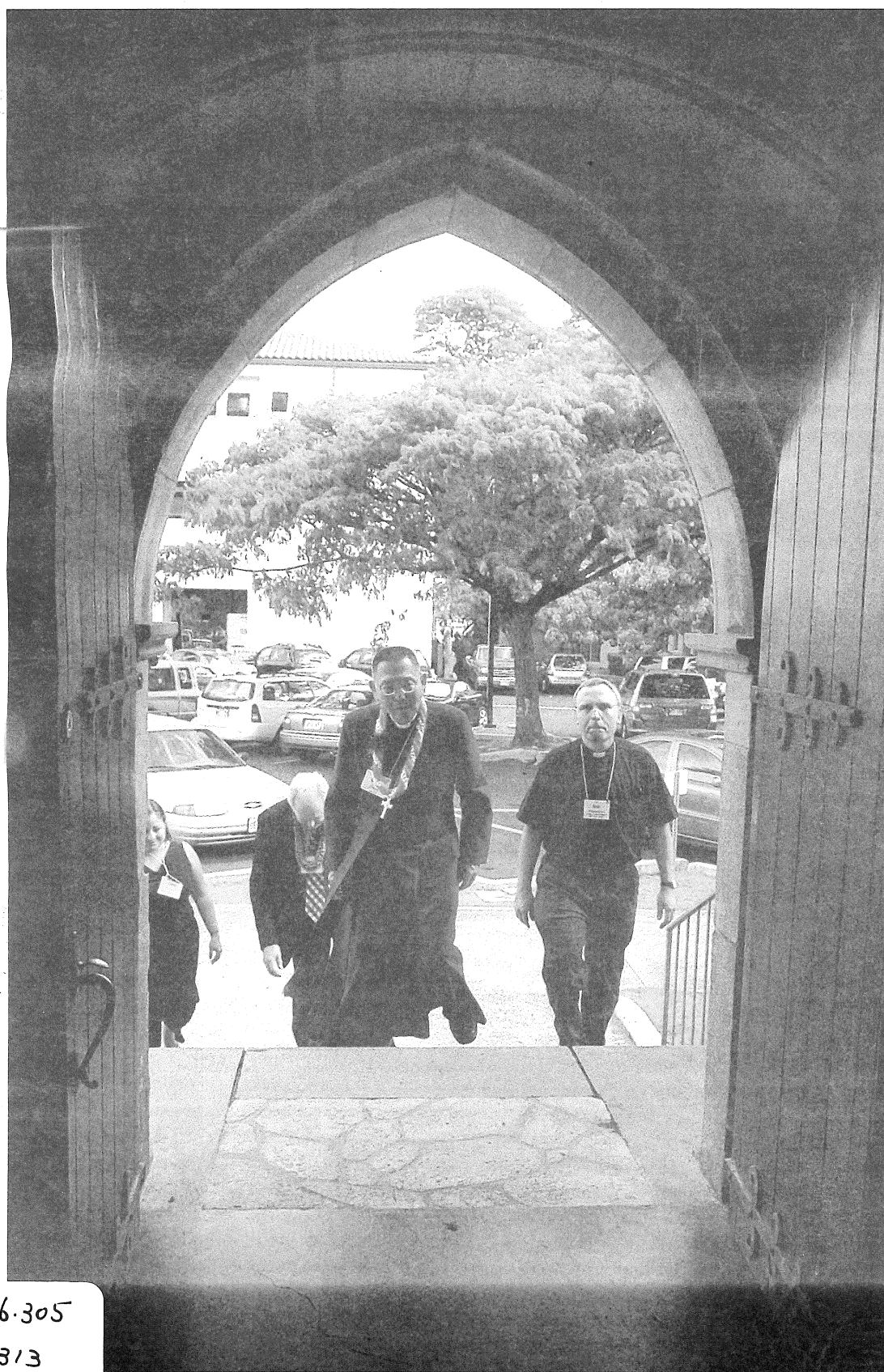


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Bishop Richard Chang, center, returns to the Cathedral with Canon Robert Fitzpatrick, right, to announce the results of the ninth and final ballot, on which Fitzpatrick was elected Bishop. Edith Vargas and Jack Lockwood follow.

