the habits as norms for our common life.

Let us stop using funding questions as excuses or obstacles for doing mission. Our cup is not now, nor ever has been half empty. Our cup has always been half full. It has often overflowed with abundance. We really believe and proclaim the Good News of a God whose love for us gives us all that we need and can ask for. Ours is a loving God who provides to all of creation abundance, not scarcity. It is from this abundance that we can boldly begin the makeover (re-formation) of our Diocese for the 21st century. We move from being in a "receiving" mode, to a "giving" mode of stewardship.

Since 1969, I believe we have been captives to a stewardship theology of scarcity. We have competed for what we have understood to be scarce and limited resources. In doing this we have stifled ministry initiatives and failed to respond to emerging needs of the communities around us. We have been so busy making sure that we have enough for maintenance that we have been blind to the pains of our neighbors. We have been busy maintaining buildings and keeping doors open at all costs. We have failed to reach people beyond our walls, or to welcome the stranger

ing to sacrifice facilities that support ministries for and by our congregations, in order to generate revenue. We allow others to pay for the church's ministry for me. When this theology of scarcity shapes our stewardship, personal commitment of time, talent, and treasure is negatively impacted. We claim to not have enough time, talent and treasure, to use for the mission of the church. This attitude is characterized by the question, "Is it income before or after taxes by which we compute our giving?" Financial crisis befalls us when the tenant leaves or the number of wedding reenactment declines. The golden goose becomes a squab, and then, a rotten egg!

We have been and continue to be blessed by the generosity of individuals within and outside of The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i who have lived as stewards believing in the abundance of God. Theirs is a generosity that goes beyond financial gifts. They have used God's gifts for the mission and ministry of the church. Their lives exhibit the "Holy Habits" of Resolution 7: regular attendance at worship in their congregations regardless of the clergy leadership or prayer book in use. They lead disciplined spiritual lives through private prayer, Bible study at church, EFM or DOCC classes. You see them exercising ministries of hospitality and service within their congregations. None of us would have any difficulty identifying these individuals among us. You will meet some of them tomorrow as recipients of the

# Chocolate Extravaganza a sweet success in Kailua

Event raised  
more than \$6,000

The Chocolate Extravaganza evening sponsored by Emmanuel Church, Kailua, "was a wonderful evening," and raised more \$6,000 for Honolulu Habitat for Humanity and Emmanuel, according to Lee Carson, a member of Emmanuel.

"Almost 300 people attended and there was more chocolate than you could possible eat. The fountain was incredible," Carson said.

Judges were Non DeMello from Agnes' Portuguese Bake Shop, Wanda Adams, food editor



Nancy Janczyk

woman Barbara Marshall and her husband Cliff Zeimer, Anne Marie Beck, Executive Director of Honolulu Habitat for Humanity and the Rev. Patton Boyle.

Emmanuel member Nancy Janczyk won second prize for her Peanut Butter and Chocolate Sandwich cookies. The People's Choice award went to Kim Leong.

for *The Honolulu Advertiser*, Abigail Langlas from Honolulu Coffee Company, Elizabeth Iwata from Neiman Marcus, Council-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A chocoholic's dream: Tables and tables of chocolate goodies — and even a chocolate fountain! This was the scene at Emmanuel Church in Kailua for the "Chocolate Extravaganza."



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The Rev. Dr. Gwynn Guibord addresses the meeting of the Hawai'i Interfaith Alliance.

## LA ecumenical officer visits Hawai'i

By The Rev. Alison Dingley

The Rev. Dr. Gwynn Guibord, ecumenical officer of the Diocese of Los Angeles, made a whirlwind visit to Hawai'i Oct. 14-17. Chair of the board of the Interfaith Alliance, Guibord came to address the second annual meeting of the Interfaith Alliance Hawai'i. The Department of Justice, Peace and Partnership of Diocesan Council is represented on the board of the Interfaith Alliance Hawai'i.

Guibord is the immediate past president of the California Council of Churches, past president of Progressive Christians Uniting, vice president of the Southern California Council of Churches, a trustee of A Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, director of the Interreligious Council of Los Angeles and a board member of the National Advisory Board of Claremont School of Theology.

Her ecumenical visits included the Episcopal Church. She met with Bishop Richard Chang and Canon Robert Fitzpatrick, then toured St. Andrew's Priory School with the Rev. Alison Dingley before meeting with the Interfaith Alliance

Hawai'i board. That evening she spoke at the Sabbath service at Temple Immanuel. On Saturday morning she participated in an interfaith panel at Chaminade University.

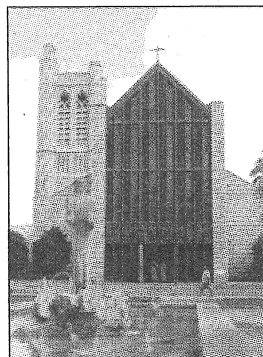
At the Oct. 16 annual meeting, as keynote speaker, Guibord addressed "Being Faithful in a Time of Hate and Violence". She talked about sharing the faiths and experiences of people she has encountered. She addressed the challenges of maintaining a spirit of hospitality with people of diverse perspectives in the increasingly polarized post-9/11 world. She recounted gracious acts by people who have been hurt and attacked in misguided retaliation for terrorist attacks. She observed that the varieties of religious fundamentalism in contention in the world that engenders terrorism are reactions to the imbalances and injustices of modernity. We need to respond to modernity in ways that manifest justice, hope and compassion, she noted.

Dr. Guibord brought to Hawai'i the global interfaith world. She left Hawai'i with a rich impression of its diverse interfaith life.

## COMING SOON

(EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

DECEMBER		JANUARY	
Dec. 1-5	Presiding Bishop's visit (See schedule, Page C)	Jan. 3-4	New Year's Holiday, Bishop's Office Closed
Dec. 10	Standing Committee, 10:30 a.m.	Jan. 9	Hawai'i State Day, National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.
Dec. 10-12	Senior High Retreat	Jan. 9	Standing Committee, 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 24, 27	ECW Lunch, Radisson Prince Kuhio, Waikiki	Jan. 15	Diocesan Council
Dec. 18	Diocesan Council	Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Holiday, Bishop's Office Closed
Dec. 24, 27	Christmas, Bishop's Office Closed		



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### Messiah Community Sing Dec. 15

The Messiah Community Sing will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 pm. Audience members combine talents to sing choruses from this oratorio by Handel while being accompanied on the organ by Cathedral Musician, Dr. Arlan Sunnarborg. There is no cost to participate in this evening of music. One may bring along a music score or borrow one of provided to sing along. And, if you prefer, you may enjoy the evening as a listener only.

### Christmas Eve Dec. 24

Family Eucharist and Pageant: at 5 p.m. • Choral Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m. Midnight Service: Choral Prelude at 10:20 p.m.; Christmas Mass at 11 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Richard S.O. Chang, Celebrant and Preacher

### Christmas Day Dec. 25

Hawaiian Christmas Mass at 9 a.m.

### Feast of the Holy Name Jan. 1

Combined liturgy with St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Cathedral, Parke Chapel, 10 a.m. The Rev. Randolph Albano, Celebrant • The Very Rev. Ann McElligott, Preacher

### First Evensong of 2005 Jan. 2

St. Andrew's Choir, 7:30 p.m.