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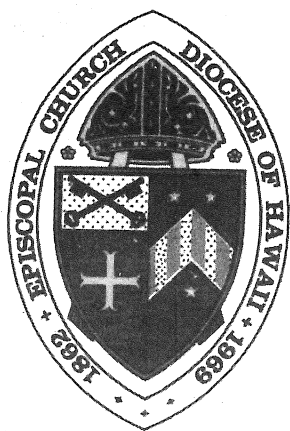


## Put on your Easter bonnet!

On Easter Sunday, the Women of St. Clement's put on their Easter bonnets in a re-enactment of a photograph taken on an Easter Sunday in the early 1930s. Photographer Bill Souza set up the 2006 shot. It's hard to say if the colors were as bright in the '30s, but it appears the hat styles haven't changed all that much!



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# Pray for the church, convention

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I attended my first General Convention in 1982 (New Orleans) as a deputy from the Diocese of Hawai'i. I was a deputy on the floor of the 1985 General Convention (Anaheim) when Bishop Browning was elected Presiding Bishop. From 1988 to 1994, I attended as the Presiding Bishop's staff. Since 1997, I have been seated in the House of Bishops.

Over the years I have learned that one does not just go to a General Convention. You prepare for the Convention regardless of your role or responsibility. That preparation begins at different points for each individual. For most it begins when they are elected as a deputy or an alternate by their Diocese.

My preparation for the 2006 General Convention began in January 2004 at my first meeting of the Joint Committee on Planning and Arrangements charged with the responsibility for planning the Convention.

Ever since then I have been involved with other canonical bodies of the Church in their preparations for the meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Reports have been drafted, revised, edited, and revised until deadlines stopped the drafting process. There have been numerous briefings on the legislative process, the election of the next Presiding Bishop, and a wide range of topics. Travel, hotel, registration, and other logistical details had to be addressed early on. The arrival of the Blue Book, which contains Convention reports and legislation, signals that the Convention is just around the corner, and the real preparation began.



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

As the first legislative day of the 75th General Convention approaches, I continue preparation with daily prayer. Each day I pray for the mission of the Church and the General Convention. I have already blocked my daily calendar so that I can attend the daily Eucharist at the Convention and engage in Bible sharing with others at my table. This facet of preparation is a critical step as I engage in the intense work of the Convention in the House of Bishops.

Prayerful decisions and actions are demanded of all who participate in every Convention regardless of their particular issue. The chaplains of the House of Bishops keep us spiritually grounded and focused by leading us in prayer each day, as do the chaplains for the House of Deputies.

I invite the Diocese of Hawai'i to pray daily for the 75th General Convention meeting in Columbus, Ohio, June 13-22. Prior to the Convention participate in an Octave of Prayer, June 4-11.

The themes will be Grow in the Spirit, in Hope, in Love, in Understanding, in Gratitude, in Service, in Peace, and in all ways into Christ. During the Convention use the Prayers for the Church on pages 816 to 818 of the Book of Common Prayer. Pray for the deputies, alternates, and Episcopal Church Women Triennial

## BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

### July 2006

July 2 .....St. Timothy's, Aiea  
July 9.....St. Jude's, Ocean View  
July 16 .....St. Paul's, Honolulu  
July 23.....Christ Memorial, Kilauea  
St. Thomas, Hanalei  
July 30 .....Holy Innocents, Lahaina

### August 2006

Aug. 6 .....Christ Church,  
Kealahou, Big Island  
Aug. 13.....St. Mary's, Honolulu

### September/October 2006

Sept. 10 .....All Saints, Kapa'a  
Sept. 17.....Trinity-By-the-Sea, Kihei  
Sept. 24.....St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu  
Oct. 1 .....St. Michael  
and All Angels, Lihue  
Oct. 8.....St. Philip's, Waianae  
Oct. 15 .....St. John's, Kula

delegates from the Diocese of Hawai'i.  
Pray for the Church.

More information may be found on  
our Diocesan Website ([www.episcopalhawaii.org](http://www.episcopalhawaii.org)) or on the National Website  
([www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)).