## Bob Fitzpatrick elected bishop on ninth ballot

By the Rev. Liz Beasley

It was suspense worthy of the master — Alfred Hitchcock, that is, the master of suspense, as the election of the Fifth Bishop of Hawai'i stretched on into the afternoon of Friday, October 20, in a seeming deadlock between two of the six candidates, the Rev. Canon Howard Anderson and the Rev. Canon Robert Fitzpatrick. Seventy clergy and 167 lay delegates to Convention, plus 20 alternates, 39 registered observers, and a number of other curious on-lookers, sat through ballot after ballot in the hot, humid womb of St. Andrew's Cathedral until finally, on the ninth ballot, right at the scheduled adjournment time of 5:00 p.m., the Rev. Canon Robert L. Fitzpatrick received a majority of both clergy and lay votes. The Convention had birthed a new bishop-elect.

Throughout the proceedings was a spirit cognizant of the Master — our Lord Jesus Christ, that is. As the ballots proceeded, despite the heat and the uncertainty, the Convention retained a demeanor of expectancy, prayerfulness, and humor.

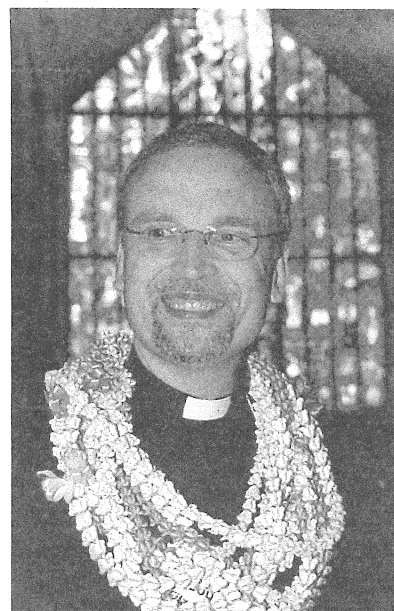


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Fitzpatrick had big smiles after his election as Fifth Bishop of Hawai'i.

The Election had been set in an atmosphere of prayer and worship. The day had started with a Celebration of the Eucharist, at which the

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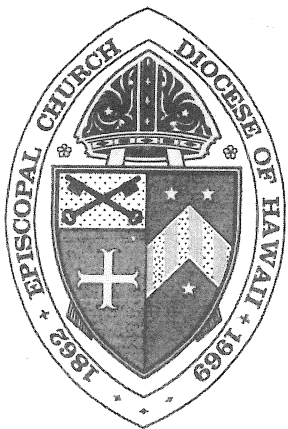
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# Prepare to receive the Christ Child

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we sing the familiar words, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," in church, we realize that the season of Advent has begun. We leave behind the lengthy Ordinary Time of Pentecost and move into a shorter intense season of expectant preparation. With the color change from the green of Pentecost to the somber purple or blue, we march into a new Church year. The lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath reminds us that the long days of summer are passing into the shadows of the fall season.

Advent has always been significant for me. The First Sunday of Advent comes either before or after my birthday. So I associate the beginning of another year of my life with the beginning of another liturgical Church year. This year is particularly significant as I move towards retirement in 2007.

Of even greater significance is the fact that my faith journey was influenced by Advent services at 'Iolani School. To this day I can recall the daily chapel services in the Quonset hut that served as the Chapel when I experienced Advent for the first time. I felt the expectancy of Advent through the hymns we sang, the prayers we said, and the Scripture we heard read. In each daily chapel service I experienced a very real sense that Jesus was coming again, and we needed to be prepared.

Our Advent observance prepares us for



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

the coming of the Christ into our lives. Will we be distracted by the commercial preparations of the world around us? Or, will be diligent in prayer, the study of scripture, and in the breaking of bread as we prepare to welcome the Son of God into our lives? The noise and chaos of Christ-masses past and future can drown out the call of God to prepare for the gift of His Son.

Advent is the beginning of our faith journey for the next year. I believe that our Advent observance determines how much Jesus will become a part of our lives for the coming year. If we are lax, we may be indifferent in our relationship to Jesus. If we are diligent in keeping Advent, we may come to know the presence of the reconciling and healing love of God in Christ in the next year.

