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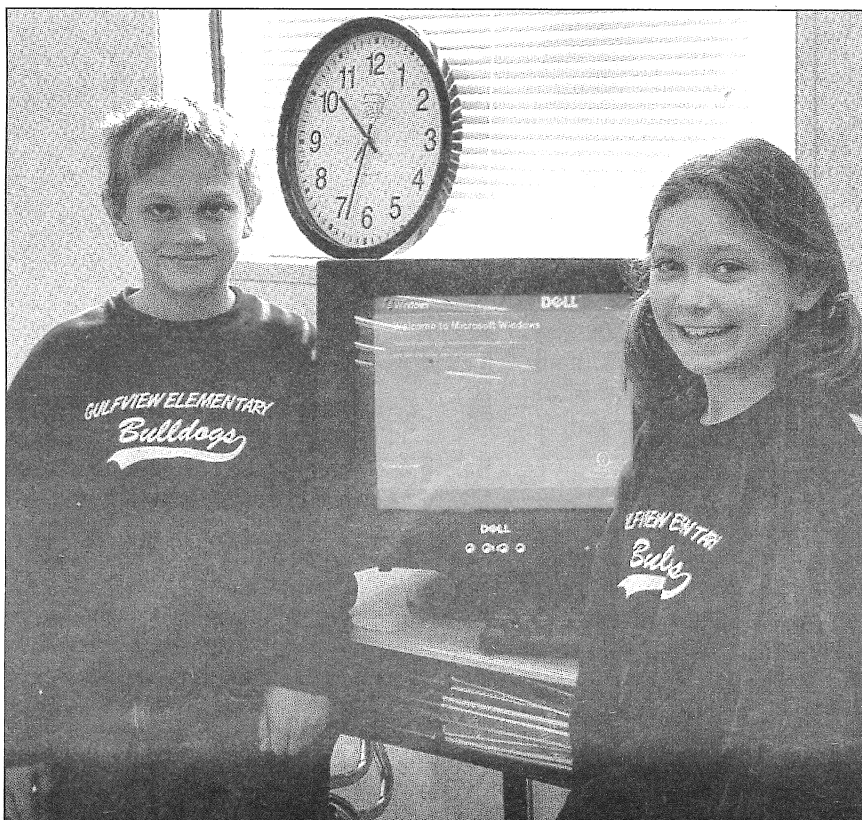
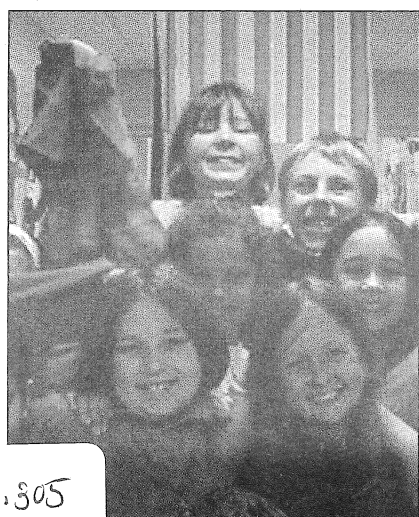
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Clockwise from top: Students at Gulfview Elementary show their appreciation for items sent by Holy Nativity; Each classroom at Gulfview now has a new computer; Students at Charles B. Murphy Elementary received sweatshirts.

PHOTOS BY VICKI MORRISON



Gratitude showed in warm smiles of children

Holy Nativity teacher returns with aloha to site of Katrina disaster

By Vicki Morrison

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

When Hurricane Katrina hit on August 29, 2005, the world was astounded by the power of the storm and the devastation left in her wake.

This disaster was deeply personal for my family and me. For eight years, we had lived in Diamondhead, Mississippi, on the Gulf Coast, where I was a teacher in the local elementary school.

The pace of life was slow and easy along this beautiful coast dotted with small arts communities, beautiful beachfront homes, and stately live oaks.

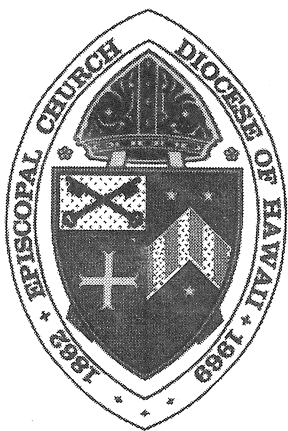
All of this is now gone. Not only have the homes and buildings disappeared, but so has the character of this region. We desperately wanted to help our friends, the church congregations, and especially the school children there.

