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Life-changing experiences abroad



Above: Laura Fink (center) teaches Vacation Bible School at an orphanage in Juarez, Mexico, during a mission trip from Calvary, Kane'ohe. (submitted photo)

Right: John Williamson (in center with yellow shirt) and Cecilia Fordham (far right) visit a school in Jerusalem. The visit was part of a journey to the Holy Land sponsored by St. Clement's, Honolulu. (Photo by Beverly Amjadi)



By the Rev. Liz Beasley

CHRONICLE EDITOR

Leaving home, venturing to a new place, and returning home again, changed. These are features of a pilgrimage.

But pilgrimage also requires a specific focus or intention — a desire to be exposed to a new place, usually a sacred place, perhaps to new people, and to be changed by the experience. Then one cannot just return to “life-as-usual.” One returns to the same ol’ place but must start living in a new way.

In recent months, representatives of five congregations in the Diocese of Hawai‘i have journeyed abroad to learn about new places, to minister to others, and to witness and witness to God’s presence.

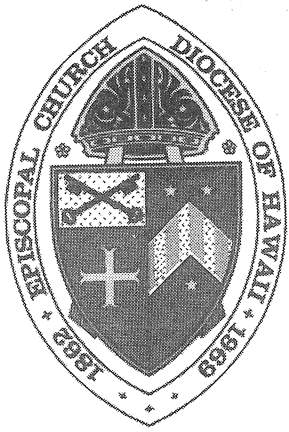
Six people from Calvary, Kane‘ohe, set off in October for a mission trip to an orphanage in Juarez, Mexico, where they have been twice before. See an account of their trip and pictures on page E.

A number of people from the Diocese journeyed to the Holy Land in two separate trips last fall. Read about their experiences in this strife-torn region from their own perspectives on pages D and F.

In a kind of “reverse” mission trip, the Episcopal Church on West Kaua‘i hosted groups of workers for Habitat for Humanity who had come to Kaua‘i to build homes in Ele‘ele. They opened their parish hall to the group, cooked for them, and learned from them why they would spend their vacations building homes for others. (See page F.)

If the thought of pilgrimage appeals to you, check out the notice on page G about an upcoming pilgrimage to England through St. Andrew’s Cathedral. Perhaps you might be inspired through visiting some of the sites important to our Anglican heritage. Perhaps you might come home again, changed.

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Christ's light shines in dark nights

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In recent weeks I have been struck by how dark it has been when I get up in the morning. Whether I was preparing to catch an early morning flight to one of the Neighbor Islands, or going to the Cathedral to celebrate the 7:00 a.m. Eucharist on Thursday mornings, the world was still clothed in darkness when I left home.

The darkness seemed darker than usual. I was unable to get a sense of what the day's weather might be like. I had to switch on lights in every room I entered to find what I was looking for. The hallways of our condominium apartment were still cloaked in the shadowy dimness of the nightlights. I needed to turn on my headlights before I left my parking stall in the underground garage. Light was so essential in finding my way as I began another day. Each morning I would long for the coming of summer when the days would be longer and my mornings would no longer be cloaked in the night darkness. It was a yearning of expectation and hope.

But the sun would rise over the eastern horizon. Occasionally the sun would be partially hidden briefly by low-lying clouds. But eventually the full brightness of the morning sunlight would illuminate the darkness of the world. Watching that massive golden orb rise higher and higher elicited a prayer of thanksgiving for the new day and for all that God would offer during that day. Whether it was seeing first light through the windows of an airplane lifting off the runway, or seeing sunlight coming through the windows in Parke Chapel, I knew truly that a new day had begun from the brightness of the sunlight.

Maybe this is why Epiphany has been particularly significant for me this year. Being more conscious of the dichotomy



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

between light and darkness has helped my understanding and appreciation of the image of Jesus as the Light of the world. It has helped to enrich my appreciation of the power of the Incarnation.

Just as the sun dispelled the darkness of the night, the coming of the Son of God dispels the darkness of the world in which we live. The light of Christ ushers in a new day filled with the promise of God's reconciling love for us. Just as I often yearned for longer days when the sun would light the early morning, so too we all yearn for the Christ in our lives to light our way. The epiphany of Christ is the new morning sun in the darkness of life.

During this season of Epiphany I have truly celebrated the Light that overcomes darkness and cannot be overcome by darkness, as described in the first chapter of the Gospel according to John. Jesus comes as Light bringing a new day and new relationships between God and humanity. It is the light that overwhelms the darkness of the world and casts out fear. The valley of the shadow of death becomes fully illumined, so that we walk in the brightness of the light and love of God in Christ. As Dee and I have begun to look towards March 2007, the light of Christ has brightened our journey of faith.

We may at times find it hard to think about the light of Christ in our lives. The images of light may not be powerful enough to give us the full understanding that we crave. We know too well the dark

BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2005

Feb. 5 St. Mark's, Honolulu
Feb. 12 Holy Cross, Kahuku
Feb. 19 Emmanuel, Kailua
Feb. 26 Calvary, Kane'ohe

MARCH 2005

March 5 St. Christopher's, Kailua
March 12 Holy Nativity, Honolulu

APRIL 2005

April 1 St. Columba's, Paauilo
April 2 Resurrection, Hilo
April 9 Epiphany, Honolulu
April 16 St. Andrew's, Honolulu (Easter)
April 23 Holy Apostles, Hilo
April 30 St. Stephen's, Wahiawa

nights in lives and in the world. It is the powerful light of Christ Jesus that we have not fully grasped.

As we continue through the epiphany of the Christ, it is my prayer that you will come to know and see the Light more fully as a reality of each day. May the Light of Christ shine through us into the lives of others that the darkness of the world may be overcome.

Faithfully yours,
+Richard



Lessons of taking the long way home

"The truest and most horrible claim made for modern transport is that it 'annihilates space.' It does. It annihilates one of the most glorious gifts we have been given."

I read this recently in C. S. Lewis's spiritual autobiography *Surprised by Joy*. It reminded me of twice in my life when I returned home by a slow means of transportation after a long period in another place. Once was after serving as an intern in a church for a year in St. Louis; I returned to seminary in Boston by train. The second was when I left Dublin, Ireland, by a ferry and train to London (and from there flew to the States) after living in Dublin for three years.