What must I do to receive Christ into my life? This is a good question for the first Sunday of Advent. God has demonstrated his love of us with the gift of Jesus. Will you and I be ready to receive the Christ Child? I pray that we will be ready to receive this awesome gift of God's Love when this Ad-



## We look to the dawning of a new day

In this, my first week back in the office after Convention, I want to begin by thanking the Diocese. I am particularly grateful to God that I have been called to serve the people and clergy of this diocese — I love you all most dearly. As I repeatedly said during the Fly-About, a church election is always about discernment — understanding God's will for our lives — and never about campaigning or winning and losing. We sought together the will of God. I have been called by God to be your bishop, your pastor, your teacher, and your servant.

The election is now behind us. It was the means for God's call to be discerned — the means and not the end. We have much to do to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these islands. We are called to be the body of Christ taking his love into the world. We need one another in the love of Christ, mutual respect, and interdependency. I will strive to be sure that we together have ACT — Accountability, Consistency, and Transparency. I will be honest with you. I ask the same of you, along with your prayers, involvement, and support.

These next few months will be a time of transition. I will work closely with the Transition Committee, the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council, the staff, and Bishop Chang to move it along smoothly. With the concurrence of the majority of Standing Committees and Bishops with jurisdiction in the Episcopal Church, by the consent of the People and through the



**The Rev. Canon  
Bob Fitzpatrick**  
BISHOP-ELECT

grace of God, I look forward to being ordained your Bishop on Saturday, March 10, 2007, in our Cathedral.

As we look to that time, I need to return to the basics that have brought us together. I must hold the goals of our Diocese in my mind and my prayers:

- Convert our hearts to accept Jesus' gospel message and to live in a deep relationship with God.
- Transform the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i and congregations to vital and vibrant faith communities.
- Evangelize to share God's love in our communities.
- Reduce the structure and administration costs of the Diocese so that its operations, including its bodies, are directed to supporting transformation and growth.

Our Diocesan motto is "He Lanakila Ma Ke Ke'a" (Victory through the Cross). We are united by faith in Jesus Christ. I also take seriously that as a Diocese we have said that we will incorporate "the Native Hawaiian Christian spiritual concepts of *mana*, *malama*, and *pono* into the overall life and work of the church in all areas of ministry in the diocese."

## BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

### December 2006

Dec 3.....St. Nicholas', Kapolei  
Dec 10.....St. George's, Pearl Harbor  
Dec 17.....St. Clement's, Honolulu  
Dec 24.....St. Andrew's Cathedral

### January 2007

Jan 7.....Grace, Moloka'i  
Jan 21.....St. Augustine's,  
Big Island  
Jan 28.....St. Matthew's, Waimanalo

### February 2007

Feb 4.....St. Peter's, Honolulu  
Feb 11.....Episcopal Church  
of West Kauai  
Feb 18.....St. Mark's, Honolulu  
Feb 25.....Holy Cross, Kahuku

vent season is past. Such a gift came to me after my first Advent, for I was baptized shortly before Christmas in 1951 at the Cathedral.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
+Richard

Ministry here must seek to care for creation and all that God has given us (*malama*), to live righteously and in respect one for another (*pono*), and to find the holy that comes from God in all creation and all of God's children (*mana*). It is into such a vision of ministry and church that we can welcome all of the children of these islands. Our Diocese must be a model of malama in which we care one for another, for the hungry and lost of our islands and, especially, for those who do not know Jesus Christ living all around us.

We need leadership that embodies another value I am beginning to understand as important to the First People of these islands — "Ka la hiki ola." We are called to look to "the dawning of a new day." The courage it took to sail into unknown waters guided by the stars, the clouds, the seas, and the rising sun lives in us by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We are sailing into new waters and nothing will ever be the same, but we are guided by the cross of Jesus Christ, we are secure in the love of God through Jesus Christ, we are piloted by the Holy Spirit, and we are assured of the outcome. He lanakila ma ke ke'a. Holo i mua.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we begin this journey together. Please pray for Bea, Ed, James, and me every day. Be assured that you, the people and churches of this Diocese, continue to be in my prayers daily.