In Christ's Name,  
+Richard

## UPDATE.COM NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S SEARCH COMMITTEE

### Reading and discerning: The journey continues

By Cecilia Fordham

CHAIR, SEARCH COMMITTEE

For the last four months the Search Committee has worked toward and projected the plans for a carefully paced journey. We understood the responsibilities given us and willingly immersed ourselves in figuring out what to do and how to accomplish the task. In fact, through deciphering and qualifying the survey results; building, printing, and distributing the profile; struggling with schedules; communicating routinely, in as many ways as possible with the people in the pews, the clergy, the councils, potential candidates, and the public at large; and in effect, maintaining a corporate office without walls, we pressed on, celebrating our productivity as each "next step" was achieved.

By mid-April, the journey's careful pace accelerated with the arrival of inquiries, nominations, additional resources, and preparation of processes. The sheer volume of printed materials to read and digest heightened the pace from a brisk walk to a bit of a gallop. Meetings were necessarily added in response to the need.

As of May 1, the deadline for application materials and documents, the committee had hunkered down to read, pray, discuss, and discern those who have answered the call.

There will be three phases of discernment: (1) The Discernment Subcommittee will select 20-25 applicants to bring to the entire Search Committee. (2) From those 20-25, the Search Committee will choose 8-10 to visit in teams of three from the Visitation/Interview Subcommittee. (3) After all the visitations, the entire committee will discern 3-5 aspirants to present to the Standing Committee to stand for election at the Annual Meeting of the Convention in October. Those nominees will be brought to Hawai'i for what's commonly called a walkabout, but in Hawai'i, it's referred to as a flyabout.

On May 20, the Search Committee met at St. George's to accomplish phase 2 of the discernment process. We are currently planning and coordinating the visitations.

To prepare ourselves with adequate knowledge of the breadth and depth of the office of the Bishop of Hawai'i, the Committee held a conference with Bishop Chang to find out about the institutional

and personal responsibilities of a bishop, those things unique to Hawai'i, and the view from the "shepherd's chair," as it were. We also met with the staff of the Office of the Bishop to understand their work, relationships, and administrative and personal expectations of the next bishop. Other interviews with bishops of dioceses of similar size to Hawai'i are anticipated. These interviews help us form our questions to candidates, and even more, interpret the answers we may receive from them or responses we give to them.

In addition, the Committee continues its communication with the congregations through monthly bulletin inserts. The May insert reported to the congregations the results of the survey to which they had responded. Each survey was read, and the results carefully tallied. Each congregation was represented. The information provided us with another measure to understand the thoughts and issues of the diocese. The committee was grateful for each of the responses. The June insert will define the responsibilities of each subcommittee.

The June meeting of the full committee is June 11 at St. Mary's. The journey continues apace.



# What's happening at General Convention?

By the Rev. Canon Bob Fitzpatrick

CO-CHAIR  
GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTATION

The Episcopal Church's 75th General Convention is set for Columbus, Ohio, June 13-21. Last month's issue of the *Chronicle* described how General Convention works. As outlined there, the General Convention is the governing body of the Episcopal Church, more formally known as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America ("PECUSA"). It is a bicameral legislative body consisting of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. More than 800 Deputies (clergy and lay representatives) from the 110 dioceses of the Episcopal Church form the House of Deputies, while the nearly 300 active and retired Bishops constitute the House of Bishops.

This year the General Convention is faced with some major decisions that will impact the Episcopal Church and the entire Anglican Communion.

The most important issue facing this year's General Convention will be the relationship of the Episcopal Church with the Anglican Communion following the election, confirmation, and consecration in 2003 of Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire. Because he is homosexual and living in a committed relationship, many in the Anglican Communion are concerned with, and some are outraged by, our Church. Tension within the Communion led to the Windsor Report in 2004 and a response from the Episcopal Church entitled "To Set Our Hope on Christ" in 2005. Before the General Convention will be questions of how the Episcopal Church can remain in communion with Anglicans who strongly object to the ordination of homosexuals and the blessing of same-sex unions.

A Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, in response to these concerns, has issued a report that includes 11 resolutions. These resolutions include proposals to "reaffirm the abiding commitment of the Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion"; to give members of other Communion provinces voice, but not vote on each of the Church's standing commissions; to join the House of Bishops' March 2005 "Covenant Statement" that expresses "deep regret for the pain that others have experienced with respect to our actions at the General Convention of 2003"; and to "urge nominating committees, electing conventions, Standing Committees, and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise very considerable caution in the nomination, election, consent to, and consecration of bishops whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead

## Hawai'i Delegates to the 75th General Convention

### LAY DEPUTIES

Co-chair Ryan Kusumoto (Epiphany, Honolulu); Keane Akao (St. Clement's, Honolulu); John Decker (Good Shepherd, Wailuku); Cynthia Salley (St. Jude's, Ocean View); Bettye Jo Harris (St. Christopher's, Kailua, alternate)

### CLERGY DEPUTIES

Co-chair Robert Fitzpatrick (Canon to the Ordinary); Darrow Aiona (Rector of St. Mark's, Honolulu); Morley Frech (Rector of Trinity By-the-Sea, Kihei); Liz Zivanov (Rector of St. Clement's, Honolulu); Alison Dingley (canonically resident priest currently serving as an interim Rector in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, alternate).

The person in each order who received the highest number of votes is designated as co-chair.

to further strains on communion." The Special Commission's official charge was to assist the 75th General Convention in "considering how to maintain the highest degree of communion within the Anglican Communion given the different perspectives held with regard to the place of homosexual persons in the life of the church." Committee work, debate, and action on these resolutions are scheduled to take place early in the meeting.

On June 18, the Bishops are scheduled to elect the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The Bishops will convene in executive session at Trinity Church, Columbus. They will debate and vote on the nominees. There will be a roll call vote to ensure an exact accounting of those present. The Presiding Bishop is elected by a simple majority. A total of 311 bishops are eligible to vote. Once the House of Bishops has chosen the Presiding Bishop-elect, it remains in session until the House of Deputies concurs with its choice. After the deputies concur, the bishops must formally certify the election.

Those nominated by the Nominating Committee are: The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta; The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick Jr., Bishop of Kentucky; The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada; The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr., Bishop of Alabama. Those nominated by petition are: The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Bishop of Lexington; The Rt. Rev. Charles Edward Jenkins III, Bishop of Louisiana; The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque-Gomez, Bishop of Colombia.

The General Convention will also address a major revision of the disciplinary policies, procedures, and canons. These are outlined in the "Title IV" section of the Canons of the Episcopal Church. They address issues of misconduct. Whereas the current Title IV canons apply only to clergy, the proposed changes would apply to anyone in church leadership — both lay and ordained. The revision also shifts to the listing of standards and to a system that emphasizes mediation and reconciliation.

Further revision of the canons govern-

ing ministry (Title III) begun in 2003 is to continue. Proposals requiring formation and continuing education for bishops and clarification of the role of the Standing Committee in the ordination process will be addressed.

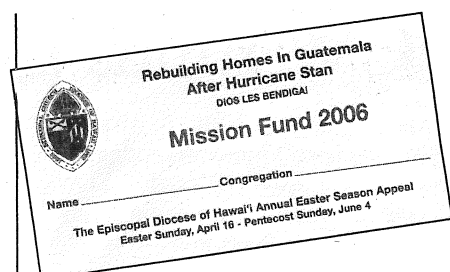
There are some things that must always take place at General Convention. The election of trustees of the Church Pension Fund, members of the Executive Council, members of the Board of Examining Chaplains, and trustees of the General Theological Seminary will take place. There is also the three-year \$152 million budget to be reviewed, revised, debated, and adopted. Reports of Standing Commissions and many resolutions will be worked through. For example, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will offer additional commemorations to the Church calendar and additional rites to the supplemental liturgical resource "Enriching Our Worship." There are always many resolutions regarding social and economic issues. There are already five resolutions that focus on Palestine/Israel, and resolutions on slavery, racial reconciliation, and reparations. In addition, the deputies and bishops will have to address an ongoing dialogue with the United Methodist Church and other ecumenical matters.

Your Bishop and deputies need your prayers as they engage in the work of the Church and seek God's will in Columbus.