Through the tremendous love and generosity of Holy Nativity Church where we are members and Holy Nativity School where I teach, I was able to return to Mississippi a few weeks ago. With money from the school's annual fall fundraiser, we purchased over 300 school sweatshirts for the students of Gulfview and Charles B. Murphy Elementary Schools, both of which had been displaced from their destroyed campuses. This was a very practical gift in light of the cold winter weather, but equally important, the sweatshirts helped give back to these children their sense of school community.

I also delivered 400 school uniform shirts to East Hancock Elementary students, the same school where I taught just four years ago. With donations from Holy Nativity Church, my husband, Dan, purchased 25 com-

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Use Lent as a time of discernment

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are all familiar with the temptation of Jesus by Satan in the wilderness. After his affirmation as the Son of God at his baptism, Jesus is led into the wilderness. Three times Satan tempts Jesus, and three times Jesus overcomes the temptation. We may look upon this forty-day desert experience of Jesus as a time of testing. As the forty years in the wilderness tested the commitment of the people of Israel to Jehovah, Jesus' time in the wilderness tests his commitment to his ministry as the Messiah.

Our observance of a Holy Lent is shaped by this spirit of "temptation and testing." The disciplines to which we commit ourselves during Lent are intended to test our wills to resist temptations. Whether we give up or take on, the disciplines are "tests of will." Like New Year's resolutions, we sometimes accept Lenten disciplines that cannot be kept. We are tested and fall short. We succumb to temptation. We cannot maintain our resolve to be disciplined.

I invite you to view Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness as a time of personal discernment and visioning. The temptations of Satan help Jesus to discern who he is and to develop a vision of his messianic ministry of reconciliation. In many cultures fasting and prayer have been used to help individuals and communities discern God's will and engender a vision for their



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

future. Fasting and prayer help to focus our senses, so that we can move forward with new vigor and clarity of purpose.

It is my prayer that this Lent will be a time of discernment and visioning for the members of the Diocese of Hawai'i and that this discernment is framed by prayer and self-denial. As a faithful community of the baptized called the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, we are moving into the second year of implementing our Diocesan Strategic Plan as adopted at the 2004 Annual Meeting of our Diocesan Convention. It is a time of ambiguity, certainty, and risk — a wilderness time. Use this Holy Season for personal and community discernment and visioning. Who is God calling me to become as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? What is God calling us to become as the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i? Use your time of prayer each day during Lent as a time of discernment and visioning. For each day during Lent will bring new opportunities from God to hear the call to follow him.

Faithfully yours,
+Richard



Katrina

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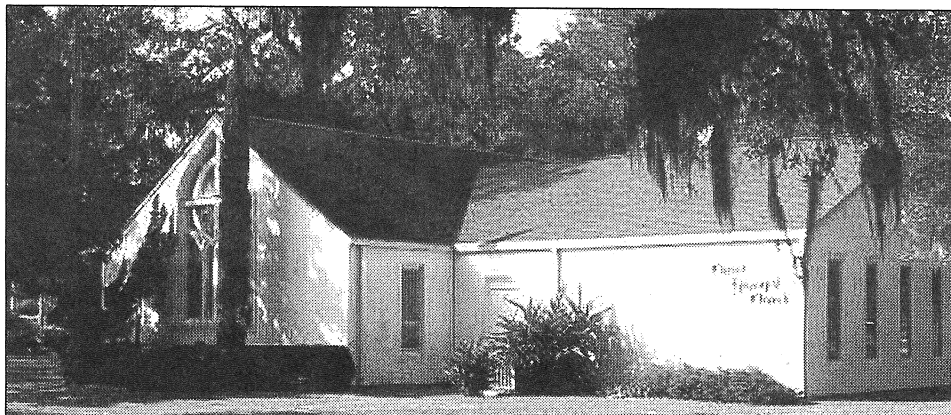
puters and had them delivered to Mississippi.

During my visit, I uncrated and set up seven of these computers for teachers who had not had a minute of spare time. Every classroom at Gulfview Elementary now has a new computer. In addition, an account has been established to allow teachers to order books for their students.

As I visited in their classrooms, I heard countless stories from children. A fourth grader told me about climbing on the roof of her house as the water poured in, waiting until a neighbor in a boat rescued them. A second grader watched the water rise in his house as he and his mother huddled on top of their refrigerator.

So many people there had so little to begin with, and now they have lost everything. A smiling five-year-old, wearing what was clearly secondhand, donated clothing, walked up to me to receive her sweatshirt. As I held up the shirt to her, she asked, "Is this brand new?" When I assured her it was, she tentatively asked, "Can I keep it?" Something so small and simple meant everything to her.