# New PB emphasizes church as 'home'

By Willis Moore

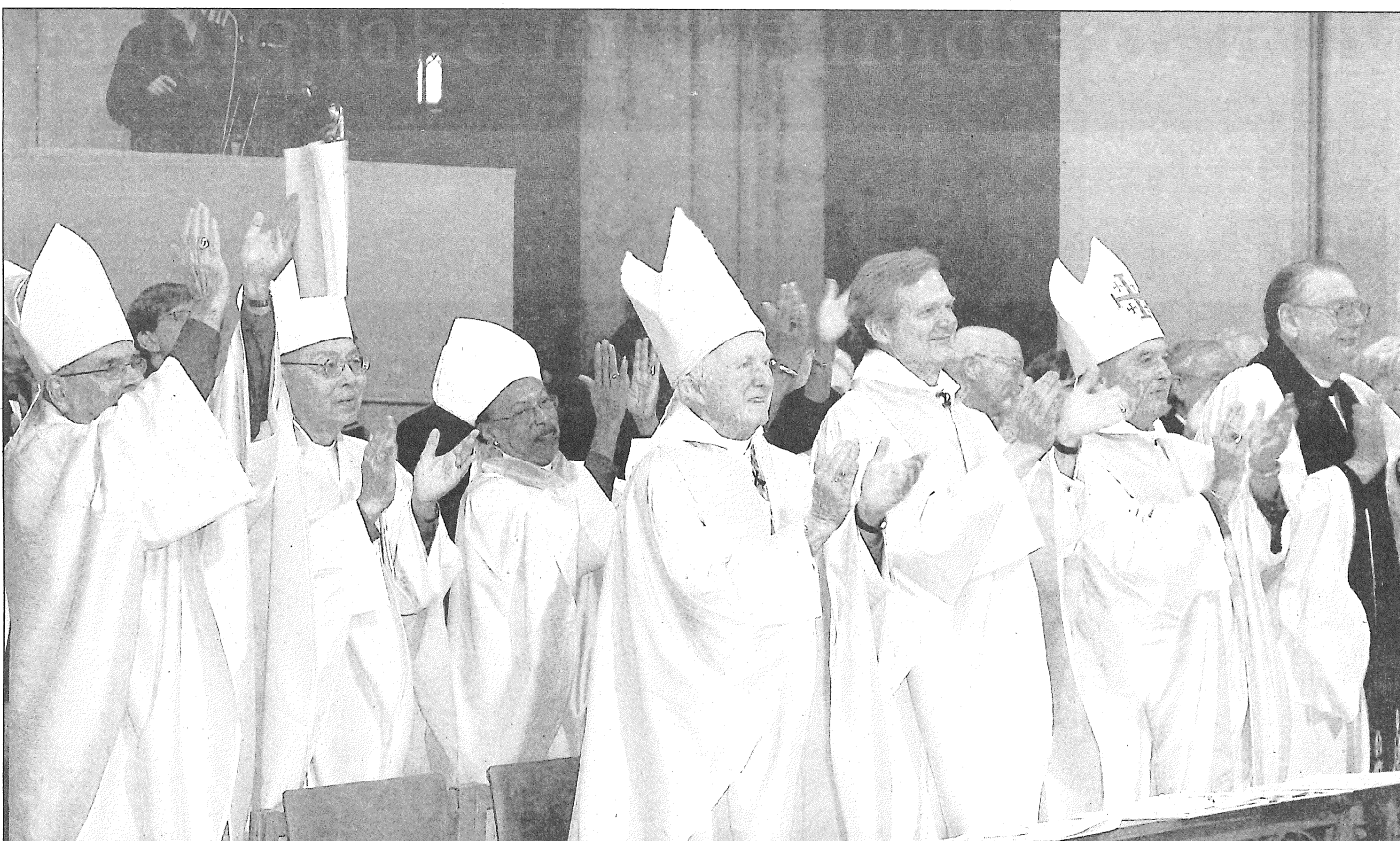
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — "It's a Girl" buttons sprouted at General Convention in Columbus following the election of the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori to be the XXVI Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Ushers at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, popularly called the Washington National Cathedral, wore these buttons as they greeted 2,000 ticketed worshippers for the Investiture Ceremony held November 4.

The Most Rev. Edmond Lee Browning, XXIV Presiding Bishop and II Bishop of Hawai'i, together with the Rt. Rev. Richard S. O. Chang, IV Bishop of Hawai'i, joined Bishops Frank Griswold, John Chane, and Barbara Harris, as well as Cathedral Dean Samuel Lloyd as concelebrants. Others from Hawai'i included Dee Chang, Bettye Jo and Ernest Harris, the Rev. Canon Brian Grieves and the Rev. Alison M. Dingley.