### Go to:

For more info on General Convention, go to [www.episcopalchurch.org/53785\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/53785_ENG_HTML.htm)

Click on "Publications" in the left-hand column. That will take you to a page with links to PDF versions of the Windsor Report, the report of the Special Commission mentioned above, the document "To Set Our Hope on Christ," the Blue Book, and profiles of the Presiding Bishop nominees. Many of these documents are also available in Spanish.



## Mission Fund will help the forgotten in Guatemala

By the Rev. Hollis Wright

ST. NICHOLAS, KAPOLEI

What a relief! For a while it felt like Seattle around here with all that rain! Rain is necessary for crops to grow, for water to drink and bathe, and to keep the whole world moving. It's the excess that's a problem. It was hard to play soccer and pointless to go to the beach.

It was just 46 days, but it challenged our island: traffic, mudslides, flooded homes, sewage spills, and on Kaua'i, a dam break that cost lives. The rain and its aftermath are no longer news, but you have to wonder: Did we learn anything from it? Is there any spiritual application here?

Perhaps our learning includes the ever-human reality: we can control only so much. In difficult times, we need to count on others: family, friends, church, and maybe even strangers to help us out.

Consider the people of Guatemala. In the year that held the terrors of the Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, their problems seem small. Their mudslides killed only 632 people, while 283,000 died from the tsunami and 1,600 from the hurricane. And so the world and our country have come to the aid of those who suffer in the aftermath of the tsunami and to those who survived Hurricane Katrina. The cry from Guatemala has, for the most part, not been heard, but many now have no homes and no jobs.

Our Diocese is asking us to become the hands that help dig Guatemala out of the mud. We cannot do this with our "hands" alone, but by joining with the whole of our Diocese.

The idea is that in our joy over Easter, our thanks for the great work of Jesus Christ, we put aside a little bit every day. The hope is that we can put aside \$50, one dollar for each day of Easter.

*Excerpted from the "St. Nick's News." Churches: Please collect the donations of your members and send a check for the total amount to the Office of the Bishop.*

## From the Editor



The Rev. Liz Beasley  
CHRONICLE EDITOR

No, this isn't my usual column, in a different place, but a few "housekeeping" notes related to the *Chronicle*.

1. The *Chronicle* is supposed to be sent to every household affiliated with a church in the Diocese of Hawai'i. Each name on the mailing list is tied to a congregation, with a few tied to the

Bishop's Office. Once a year, in June, congregations receive the names on the *Chronicle* mailing list that come from their congregation. Clergy and/or administrators: please make any changes, deletions, or additions to the list and return it to the address indicated in the instructions that accompany the list.

2. In the summer, there will be one issue of the *Chronicle*, the July/August issue, which should arrive in mid-July.

The deadline for this issue is June 5, except for reports from the General Convention deputation. I will be at a conference from June 19 through the end of the month and will return to

the office in mid-July.

3. Consider a financial gift to the *Chronicle*. There are no subscription dues; it arrives free to all. But your gift would help defray the costs of production. A donation envelope will be included in the September issue, but donations are welcome at any time. Mahalo!

# ECW funds available for social ministries

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Hawai'i is now accepting applications for ECW "Specials." ECW Specials are ministries seeking financial assistance for 2006-2007 from the Christian Social Relations Committee of ECW. Requests for assistance are due by July 15, 2006.

Requests should be by letter and include the following information:

- Name of organization, including a description of background and services

- Purpose of the request
- Specific amount of financial assistance requested with a financial statement for the past year
- Other available funding already received

Requests will be prayerfully considered by the ECW board and announced at the ECW Annual Meeting on October 14. Churches and individuals then pledge funds to the support of the "Specials."

Letters of request should be sent to Annette Jim, Chair, ECW Christian Social Relations Committee, 2812-A Puuhonua St., Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822.

For the 2005-2006 year, the ECW Specials support the Bishop's Discretionary Fund; Special Angels, a spiritual ministry to persons with mental retardation; and Good Shepherd's outreach to the youth of Maui through an athletic program called Queen Emma Club.