My visit is something I will never forget. It was a very difficult and emotional journey to go back to a place I love and to see it so changed, but the courage and spirit of the people and their determination to rebuild their way of life is truly inspiring.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Before and after: The bell tower of Christ Episcopal Church in Waveland, Miss., was all that remained after Katrina's storm surge, which reached the top of the church's roof.

Holy Nativity Church now has a partnership established with St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New Orleans. St. Andrews would like to set up a childcare center so parishioners and community members can return to work.

Although these stories are no longer

front page news, we must remember that recovery is still years away for the entire Gulf Coast region. Through the generous gifts from the Holy Nativity community, I was able to touch a community far away, one that remains close to my family's hearts, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Search Committee organizes, begins work

By Stuart Ching

SEARCH COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS
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The Search Committee met at the Parish Church of St. Clement on Jan. 22. The meeting opened with the Rev. Liz Zivanov, chaplain of the committee, leading the group in the recitation of the "Prayer for the Search of the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Hawai'i."

Committee Chair Cecilia Fordham reviewed the mission of the committee and Search/Nomination Committee information from the Church Deployment Office. She said: "Although the material is old (1994), it provides guidelines to the Search Process, organization, discernment, and implementation. The Subcommittee information is very useful. We, of course, will tailor such guidelines to meet our needs in Hawai'i."

The Elephant in the Boardroom, a book on pastoral transitions, is another resource the group will be using in the search process. Each committee member has access to a copy.

To spiritually prepare themselves for the tasks ahead, committee members separated into four discussion groups. Each group analyzed a portion of the "Prayer for the Search of the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Hawai'i." Committee members reflected upon how to fulfill the tasks described in the prayer, and how these tasks will affect the type of person selected as Bishop of Hawai'i.

Bill Skelton then provided a demonstration on navigating the committee's Yahoo website. This website is being used to facilitate internal communications between members of the Search Committee. He addressed difficulties faced by committee members accessing the site. Stuart Ching reported that information about the committee's previous meeting was posted on the diocesan website.

Committee members separated into smaller formation and initial planning groups to define the responsibilities, timeline, number of people required, etc., for the following subcommittees: Executive, Survey/Profile, Discernment, Interviews and Visitation, Presentation of Nominees.

The Executive Subcommittee is composed of the search committee chair, the finance officer, the internal communications officer, and the external communications officer. This subcommittee will be responsible for setting the agenda for future meetings, drafting a policy statement, and developing an overall budget for the work of the Search Committee.

The Survey/Profile Subcommittee will be responsible for collection and analysis of questionnaires sent to all congregations; formation and coordination of focus groups; and publication and distribution of a diocesan profile and a bishop's profile. The deadline for questionnaires from congregations was Feb. 3.

After data and written responses are received, the results will be summarized and analyzed. Subcommittee members will study the results and devise questions for fo-

cus groups. Two to three subcommittee members will then conduct focus groups at three churches in each of the four counties over a one-week period. The data collected will be added to the profiles for the diocese and the bishop.

In the meantime, work will be underway on other components of the diocesan profile with the collection of historical data, photographs, and elements from the diocesan strategic plan.

In order to complete the compilation of data and subsequent analysis in a timely manner, it was suggested that the subcommittee have at least eight members and that the Search Committee contract for a clerk to assist with all the written work that will be necessary.

The Discernment Subcommittee will be responsible for letters inviting nominations, seeking permissions from persons nominated, and correspondence with prospective candidates. The subcommittee will review available examples and develop a questionnaire for applicants. This subcommittee should have eight to ten members with balanced representation from clergy and laity, and from O'ahu and Neighbor Island residents. A timeline and application deadline were discussed. Following guidelines developed in the profile process, the subcommittee will review the initial applications, eliminating those whose gifts are outside the parameters of the profile. Applications for the remaining prospective candidates will be reviewed by the entire committee.

The Interviews & Visitations Subcommittee will be responsible for visiting and conducting interviews with ten prospective candidates. This subcommittee will determine the type of interview to be conducted; the agenda of the visits; how to deal with exceptional circumstances; and which acquaintances of the candidates should be interviewed (i.e., bishop, parishioners, mayor, etc.). There should be five to six members on the subcommittee with no less than three members assigned to each visit.

The Presentation Subcommittee will be responsible for settling on a process and method to present candidates to the people of this diocese. This subcommittee will deal with planning issues related to hospitality and protocol. The entire committee, however, will undertake final implementation of presenting the candidates.