My experiences living in St. Louis and Ireland had had a profound effect on my outlook on life. Living in Ireland, especially, changed my perceptions of my own country, the characteristics of friendship, and the nature of life and death. In St. Louis, I began to learn about ministry, and I discovered the grace of God.

In both cases, the long journey back gave me an opportunity to reflect on what had happened. The trip included a time to



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look back on my experience, a time to just enjoy the travel, and a time to anticipate my life in the place to which I was going.

Most people complain about the length of the journey across the Pacific to Hawai'i, even by plane. I, too, would not want to traverse this distance on a regular basis by any other means than by a good fast jet. But somehow planes do not encourage reflection; they do not allow one's thoughts to expand as trains and ships do, probably because one is confined to a small and narrow space. (C. S. Lewis, by the way, is referring to walking as opposed to riding in a car.)

This issue contains several stories about travels far away that changed the outlooks and faith of the people involved. Pilgrimages have the same dynamic as my long travel: a time leaving home, a time spent in an unfamiliar place, and a time to return. They are times of transition. Mission trips, a

type of pilgrimage, can change one's perspective and ultimately one's life. Rick Warren, in *The Purpose-Driven Life*, recommends that everyone take at least one mission trip.

In my final year of seminary to which I returned after the year in St. Louis, I took a class on pilgrimage. I learned that in the middle of a pilgrimage is a "liminal zone," meaning a time in which nothing is the same as it has been. It's like a threshold: one must pass over it in order to change through the experience.

William Bridges, in his book *Transitions*, talks about the changes that we must experience in life in much the same way. He uses the term "neutral zone" to describe that middle period when the old has passed away, and we are not yet quite used to the new. It is necessary.

The Diocese of Hawai'i is on its own pilgrimage as we seek not just a new diocesan bishop but also new ways of being and of expressing our faith. God seems to be inviting us to leave behind our old "homes," travel into uncharted territories, and return home again invigorated and renewed. Let us accept the invitation.

Search, transition teams begin work

In November, the Standing Committee announced the appointment of two committees to assist with the task of selecting a new bishop for the Diocese of Hawai'i.

One is the Search Committee, which is charged with creating a "Profile of the Diocese"; identifying leadership skills and personal qualities needed in the bishop, based on the profile; and discerning three to five qualified nominees who will be recommended to the Standing Committee for presentation to the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Convention, which will elect the next bishop.

The second committee is the Transition Committee. They are charged with assisting Bishop Chang, his family, and the diocesan staff during the transition, assisting the bishop-elect and his/her family as that ministry begins, and to work with the Office of the Presiding Bishop with regard to the consecration and ordination of the bishop-elect. The membership of each of the committees is listed below.

Both committees convened at Camp Mokule'ia on Dec. 9-10, with the help of consultant Betsy Greenman, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Olympia.

The Search Committee, under the leadership of Committee Chair Cecilia Fordham, discussed the role and responsibilities of the Committee in electing the Fifth Bishop of Hawai'i and began the organizational process of its work. Tasks to be undertaken by each committee member will be determined by the gifts and talents each brings to the process.

Initially the Search Committee organization communication functions to maintain contact among the members of the committee and to inform the Diocese and

the public about the search process and the Committee's ongoing progress. Bill Skelton and Stuart Ching were appointed as a communications sub-committee. Bill will handle internal committee communications, setting up a Yahoo chat site for the group. In addition, the group will use e-mail, telephone, and monthly meetings.

The first three monthly meeting times were set to convene at St. Clement's Parish House on Jan. 22, Feb. 12, and March 5.

Stuart will act as the Search Committee's communications liaison with the media and the Diocese. He will post monthly reports on the diocesan website and will send updates to the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle* and other publications.

Marilyn Cleghorn will act as financial liaison between the Search Committee and the Office of the Treasurer of the Diocese. She will help develop the Search Committee's budget and will assist in monitoring expenses incurred by the Committee in its work.

In mid-December, as an important part of the process, the Standing Committee distributed a survey to all congregations to seek input in this time of discernment. The survey is broken into two components: individual responses and questions for vestries/bishop's committees to be answered corporately.

The Standing Committee requested that these survey questionnaires be an item on the agenda of each congregation's annual meeting or on a Sunday morning, as well as at the vestry/bishop's committee meeting in January.

The surveys were to be sent to the Standing Committee by Feb. 3. They

would then be passed on to the Search Committee for compilation and inclusion in the "Profile of the Diocese."

The Search Committee

Cecilia Fordham, Chair, St. Clement's
Rev. Rob DeWolfe, St. Clement's
Rev. Dale Hathaway, St. Mary's
Rev. Jodene Hawkins, St. Elizabeth's
Rev. Moki Hino, Good Shepherd
Rev. Mary Koppel, All Saints
Rev. Walter Stevens, Hawaii Preparatory Academy
Hana Arce, Grace Church, Molokai
Stuart Ching, St. Elizabeth's
Marilyn Cleghorn, St. John's, Kula
Doug Edson, Christ Church
Bud Greer, St. Thomas, Hanalei
Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Good Shepherd
Bill Skelton, St. Michael's, Lihue
Bill Watkins, St. Christopher's

The Transition Committee

Rev. Alison Dingley, Chair, St. Stephen's
Norma Chun, Epiphany
Rogelio Evangelista, Good Shepherd
May Holokai, St. Philip's
Manny Igaya, West Kaula
Paul Janes-Brown, St. John's, Kula
Cynnle Salley, St. Jude's
Dick Solmssen, St. James, Waimea
Mary Sueoka, Epiphany

Training in strategic planning required

Two workshops scheduled in Feb.

Members of the Diocesan Council and at least two leaders from any congregation planning to seek financial assistance from the diocese beginning in 2007, will be required to attend one of two weekend workshops on strategic planning scheduled in February. At least two members of every commission of the diocese are also required to attend the workshop.

The workshops, set for the weekends of Feb. 11 and Feb. 25, will be held at St. George's, Pearl Harbor, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees need be present on only one weekend. It is being held twice in order to enable the greatest number of people to make use of this important workshop.

The workshop will equip individuals to help their congregations and commissions do strategic planning, in order to align their ministries and worship with the Diocesan Strategic Plan.

It will also help congregations and commissions seeking financial assistance from the Diocesan budget prepare a three-year budget.

Three-year budgets are mandated by the resolution passed at last year's annual meeting of the Convention.