## COMING SOON (EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

[www.episcopalhawaii.org/calendar/calendar.php](http://www.episcopalhawaii.org/calendar/calendar.php)

### JUNE

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| June 1     | Honolulu Clericus, St. Peter's, 10 am  |
| June 3     | Iolani Graduation, 5 pm  |
| June 4     | St. Andrew's Priory Graduation, 5 pm   |
| June 6     | Paul Jacobs organ recital, St. Andrew's, 7:30 pm<br>Convention Plans Committee, 4 pm |
| June 7     | Office of the Bishop Staff Planning Day  |
| June 8     | Resource Dept. meeting, 11:30 am<br>Commission on Ministry, 2 pm                     |
| June 9     | Standing Committee, 10:30 am   |
| June 10    | Council Dept. meetings, 9 am<br>Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm                           |
| June 12    | Kamehameha Day (observed)<br>Bishop's office closed<br>Resource Grant requests due   |
| June 12-21 | Young Adult Festival at General Convention   |
| June 13-21 | General Convention, Columbus, OH   |

### JULY

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| July 4     | Independence Day holiday, Bishop's Office closed  |
| July 6     | Honolulu Clericus, St. Peter's, 10 am<br>Resource Development Dept., St. Andrew's, 11:30 am |
| July 13    | Commission on Ministry, 2 pm  |
| July 14    | Standing Committee, 10:30 am  |
| July 15    | Council Dept. meetings, 9 am<br>Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm                                  |
| July 18    | Convention Plans committee, 4 pm  |
| July 19    | Deadline for Convention Committees to submit information for second mailing/web posting     |
| July 21-23 | VOCARE  |
| July 29    | Preventing Sexual Misconduct training, Trinity-By-the-Sea, Kihei, Maui, 8:30 am             |

### AUGUST

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| Aug 3  | Honolulu Clericus, St. Peter's, 10 am                                |
| Aug 10 | Resource Development Dept., 11:30 am<br>Commission on Ministry, 2 pm |
| Aug 11 | Standing Committee, 10:30 am   |
| Aug 12 | Council Dept. meetings, 9 am<br>Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm           |
| Aug 15 | Convention Plans Committee, 4 pm                                     |
| Aug 18 | Statehood Day holiday, Bishop's Office closed                        |

For a full schedule of events, activities and meetings around the Diocese, check out the Calendar of Events on [episcopalhawaii.org](http://episcopalhawaii.org). Updated regularly, event submissions welcomed.

### A reminder:

Deadline for the July/August issue of the Chronicle is June 5!