Before adjourning, Bill Skelton posed the question of whether there is a conflict of interest between being a member of the Search Committee and being a delegate to Convention. Search Committee members agreed that there is no conflict of interest, provided committee members maintain a public persona of neutrality with regards to the slate of candidates presented. The Rev. Dale Hathaway argued that members of the clergy sitting on the Search Committee are allowed to vote for a new bishop. It would be unfair if this right were denied to members of the laity on the Search Committee.

The final activity undertaken by members of the committee was to volunteer for at least two subcommittees. The next meeting of the Search Committee was scheduled for Feb. 12, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Clement's.



Volunteers honored

On January 31, the Office of the Bishop hosted a luncheon to thank the volunteers who contribute their ministry to the work of the Diocese of Hawai'i. Present were the Diocesan Altar Guild and volunteers who help with office work in the Office of the Bishop, as well as Cathedral staff and the contractors who are remodeling the Cathedral offices. The assembled group enjoyed a delicious Japanese box lunch and conversation. Above: Bishop Chang helps to serve some of the volunteers present. Left: Nancy Minuth, diocesan bookkeeper, cuts a "Thank You" cake for dessert.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Michael's calls rector



Miller

The Vestry of St. Michael's and All Angels, Lihue, Kaua'i, has called the Rev. William Miller as its new rector. Miller, who arrived in February, comes from the Diocese of Texas, where he has been rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Houston since 1999. Miller has a background in the arts, having also been an actor and a country-western singer/songwriter. His new book, *The Gospel According to Sam: Animal Stories for the Soul*, has been released recently by Church Publishing.

Sexual misconduct training scheduled on Big Island

Training in Preventing Sexual Misconduct, with the Rev. Al Miles, will be offered on the Big Island at the Church of the Holy Apostles, Hilo, on Saturday, May 6, 2006, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This training is required of all Vestry or Bishop's Committee members, Eucharistic Visitors, church staff, and cler-

gy. Please note that this is different from the "Safeguarding God's Children" workshop, as this workshop is about preventing adult-to-adult sexual harassment. The training has been offered previously on O'ahu and Maui.

Go to:

For registration forms, go to www.episcopalhawaii.org/content/MisconductRegisform.doc

HECA Reorganization

Camp Mokule'ia has been tentatively reserved for April 10, the Monday night before the Chrism Mass, for a meeting to reorganize the Hawaii Episcopal Clergy Association (HECA).

Those interested in attending should contact the Rev. Marvin Foltz, of Good Shepherd, Wailuku, as soon as possible at pastor@goodshepherdmaui.org.

The cost depends somewhat on how many people are staying and having meals, but would be approximately \$80-\$90 for dinner, the overnight stay, and breakfast.

Former treasurer, missionary dies

Henry F. Budd, former missionary in Asia, former treasurer of the Diocese of Hawai'i, and long-time member of St. Andrew's Cathedral, died on January 30.

Born in 1915 in Brooklyn, Budd had a lifelong affection for New York City. He started working as an office clerk at the National Council of the Episcopal Church, familiarly known as "281," at the early age of 14.

He graduated from the College of New York and launched his career as an accountant. He married Lauretta Taylor in 1935 and later had daughters Patricia and Susan.

Following his enlistment in the Navy during World War II, Budd returned to the Episcopal Church headquarters as the assistant comptroller for the church's finance department.

In 1948 the National Council appointed him to the position of Associate China Mission Treasurer, and his family set sail from New York Harbor to the exotic Far East and Shanghai, China. Later that year the family evacuated to Tokyo, Japan, where they would live for the next eight years.



Henry Budd

and ocean liners, which fueled Henry's passion for travel and cruising.

In 1956, Budd was offered a transfer to Honolulu to serve as Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of the Pacific. He served for 22 years until his retirement in 1978. With brief visits to his beloved New York City, Hawai'i became his favored home for 50 years and he felt with passion that there could be no finer place to live.

After more than 48 years working for the Church, retirement enabled Budd to pursue the passions he enjoyed so much: travel, classical music, Asian art, his collection of New York memorabilia,

Budd served as the Treasurer and Financial Liaison Officer of the Episcopal Church in Japan. During those years the Budd family crossed the oceans by various freighters

and drawing, tending his lanai garden, and telling stories about his life experiences.

Following Lauretta's death, Budd married Barbara Prock, and together they shared their love of travel. His years of volunteering at St. Andrew's Cathedral enhanced his interest in people.

Many have been touched by his sense of humor, and his genuine interest and positive outlook toward everyone he met. Until very recently, he served as a counter of the Sunday offering at St. Andrew's.