While attendance is required for some, any congregation may send leaders, and additional members of commissions are invited to participate if they wish.

The instructor for the workshop will be Dennis Higashiguchi, manager of consulting services for Nishihama & Kishida CPA's Inc.

Higashiguchi specializes in strategic and business planning, sales and training, and team building. His clients include Oceanic Time Warner, American Savings Bank, City Mill, Bank of Hawaii, and Kuakini Hospital.

He has a degree in philosophy from St. Peter Chanel Seminary in San Rafael, California and a degree in theology from Marist College in New York.

The workshop is being sponsored by Diocesan Council and organized by the Congregational Health and Growth Commission.

Funds are available for transportation are available for two Neighbor Island participants per congregation. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, email Sandy Leialoha at leialoha001@hawaii.rr.com.

Godly Play training at St. Andrew's in Feb.

An introductory workshop in the children's curriculum "Godly Play" will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Feb. 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sally Mancini, an accredited Godly Play trainer, will lead the workshop. Registration is \$20 and a light lunch will be provided.

Godly Play is a method of Christian education and spiritual direction primarily for children aged 2-12. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language, parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence around them and in their lives.

Godly Play was developed by Episcopal priest, author, and teacher Jerome W. Berryman. The curriculum, which has been used in diverse denominations and settings since 1972, is more like ancient storytelling around a campfire than modern schooling. It is also much like a Montessori classroom, where children choose the work that suits them best.

Children are encouraged to be more active, creative, and self-directed. They participate in a community of wondering children in a story circle. They are surrounded by inviting materials and given the time they need to listen, wonder, and reflect on the sacred story. As children



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A model of the "Holy Family," with the Risen Christ behind. The model is used in the Godly Play curriculum for children

grow, they reflect on the stories in more sophisticated and skillful ways.

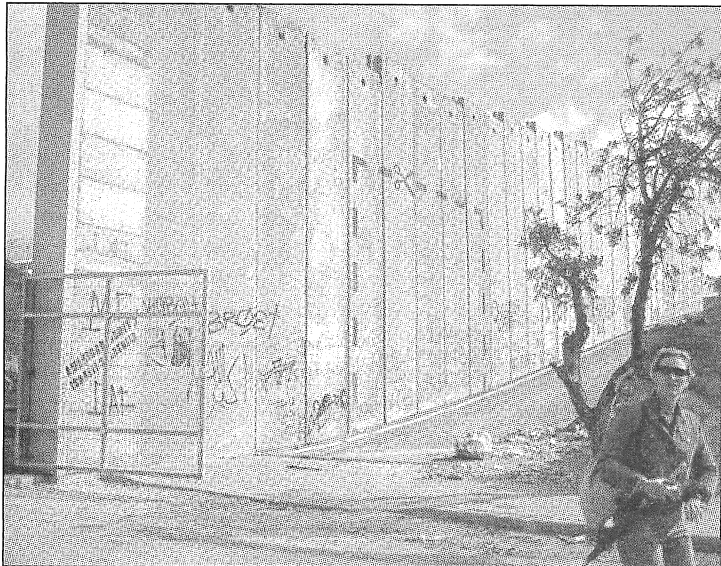
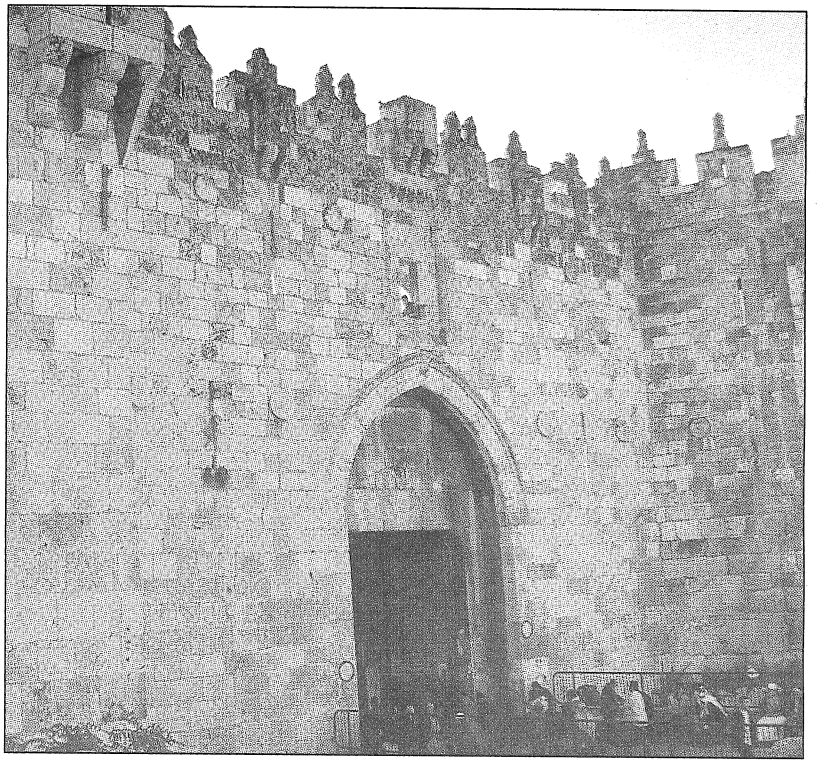
The goal of the workshop is to present Godly Play to adult learners in the same spirit that the language of the Christian People is presented to children, so that

this program of continuing education will be as innovative and deep for adults as Godly Play is for children.

To register for the workshop, please contact Jenny Wallace at 808-524-2822 x220 or jennywallace@hawaii.rr.com.

Go to:

For a flyer on the strategic planning workshop with a registration form, go to: <http://www.episcopalhawaii.org/content/StrategicPlanningFlyer.pdf>



Above left: The group visiting the Holy Land from St. Clement's stands with Bishop Riah Abu El Assal, the Bishop of Jerusalem. L-R: Nancy Tourk, former youth director at St. Clement's; Beverly Amjadi, Bishop Riah, John Williamson, Leslie Isaki and Cecilia Fordham.

Above right: The Damascus gate that enters into Old Jerusalem.

Right: Cecilia Fordham learns to ride a camel during her trip to the Holy Land.

Left: A portion of the concrete wall that separates Palestinian and Israeli areas in the Holy Land.