## Rallying for Easter at University of Hawai'i

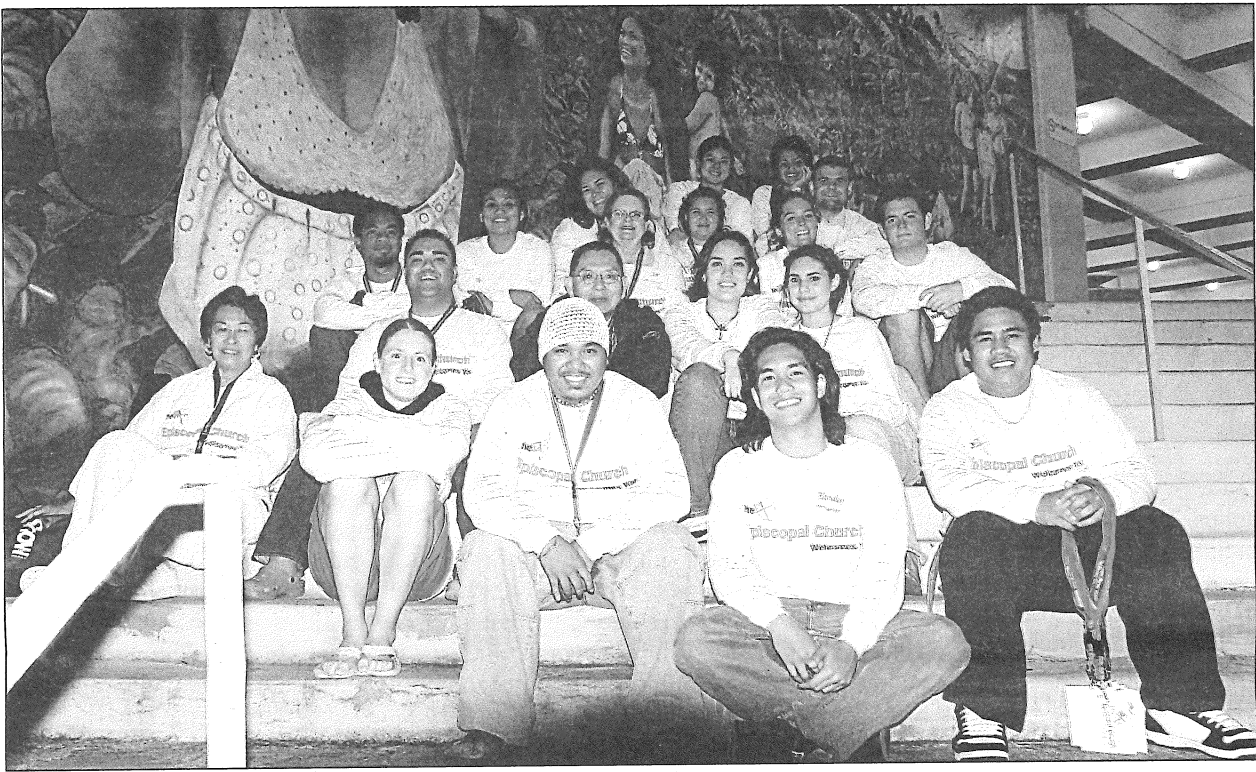


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College students and other representatives of the University of Hawai'i's Episcopal ministry gather on the steps of the Campus Center for "Unity Rally 2006," held on Easter Monday, April 17. Bishop Richard Chang (in the dark jacket in the second row) preached at the event, which was part of an ecumenical week of events called "Passion Week 2006." Of the denominations represented, the Episcopal Church had the largest number.

## Pigging out at St. John's?

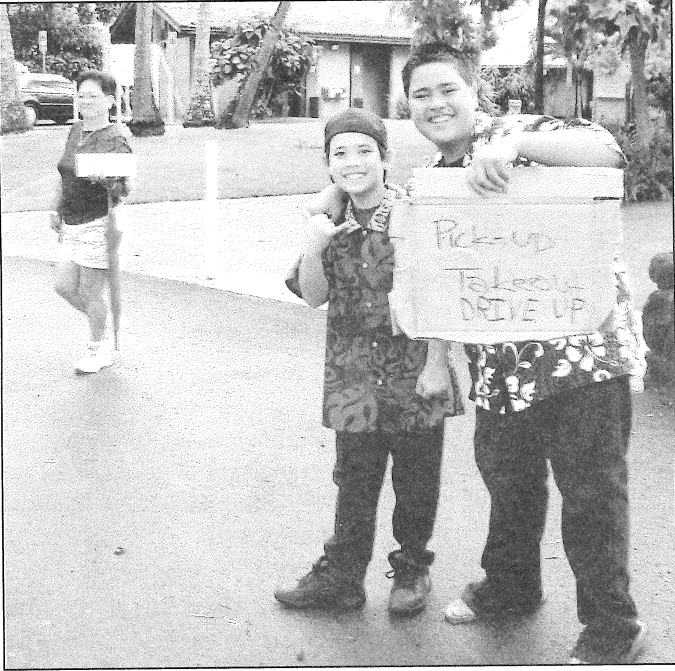


PHOTO BY THE REV. LIZ BEASLEY

Not really. It's just Leone Leong (left), separating pig meat from fat and skin in the hall of St. John's By-the-Sea after the roasted pig came out of the church's imu. This was just one of the church's intense cooking preparations in the days leading up to its annual luau. On the day of the event, Kapono Lucas, center, and Akahi Tualatamalelagi, right, wait for take-out customers at He'eia State Park in Kahu'u, where the luau was held, while another customer, in the background, carries out her meal. Members and friends of St. John's do all the cooking and even some of the entertainment for the luau, which has been an annual event for about 20 years.