Henry Budd is survived by daughters Patricia Gifford of Napa, California, and Susan Watson of Oakland, California, and their spouses; grandchildren Scott Froehlich, Terri Sechak, and Michael Patton; great-grandchildren Desiree and Christina Sechak; step-grandchildren Douglas and Thomas Watson; and honorary adopted granddaughter, Emily Nomura.

(For an article about Henry Budd as Emily Nomura's adopted grandfather, see the February 2005 issue of the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*.)



Dr. Ed Sellner will be the presenter at a one-day retreat on Celtic Spirituality in March.

Celtic Spirituality is topic of retreat

A one-day retreat on Celtic Spirituality will take place at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday, March 11. The presenter is Dr. Ed Sellner, professor of pastoral theology and spirituality at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sellner is one of the top scholars in the world on Celtic Spirituality and has written many books and articles on the topic, including *The Wisdom of the Celtic Saints*, *The Celtic Soul Friend*, and *Stories of the Celtic Soul Friend*.

Check-in for the retreat begins at 8:30 a.m., and the event concludes at 4:30. For more information contact the Rev. Andrew Dahlburg at 234-5282 or by email to adahlb@hotmai.com. The event costs \$25 per person.

Mission Fund 2005 continues contributions

Last August, \$36,000 from the Mission Fund 2005 of the Diocese of Hawai'i was distributed to agencies benefiting the hungry of Hawai'i (see article in November's *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*).

Donations have continued to arrive, enabling the Diocese to distribute approximately \$9,000 more to the agencies that had received the initial funding.

In January, the Justice, Peace, and Partnerships Department of the Diocesan Council, which coordinates the Mission Fund, received the following letter from Save the FoodBasket, Inc., one of the recipients:

Dear fellow Episcopalians:

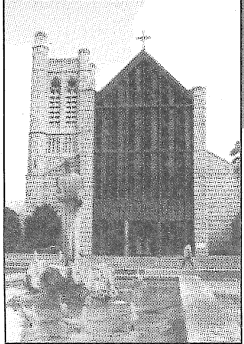
What an absolutely delightful surprise to receive further funding via your grant to Save the FoodBasket program. It was truly a joyous

gift and will be well utilized in continuing to feed, with quality nutrition, the men, women, and children of O'ahu who are infected/affected by HIV/AIDS. We are blessed to have, not only your monetary support, but your confidence in our program as well.

You undoubtedly know that HIV/AIDS severely compromises one's immune system, and quality nutritional supplementation is most significant in maintaining health — physical, mental, and spiritual. Through your generous gift, we will continue to offer that quality to over 500 individuals monthly.

May each of you have a peaceful and healthy New Year.

With a most gracious Mahalo,
Becky Westfall,
Executive Director



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 **March 5**
Free 7:30 p.m.

COMING SOON (EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

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MARCH

- March 1 Ash Wednesday
- March 1 Parochial Report deadline
- March 2 Honolulu Clericus, St. Peter's, 10 am
- March 3 Bishop's Office Closed
- 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 19 Spring In-Gathering for UTO
- March 27 Kuhio Day holiday
- March 31- April 2 Province VIII student retreat

APRIL

- April 2 Evensong, St. Andrew's, 7:30 pm
- April 6 Honolulu Clericus, St. Peter's, 10 am
- April 6 Resource Dept. meeting, 11:30 am
- April 9 Passion Sunday
- April 10 HECA reorganization meeting, Camp Mokule'ia, 6:30 pm
- April 11 Chrism Mass, 12 pm
- April 13 Maundy Thursday
Commission on Ministry, 2 pm
- April 14 Good Friday
Standing Committee, 10:30 am
- April 15 Holy Saturday
- April 16 Easter Day
- April 22 Council Dept. meetings, 9 am
Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
- April 23 Big Island Cursillo
- April 26 Administrative Professionals' Day
- April 27 Compensation Review
Commission, 12 pm
- April 28-30 Junior High Retreat

MAY

- May 4 Honolulu Clericus, St. Peter's, 10 am
- May 6 St. John's By-the-Sea annual luau, He'eia State Park, Kane'ohe
- May 7 Evensong, St. Andrew's, 7:30 pm
- May 11 Resource Dept. meeting, 11:30 am
Commission on Ministry, 2 pm
- May 12 Standing Committee, 10:30 am
- May 20 Council Dept. meetings, 9 am
Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
- May 21 St. Andrew's Priory Baccalaureate
- May 24-29 "Come to the Feast,"
Young Adult Focus, Portland, OR
- May 25 Ascension Day
- May 25 Compensation Review
Commission, 12 pm

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.