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Trips to Middle East bring new perspectives

Last fall, a number of members of the Diocese of Hawai'i journeyed in two separate trips to Israel/Palestine. The Rev. Donor Macneice, formerly of Christ Memorial, Kilauea, and St. Thomas, Hanalei, took a group from Kaua'i, plus others, in September. He arranged the trip with his friend, Bishop Riah Abu El Assal, the Bishop of Jerusalem, who served as the group's host throughout the trip.

The other group, who went in November, came from St. Clement's, Honolulu. What led to this trip initially was Beverly Amjadi accidentally wandering into the "wrong" workshop at a Province VIII meeting in 2004. The workshop was on the situation in Israel and Palestine, and it sparked her interest in learning more.

The Global Ministry group at St. Clement's then decided to go to the region. Nancy Dinsmore, currently appointed Missionary of the Episcopal Church, USA, and serving the Diocese of Jerusalem as Development Officer of North America, spoke at St. Clement's in September and also arranged the trip for them.

They stayed at the Guest House of St. George, on the grounds of the Cathedral of St. George in East Jerusalem. The group is now in the process of choosing three areas of ministry in the region on which to focus.

To say that this region of the world is fraught with turmoil is a massive understatement. Thus any trip to the Holy Land

is bound to affect one profoundly, and any report on one's experience there can be controversial. Our intention with this report is simply to allow those who made the journey to speak from their own perspective about their experiences there. Below are the reports of those who kindly offered their reflections.

— Liz Beasley, Editor

Beverly Amjadi, St. Clement's:

To say the trip was interesting, exciting, informative, AND heartbreaking is small testament to a transforming experience. It was all that and more.

We were looking forward to the holy sites, and we weren't disappointed, but I believe I can speak for all of us when I say we found in the people the lived out and living gospel of Jesus Christ. We witnessed in the living descendants of the earliest Christians, and in the Palestinians, both Christian and Muslim, goodness, hospitality, holiness, and humility.

In the face of great suffering (the checkpoints, the 26-foot concrete-monster wall, the daily humiliation of living under occupation), we despaired and wept with them. In shared meals, in the faces of the school children as they danced, sang, read, recited, and played, as children do everywhere, we rejoiced with them. In the celebration of the Eucharist, in walking the way of the cross, we prayed with them.

We visited schools, hospitals, and

churches. We carried gifts of new children's clothing, layettes, medicine, and children's books to the churches, schools, and hospitals we visited. We were impressed at the dedication and skill of the teachers, doctors, and workers in all these places, and how Christians and Muslims work together. That was a real eye-opener.

Even though every single person we met was unhappy with the way the U.S. government deals with Palestinians and the situation in Palestine, we were treated as friends. We had dinner one night with Christian Palestinians: Alice and Rizek Abusharr. He was Director General of the Jerusalem International YMCA when it was nominated for the Nobel Prize in 1993, and he has personally been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in peace and reconciliation between Jews and Palestinians. Leslie asked Alice Abusharr what was the single most important thing we might do to support Christian and other Palestinians. Alice said, "That you came, that you care, that you stand with us in our suffering, that you go back and tell our story."

Our guide was a Muslim from Bethlehem, has a graduate degree in water resources and management from Manchester University in England. He is a decent man of peace, who gives seminars throughout the world. He was unable to leave Bethlehem to come to Jerusalem for his work as a guide for almost three years, until about two or three months before we arrived. He

has to jump through many hoops to get his permits: a total of four, each one lasting a different length of time, each one costing lots of money and time waiting in line, with no guarantee it would be recognized at the checkpoints. One day he left Bethlehem (a 15-minute drive to Jerusalem in ideal, before-the-checkpoints circumstances) for Jerusalem at 4:30 a.m. He arrived after 9 a.m. because the "authorities" had set up four "extra" movable checkpoints.

I am so profoundly impacted by what happened to me in Palestine that I plan to return to Jerusalem next year, as do at least two other people who went on the trip. I have never been so well treated, excluding the AWFUL treatment I was "personally" chosen to receive at the Tel Aviv airport, where having a Middle Eastern last name is definitely not an asset.

Cecilia Fordham, St. Clement's:

Amazing, to walk in the footsteps of the ancients as, simultaneously, Israeli soldiers stood guard, and Arab Palestinians hosted us in their homes and places of business. I returned awed, heartsick, and encouraged by the human spirit in the face of immense difficulty. Centuries of strife in this part of the world continues.

As I look at my pictures now, two months after my return, I remember (1)

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Building relationships through a mission in Mexico

For a week in October, six members of Calvary Church, Kane'ohe, traveled to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, for a mission trip of teaching and construction work, worship and ministry. This was the third time that Calvary has sent a mission trip to Juarez. Three of the participants (Paul and Wanda Remington, and Reggie Rabaino) had been to Juarez previously, while the other three (Bruce and Laura Fink, and the Rev. Joe Carr, Calvary's Rector) were attending for the first time. Following are two reports about the trip.

Paul Remington:

As church-going Christians, often we watch videos and talk about our lives – how we “need” to do more praying for each other and how we “need” to do more sharing of God's love with others. We talk about how we want to invite people to our church so they can have what we have. At the same time, we tell ourselves that we don't have the time, the talent, or the treasure to participate actively in sharing Christ with others.

At Calvary, we refer to our short-term Mission to Cd. Juarez program as “Missions 101” because we encourage people who feel God wants them to do more than talk, watch, and wish to go on mission. We support those who have never ventured beyond their daily routine yet feel that they need to “ease into” expanding their spiritual horizons.

Missions 101 creates an opportunity to share God's love for others in a relatively safe and controlled setting. Our Mission to Cd. Juarez is an opportunity to step out of our ordinary life patterns and comfort zones, and to go where we are face-to-face with needy people.

This year we fielded a team of six to go to Cd. Juarez. We also had a “team” of several people who committed themselves to praying for us and supporting us while we went on mission.

After a long flight from Honolulu, we met our Amigos Ministries sponsors in El Paso, Texas, crossed the border to Mexico, and worked very hard for a week.

In the mornings, Laura, Bruce, Wanda, and Fr. Joe engaged the children from the orphanage in a variety of activities that teach and reinforce principles of Christian belief and growth in spiritual maturity. Our ministry to the children is why we go back to the same place each year. We were able to meet new kids and see ones that we have known over the years. We heard of some that have been adopted out of the system and missed them, but rejoiced that they were finally, we pray, in a good home.