As the doors to the great church opened, tickets and bags were inspected, and the prelude music began. The uncharacteristically noisy Episcopalians were busy greeting, waving, and finding seats in the crowded Cathedral.

Led by chanting, drumming, and sage-incensing Native Americans, a grand procession of most of the Bishops of the Church, clad in red and white, slowly made its way towards the front. When the moment came for Bishop Jefferts Schori to knock on the great west door, the assembly fell silent ... but not for long. The singing was glorious, and applause and cheers punctuated the liturgy several times! The music included traditional and contemporary, Native American and Hispanic offerings, with the participation of both the Cathedral Choir and organist, plus the choir of St. Thomas African Episcopal



EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY ALEX DYER

Among those who applauded Katharine Jefferts Schori's investiture as the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church November 4 at Washington National Cathedral were (front row from left) 24th Presiding Bishop Edmond Lee Browning, Washington National Cathedral Dean Samuel Lloyd, Washington Bishop John Chane, Canon to the Presiding Bishop Carlson Gerdau, (back row from left) Puerto Rico Bishop David Andres Alvarez-Velasquez, Hawai'i Bishop Richard Chang and Washington Assisting Bishop Barbara Harris.

Church (Philadelphia).

The Liturgy revolved around the Baptismal Covenant, and 17 Bishops sprinkled the assembly as part of renewing this core covenant shared by all Episcopalians.

In her sermon, "Where Is Your Home?" Jefferts Schori stressed our "home" in the Church — where not all may agree on everything, but all are part of the family and are welcome. Jefferts Schori briefly acknowledged those few who cannot, or will not, walk with her and the Church at pre-

sent, inviting them to the table to talk and share their beliefs and convictions. However, Bishop Jefferts Schori is firmly committed to leading the Episcopal Church forward in the 21st century, claiming its prophetic and ministry roles in proclaiming the gospel in ways and places where most needed. She said, "...the vision of God's mission of shalom, of global reconciliation, is one that is not only embedded in our deepest beliefs, but has swept anew across the entire church."

Following the two-hours-long liturgy, folks streamed outside into a gloriously beautiful, crisp fall day. Colored leaves still clung to trees in the Cathedral campus; and the crowd had to circumnavigate a monumental construction mess. But even the construction project was symbolic: The Church is moving to reach more people in more ways than ever before — as the Cathedral is seeking to accommodate more visitors, worshippers, and students with a huge underground parking facility.

## It really is a wonderful life, so give like you mean it

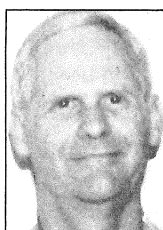
### From the Episcopal Church Foundation

For those of us blessed with family, health, adequate financial resources, and Christian faith, the Christmas season is indeed a joyous time of year. In addition to participating in traditional festivities such as gathering around the tree to exchange gifts with our loved ones, and sitting down together for a sumptuous feast, we are also presented with opportunities for spiritual reflection and renewal. As we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, we embrace a hope for humanity that his life and death represent for us.

Many of us are moved to reach out to those whose circumstances are more difficult than our own at this time of year, either through financial contributions or by offering our time and talents. These acts enrich us as much or



Kusumoto



Lucas



Secretario



Moore



Pereira



Beasley

even more than they do the recipients of generosity because there are so many lessons we can take away, depending upon our individual experiences. It is amazing to learn that our involvement really can make a difference, no matter how little we may feel we are contributing in the face of sometimes daunting need.

Perhaps the need to learn and relearn this lesson is the reason that the classic holiday film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, remains a favorite year after year. Often, however, many of us downplay the impact we think we can have in the

world. Think how different the world would be if we all allowed ourselves to be overwhelmed and decided to do nothing at all instead.

The Christmas season may seem like an odd time to start thinking about things like wills and bequests, and planning for the end-of-life issues. After all, this is a season of joy. Consider this, though. How would you feel if there was something you could do, no matter how small or insignificant it might seem to you, that could make a difference to your church or one of its min-

istries into the future, long after you're gone from this world? It seems incredible to think that we might be able to have a positive effect in the world even after our death.

Many people think bequests or planned gifts are only for the very wealthy. But this isn't so. In fact, much of the good work of the church is funded through the collective accumulation of gifts from people who are trying to balance as many different economic needs as you might have. But there are ways of estate planning that can not only allow you

to leave a charitable gift to your parish, but also provide you, or anyone you designate as a beneficiary, an income for life. A charitable gift annuity is an example of one such gift.

So as you prepare to celebrate this Christmas, be mindful of the fact that you really can help to change the world. To learn more about making an ultimate gift to benefit an Episcopal church or ministry of your choice, please contact a member of the newly reformed Planned Giving Commission of the Diocese. They can help you with the information you need or put you in touch with those who can.

Members of the committee are: chairman Art Kusumoto, Maui; Bill Lucas, Big Island; M'Liss Moore, O'ahu; Nelson Secretario, Kaua'i; Peter Pereira and the Rev. Liz Beasley, Office of the Bishop.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF CONVENTION

# Some controversy, but all resolutions adopted

By the Rev. Liz Beasley

After spending the first day of the 38th Annual Meeting electing a new bishop, the Convention reconvened on the morning of Saturday, October 21, at the Prince Kuhio Hotel in Waikiki. The mood was upbeat, for there was little business to accomplish. Nevertheless, the day contained a few controversies.

The business at hand was the consideration of three resolutions and the adoption of the diocesan budget for the three years 2007-2009. A fourth resolution, a constitutional change eliminating nominations from the floor in the election of a bishop, had already been adopted on Friday before the election had begun.

Each of the resolutions sparked some discussion, especially on Resolution 2, which concerned the proper approach toward investment in the conflict-torn region of Israel and Palestine. The Convention adopted a resolution recommending that the Diocese of Hawai'i, in managing its investment portfolio, follow the guidelines of the Social Responsibility in Investments (SRI) Committee report of the Episcopal Church.

The SRI report urges a practice of "corporate engagement," which means "engaging corporations in which the Church has investments to adopt socially responsible practices."

Essentially, it means effecting change in corporations from the inside, through engaging in dialogue with them and filing



PHOTO BY THE REV. LIZ BEASLEY

The Revs. Noriaki Ueda and Ajuko Ueda, who are working in Japan, take part in deliberations of the Convention. With them is Cliff Barraclough of St. John's By-the-Sea.

shareholder resolutions with companies in which the Church owns shares. The SRI report also encourages a practice of "positive investment," which it defines as investing

to "provide support for the development of a future Palestinian State" (p. 4 of the SRI report).

A synopsis of each of the resolutions is

below.

For the first time, the Convention was considering a three-year Diocesan Budget, as stipulated by last year's Convention. Discussion of the budget focused primarily on the allocations to mission congregations through the Department of Congregational Transformation and Evangelism. Two churches on the Windward side of O'ahu especially — St. Matthew's Waimanalo, and Emmanuel, Kailua — were protesting the decrease in 2007 of the amount of their subsidy from the Diocese.

Although the figures in the budget did not change as a result of the discussion, some suggestions emerged. They primarily concerned communications throughout the budgeting process, summarized below:

- Mission congregations and aided parishes, and their liaisons on the Congregational Health and Growth Commission, should each be conscientious about remaining in contact with one another throughout the year.

- Diocesan Council could provide an outline of the budget process early in the year, with a diagram, so that congregational leaders know how the process works and what is expected when.

- The appropriate department or commission of Diocesan Council should let the congregations know who is looking at plans and budgets that are submitted.

- Congregations should receive feedback on the plans and budgets that they submit, including whether the plans were received and what was done well.

## Summary of resolutions before the Convention

### Resolution 1

#### Consideration of a New Companion Diocese Relationship

**Synopsis:** Authorizes the Diocesan Council to appoint a task force to study and identify a diocese in the Anglican Communion with which to establish a Companion Diocese Relationship, with initial consideration being given to a Maori Region of Aotearoa, New Zealand.

**Result:** A Substitute Resolution presented by the Justice, Peace, and Partnerships Department in place of the original was amended and adopted.