In the afternoons, the whole team gathered at the “bodega” (a shop and construction material warehouse) and did construction work. We erected a stairway from the Lower Level of the bodega to the caretaker's apartment on the Upper Level. We wired the Lower Level for electricity and celebrated when the power went on. We built a balcony for the apartment and built the railing around the balcony. On Saturday, we built a wall around the stairwell and were pleased that it was plumb and square.

The team also spent an early evening with the “abuelitos” – the old folks – talking and listening to them share. We were able to give them lap blankets just as the weather turned cold.

In the Bible, God promises to meet each one of us exactly where we are in our spiritual journey. During our morning devotions we were challenged not to be “elephants stomping around among mice” in our relationships with our Mexican friends, but to humbly see Christ in the lives of those with whom we came in contact,

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Above: Paul Remington inspects the wall around a stairway that the mission team constructed. The stairway leads from the first floor of the “bodega” (a shop and construction material warehouse) to the caretaker's apartment on the second floor.



Left: Several of the children in the orphanage in Cd. Juarez enjoy wearing some wigs. The group had just been making balloon people, and had great fun blowing up and popping the balloons.

Below: Members of the Calvary's mission team gather with the children in “Carmen's cafeteria” at the elementary school. Carmen prepares breakfast there for 400 children each school-day morning.

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my camel ride; (2) the Sea of Galilee (it's only a big lake and it's shrinking); (3) the faces and laughter of our driver, Henry, and our guide, Kaseem (they were laughing at us, our jokes, and our attitudes; we returned with friends in Palestine); and (4) THE WALL. The inmates at OCC don't have a wall like this, and it's miles and miles and miles long, in the name of security. I shall never forget it.

Richard Schulz, All Saints

In September, the Rev. Donor Macneice took a group of people to Israel/Palestine. There were 27 of us in all: 17 from Kaua'i, 3 from the West Coast, and 7 from the East Coast.

The Bishop of Jerusalem, Bishop Riah Abu El Assal, met us in Amman and accompanied us throughout the visit. He was quick to point out that this was not a tour, but a pilgrimage. His "territory" includes Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia.

In addition to seeing historical sites during our three days in Amman, we spent a day in Petra and Jerash. Petra is an ancient hidden city south of Amman, and was a prospering, strategic point in the silk trade. Jerash is the most well-preserved ancient Roman city outside of Italy.

From Jordan, we went to Nazareth, where we stayed at an ultra-progressive school for children and teen boys and girls. Three-year-olds were in computer classes; in fact, Bill Gates was due to arrive two days after we left.

From Nazareth, we went to Jerusalem, where we stayed at St. George's Cathedral's Guest House. This is Bishop Riah's home base and was a delightful experience in every respect. Much of our time was spent in the old city, at the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane, and at burial sites. In the old city, we walked the Via de la Rosa. I even carried the cross on one leg of the walk.

Out of Jerusalem, we saw Bethlehem, Masada, Cana, Jericho, Capernaum, and Tiberius. We had communion on the shores of Galilee.

We had no thought of danger anywhere. Of course, we were miles from Gaza. We did see the F-16's going in several mornings (when Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was flexing his muscles).

People were very hospitable, with few exceptions. Many referred to Israel as the 51st state. Financially, I believe it. This did bring to my mind how little we know of the Palestinian side of these conflicts, but that leads to unending discussion.

This was a most rewarding experience. We saw places we had heard about when we were children.

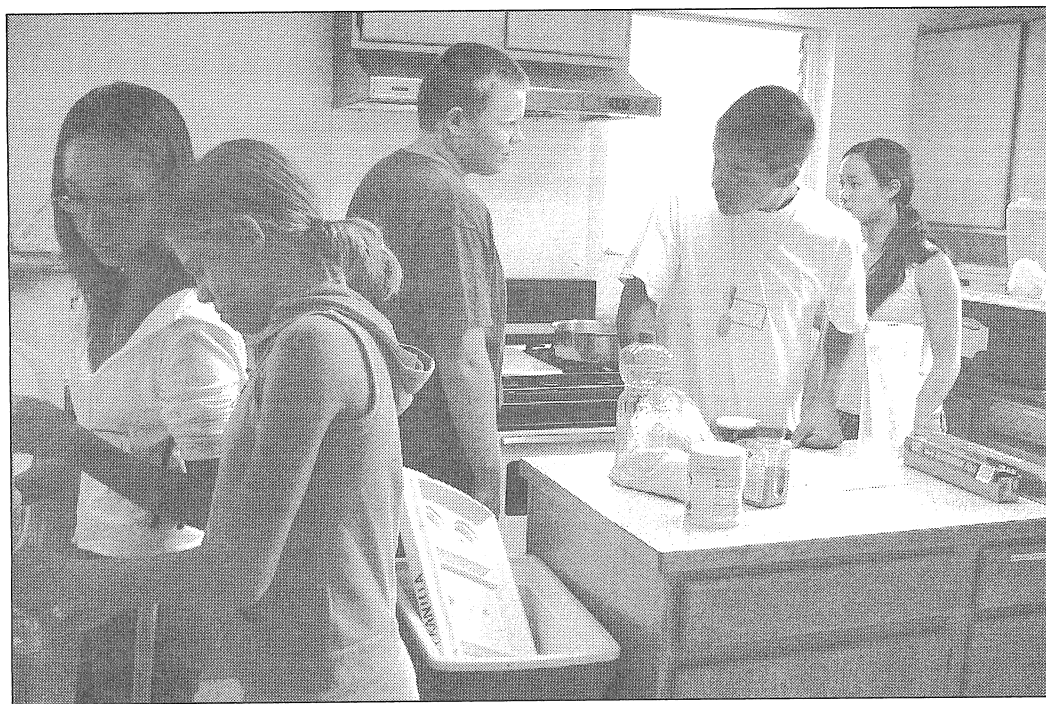


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Dessa Rentrop, Lizel Igaya, Ross Rentrop, Jacob Jiminez and Elysse Sato cook chili for the Global Village group that helped build homes in West Kaua'i for Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat teams visit W. Kaua'i to work on low-income homes

By the Rev. Mary Lindquist

VICAR, EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON WEST KAUA'I

"You mean, they don't get paid?" one teen inquired about a group of 21 people who had come to Kaua'i from all over the mainland U.S. and Canada to help build low-income homes for the West Kaua'i community.

No, they don't get paid to do all this work; in fact they have to raise money to be here. These people are willing to spend their "vacations" doing construction work for a community of people they don't even know before they arrive. But this is Global Village.

Global Village is a program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. It invites people to travel to different parts of the world and help build homes for people in need.

For two separate weeks in November and December 2005, the Episcopal Church on West Kaua'i (ECWK) hosted teams of people from Global Village who had chosen to spend their Thanksgiving or Christmas vacations building homes for Habitat. Our church is blessed to have Habitat building homes right up the road from St. John's Church in Ele'ele. We saw this

as a wonderful opportunity for us to reach out to the community and provide help to those in need.

The groups used St. John's Parish Hall as a meeting place for breakfast (which they fixed themselves) and lunch (usually provided by churches, especially ECWK). During the week over Thanksgiving, members of ECWK provided five lunches and breakfast ingredients to the Global Village crew and future home-owners. The crew raved about the meals provided to them. We had Japanese food, Filipino food — all the local specialties. They greatly appreciated the use of our parish hall and bathroom facilities. And, based on the comments I have received from our many cooks, we really enjoyed meeting such interesting and generous people!

In December, ECWK hosted another Global Village Group. This group included three high-school students. Robert, a high school senior from Long Island, raised over \$3,000 to be able to participate in Global Village on Kaua'i.

Habitat for Humanity plans on building 120 homes in the Ele'ele area over the next few years. A few (maybe four) of these homes are almost complete, while many others have been started.

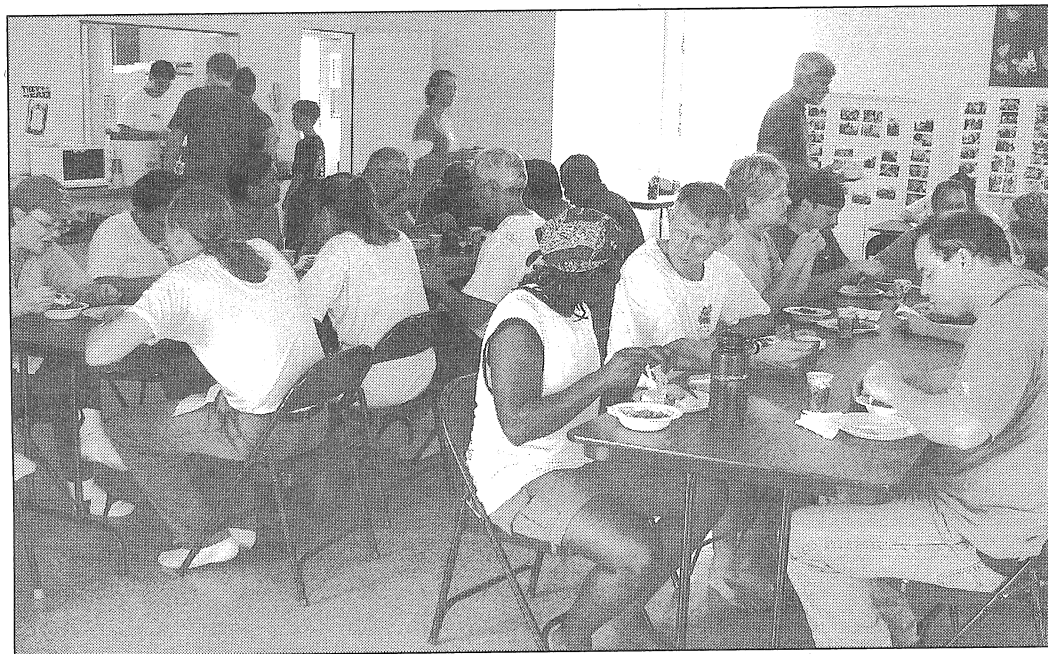


PHOTO SUBMITTED BY THE REV. MARY LINDQUIST

Workers from Global Village enjoy lunch at the parish hall of St. John's in Ele'ele

Mexico

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as well as to allow Christ to be seen in our own lives. We celebrated that we could share God's love and concern with the children and the abuelitos without any expectation of their "returning the favor."

A wonderful woman named Carmen, whom we knew from previous trips, shared of her own ministry and how God performs miracles on a daily basis as she — by herself, usually — feeds 400 children breakfast every school-day morning for some sixteen cents per child per meal. She fed children out of her kitchen until Calvary and other groups built her kitchen and cafeteria on site at the elementary school.

Why do we go to Cd. Juarez? We go because we are called to be a blessing to others, and a week in Juarez opens our eyes and hearts to being that blessing.

Our ministry is to the children of Cd. Juarez. To that end, we have developed a relationship with individual children at the orphanage and with Carmen's kitchen. Recently, all our "construction projects" have focused on facilities that directly support the orphanage or Carmen's kitchen, or support activities that, in turn, support the children.

Finally, I suspect, we go to Cd. Juarez every year because some of us need the repetition of lessons learned before we discover God's truth for our lives, and because someone else needs a "safe" place to start.

The Rev. Joe Carr

What was this trip all about?

It was everyday people connecting with everyday people in the name of God. We spent time with the children at the orphanage. We distributed donated blankets to the elderly residents who have been abandoned by their families. We worked on a construction project. We worshiped with two very different congregations while in the city of Juarez.

This is a place filled with extreme economic poverty, but an abundance of faith in Jesus fills the homes and lives of the members of the churches with whom we worked. The Christians of Mexico are using all natural and supernatural forces to bring the Good News to all the people of Mexico.

So often we find ourselves stopped in our own ministry track, because we see a lack of resources to fuel the entire ministry project. This Mexico trip has reminded me, once again, that we are always to walk in obedience to God's calling and trust Him for the material details of the plan.

God's resources never come to an end and His greatest resources are found through the faithfulness of His people like you and me.

Leaders chosen for February's Youth Planning Conference

Lisa Kimball, a nationally known youth leader, and Thom Chu, Program Director of Ministries with Young People at the Episcopal Church Center, will be the facilitators for the youth planning conference to be held at Camp Mokule'ia from Sunday through Tuesday, Feb. 19-21.

The purposes of the conference, sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult Department of Diocesan Council, are to provide essential skills training for anyone interested (or potentially interested) in youth ministry within their congregations, and to define the needs of the Diocese for a youth and young adult staff person.

The cost will be \$75 per person. For more information, see the diocesan website (www.episcopalhawaii.org).

Pilgrimage to Great Britain

St. Andrew's Cathedral is planning a pilgrimage to England and Scotland primarily for youth and young adults, although some more senior adults are attending as well.

The trip will travel to and stay in Canterbury and Salisbury Cathedrals, and will visit other holy places such as St. Paul's Cathedral in London and Coventry Cathedral.

The pilgrimage will then conclude on the Isle of Iona, the site of an ancient monastery and current Christian community off the west coast of Scotland.

Dates have not yet been finalized, but will probably be 10-14 days in mid-June 2006.

To prepare for the pilgrimage, pilgrims will participate in a number of preparations of mind, body, and spirit – individually and as a group. The pilgrimage is avail-

Council at Mokule'ia



PHOTO BY THE REV. LIZ BEASLEY

Members of the Diocesan Council stand on the steps of the chapel at Camp Mokule'ia during its annual retreat on November 18-19. Newly elected members joined those who were continuing their terms for two days of learning and planning.

able to diocesan young people and their sponsors.

If you are interested in learning more about the pilgrimage, please contact Jenny Wallace at (808) 524-2822 x220 or jennywallace@hawaii.rr.com.

New UTO Coordinator wants every church represented

In November, the Board and members of Episcopal Church Women (ECW) in Hawai'i elected Joyce Kim to be the Coordinator for the United Thank Offering

(UTO) in the Diocese.

She asks that the priest of each congregation, in cooperation with the Vestry or Bishop's Committee, appoint a woman of the congregation to be the UTO representative for that church. If the church has a Women's Club or ECW, that group might nominate or recommend a woman to the priest.

Funds collected through UTO are available to churches as grants for ministry projects in their congregations. The grant applications are due in the Bishop's Office

on December 31 of each year. UTO collections in congregations are taken in the spring and the fall.

For more information, contact Joyce Kim at (808) 536-5307 or joycekim@hawaii.rr.com.

Cycles of Prayer calendar available at diocesan website

The Diocesan Prayer Calendar for 2006 is posted on the diocesan website, and is available there as both Word and PDF documents. Also available is the 2006 Prayer Calendar for the Diocese of Okinawa, as both Word and PDF.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer is no longer being published in book format. Its publisher, Forward Movement, is now publishing it in Forward Day by Day, the pamphlet of daily meditations, starting with the February/March/April 2006 issue. The place to be prayed for will be listed at the end of each day's meditation. In addition, the Cycle of Prayer is available as a Word document on CD-Rom or online. For more information, go to www.forwardmovement.org.

Don't forget your forms!

Each congregation needs to send in several forms to the Office of the Bishop, after its Annual Meeting in January.

These forms are available on the diocesan website by going to the News & Events page and clicking on the links in the corresponding news item, or by going to Administrative Forms under "Resource Materials."

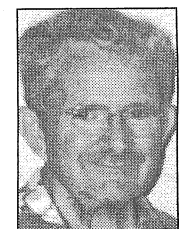
Included there are the following forms: Certificate of Election, Certificate of Election for Regional Council, Church Officials List for a Parish, and Church Officials List for a Mission.

PEOPLE.COM NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Donor Macneice retires

The Rev. Donor Macneice, Rector of Christ Memorial, Kilauea, and Vicar of St. Thomas, Hanalei, celebrated his last Eucharist services on Kaua'i on Jan. 1. On Jan. 4, he left for his new retirement home in the Philippines. Originally from Ireland, Macneice has served in Ireland, England, Jamaica, and the United States, arriving on Kaua'i in 1993. Macneice also has had an extensive ministry taking groups abroad, such as the one described in this issue. On Kaua'i, he was the host of a local radio program.

Claude DuTeil honored



DuTeil

The late Rev. Claude DuTeil, founder of the Institute for Human Services (IHS) ministry for the homeless, was honored in *Honolulu Magazine's* celebration of Honolulu's centennial as one of the city's 100 most influential persons since 1905. DuTeil, who died in 1997, began IHS from serving peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and coffee to the hungry. IHS is now the city's preeminent ministry to the homeless.

Celebration of new ministry

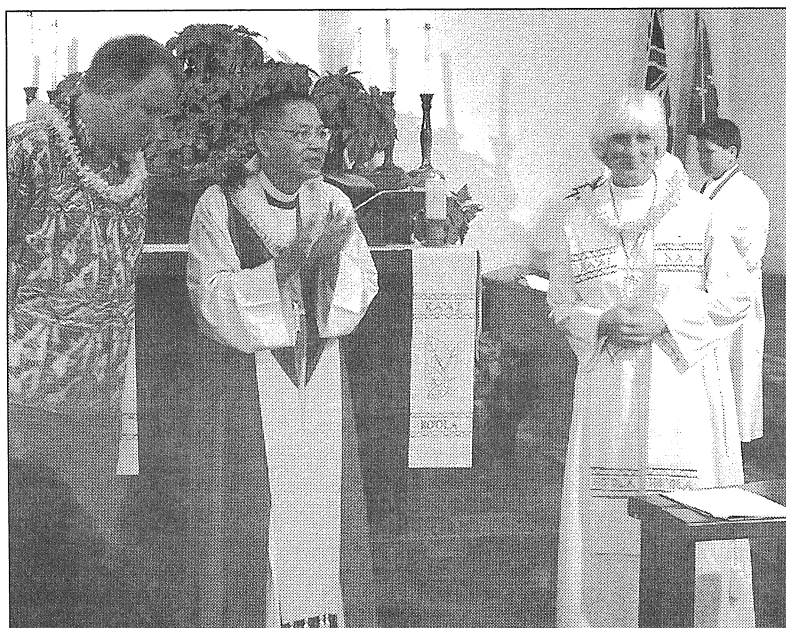


PHOTO BY LEO LOYOLA

On Jan. 8, St. John's By-the-Sea, Kahalu'u, and the Rev. Liz Beasley celebrated their new ministry together, with Bishop Richard Chang celebrating. Beasley, who is also the Diocese's Communications Officer, began as the part-time Vicar of St. John's By-the-Sea on July 1, 2005. Here, Bishop Chang presents Liz and her husband, Kirk, to the congregation.

An invitation to find a place apart

By Jenny Wallace

I wonder if you have found a place or time apart when you encountered God in a new way? I imagine you might have thought of a retreat in the mountains, a trip you took, or camping at the beach. Many of us are passionate about those experiences and some of us may feel called to help others experience God in these ways.

I invite you to join in a conversation about how we, as a Diocese, can foster occasions for spiritual encounter such as retreats, pilgrimages, and camps. The first step is brainstorming and sharing of ideas. We may find that folks are already dreaming of or planning events that could use diocesan coordination and support.

On Feb. 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Von Holt Room of St. Andrew's Cathedral, anyone interested is welcome to begin this conversation. While we do not have a budget for airfares, we will attempt a phone conference link for those from Neighbor Islands who would like to participate. Please contact Jenny Wallace at 808-524-2822 x220 or jennywallace@hawaii.rr.com if you would like to be a part of this discussion.

ERD effort in Guatemala to get Mission funds

At its Dec. 17 meeting, the Diocesan Council voted to donate the proceeds from the 2006 Mission Fund to hurricane relief in Guatemala through Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD).

Each member of the Diocese of Hawai'i is asked to contribute to the Mission Fund throughout the Easter season, which lasts from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost. This year, those dates are April 16 through June 4.

Flooding and mudslides caused by Hurricane Stan in October 2005 devastated areas throughout Central America. According to the American Red Cross, 652 Guatemalans were confirmed dead from the storm, although if the missing were assumed dead, the number would be closer to 2,000.

Around 135,000 people were affected, and about 107,000 of them were in shelters such as those hosted by ERD/Anglican Church shortly after the disaster.



ERD responded when Bishop Guerra of the Diocese of Guatemala appealed for help.

ERD is already partnering with the Anglican Diocese of El Salvador and Asociación Mangle to supply emergency assistance to more than 40,000 displaced people in devastated communities throughout the country.

The ERD funds for Guatemala are designated for food (rice, corn, sugar, salt, and cooking oil), blankets, and emergency shelter.

As soon as the emergency phase is over, ERD will be exploring with the Diocese of Guatemala the needs for replanting crops in the affected region. They expect ongoing crop rehabilitation to be the priority, and any donations from the Mission Fund will go to-

wards that effort.

Diocesan Council approved the Mission Fund allocation on the recommendation of its Justice, Peace, and Partnerships Department.

The idea was originally suggested by Bishop Richard Chang in his Address to Convention in October.

Each year since 2003, the Diocese has chosen a purpose or project for the Mission Fund from from one of three mission foci: within the Diocese of Hawai'i, within the State of Hawai'i, or in the international community.

The Mission Fund previously partnered with ERD in 2004, when the donations helped to fund a village irrigation project in the northern Philippines.

This report used information supplied by Coe Economou and Abigail Nelson of ERD and by Susan Thornett, ERD Coordinator for the Diocese of Hawai'i.

COMING SOON (EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

www.episcopalhawaii.org/calendar/calendar.php

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2 Honolulu Clericus, St. Peter's, 10 am
- Feb. 3 Deadline for bishop search surveys
- Feb. 5 Evensong, St. Andrew's Cathedral, 7:30 pm
- Feb. 9 Commission on Ministry, 2 pm
- Feb. 10 Standing Committee, 10:30 am
- Feb. 10-12 Happening, Camp Mokule'ia
- Feb. 11 Strategic Planning training, St. George's, 9 am
- Feb. 11 Godly Play training, St. Andrew's, 9 am
- Feb. 12 Search Committee meeting, St. Clement's
- Feb. 17 Church officials list and certificates of election deadline
- Feb. 18 Council Dept. meetings, 9 am
Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
- Feb. 19-21 Conference for Youth Ministry, Camp Mokule'ia
- Feb. 20 President's Day holiday; Bishop's offices closed
- Feb. 24-25 Faith and Money retreat
- Feb. 25 Strategic Planning training, St. George's, 9 am

MARCH

- March 1 Ash Wednesday
- March 1 Parochial Report deadline
- March 2 Honolulu Clericus, St. Peter's, 10 am
- March 5 Search Committee meeting, St. Clement's
- March 5 Evensong, St. Andrew's Cathedral, 7:30 pm
- March 9 Resource Dept. meeting, 11:30 am
- March 9 Commission on Ministry, 2 pm
- March 10 Standing Committee, 10:30 am
- March 11 Deacons' Community, 9 am
- March 18 Council Dept. meetings, 9 am
Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
- March 27 Kuhio Day holiday
- March 31- April 2 Province VIII student retreat

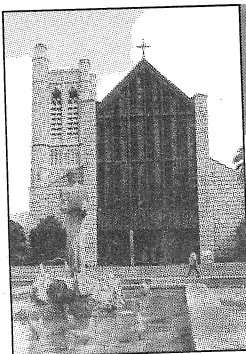
For a full schedule of events, activities and meetings around the Diocese, check out the Calendar of Events on episcopalhawaii.org. Updated regularly, event submissions welcomed.

The 'kings' of Kaimuki



PHOTO BY PORTIA OKAMOTO

The Magi — Marilyn Wong, Kenneth Fleming (Senior Warden), and Donald Matsumori — pose in front of the Epiphany Church trolley prior to the Kaimuki Community Christmas parade on December 1. The Rev. Norio Sasaki sits in the trolley above Ken.



Happenings at St. Andrew's Cathedral

Worship and special observances for all people in the Episcopal Church throughout the state.

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Corner of Queen Emma Square
and Beretania Streets in Honolulu

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong

Feb. 5

Free 7:30 p.m.

Windward churches to host talks on money

The Windward Coalition of Churches on O'ahu is hosting a series of talks and a retreat on the theme of the place of money in the realm of God. The speaker is Kevin Cashman, Executive Director of the Ministry of Money (MoM), based in Germantown, Md. (See the December/January issue of the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*.)

A Faith and Money retreat will be held on Friday evening, Feb.

24, and all day Saturday, Feb. 25. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple; financial assistance is available. Participants are asked to sign up at least 10 days in advance, as there is advance "homework" for the retreat.

Other events are also scheduled. For more information on Cashman's visit, check the diocesan website or contact the Rev. Peter Champion at (808) 262-4548 or peterchamp@hotmail.com.



Kevin Cashman