### Resolution 2

#### Positive Investment in Israel/Palestine

**Synopsis:** Directs the Diocesan Council to follow the guidelines established by the Social

Responsibility in Investments (SRI) Committee of the Episcopal Church and to identify the companies in its investment portfolio that benefit from violence in Israel/Palestine and elsewhere in the world.

**Result:** A Substitute Resolution, sponsored by the Resource Development and Justice, Peace, and Partnerships Departments in place of the original, was amended and adopted.

### Resolution 3

#### 2007 Clergy Compensation and Benefits Policy

**Synopsis:** Authorizes a 7.5% increase in the clergy compensation scale over 2006 and a \$600 increase in the automobile allowance, to \$7,200.

**Result:** Adopted

### Resolution 4

#### Amendment to Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Diocese of Hawai'i

**Synopsis:** Eliminates the possibility of nominations from the floor of Convention for the election of a bishop, to ensure adequate time before an election to perform a background check on all candidates.

**Result:** Adopted. This is the second and final reading of this constitutional amendment.

### Additional Resolution

#### Appreciation for the Chancellor

**Synopsis:** A resolution was added from the floor of Convention expressing gratitude to Chancellor John Lockwood for his many years of service "to the benefit of the Church."

**Result:** Adopted.

## Diocesan election results

### Elected by convention

#### DIOCESAN COUNCIL Clergy

The Rev. Thomas Buechele, St. Augustine, Kohala

#### Lay

Beverly Davis-Amjadi  
Constantino Dela Cruz  
Rogelio Evangelista  
Mary Schulz

#### Kaua'i Representative

Margee Faunce

#### STANDING COMMITTEE Clergy

The Rev. Cass Bailey, St. Christopher's, Kailua (3-year term)  
The Rev. William Miller, St. Michael and All Angels, Lihue (4-year term)

#### Lay

Peter Lee

#### CATHEDRAL CHAPTER Clergy

The Rev. Greg Johnson

#### Lay

Willis Moore

#### ECCLESIASTICAL COURT

The Rev. Teresa Bowden

### SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

Nancy Rowe, who appointed the Rev. David Gierlach assistant secretary

### Appointed by Bishop

Chancellor: John Lockwood  
Vice Chancellor: Walter Beh  
Registrar: Jan Horimoto  
Historiographer: Stuart Ching

### COMMISSION ON MINISTRY Clergy

The Rev. Jodene Hawkins

#### Lay

Paul Nahoia Lucas

### COMMISSION ON EPISCOPAL SCHOOLS (both lay)

Dan Nelson  
Arleen Young

### DIOCESAN COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE Clergy

The Rev. Hollis Wright (3-year term)

The Rev. Dan Leatherman (2-year term)

#### Lay

Alice Herring

### Go to:

For the full text of each of these resolutions, as well as links for the SRI report, go to [www.episcopalhawaii.org/DisplayPage.php?PageName=2006ConventionResolutions](http://www.episcopalhawaii.org/DisplayPage.php?PageName=2006ConventionResolutions)



# We are being challenged to be a holy people

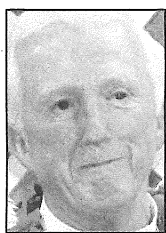
## Bishop Browning's Sermon

Delivered during Friday morning Eucharist

Good morning.

What a gracious moment to once again be asked to stand in this historic pulpit in this Cathedral founded by our revered Emma and Kamehameha. My heart is full to be a part of this Convention in which a dear friend of all of us will in the very near future be retiring as the Bishop of this Diocese, as we prepare for his successor in the election this morning — preparing in a very significant manner for the future of this Diocese!

I first met Dick and Dee when Patti and I participated in the “dog and pony show” in 1976 — starting on Kaua’i with the Rudinoffs taking us around first, and then we were turned over to the Changs. A very humble guy — with a deep love for his church serving at All Saints.



Browning

Time seemed to pass very quickly. Soon after beginning in this wonderful diocese I asked Dick to come to O’ahu and join me in the Diocesan Office — eight years or so later he accepted my invitation to move to New York.

Whether in Hawai’i or New York he was a tremendous support. We had a genuine partnership — he was my right hand — not a “yes” man but always truthful and very loyal. Dick and Dee have always been a part of our family. I could not have been more elated when he was elected Bishop of Hawai’i. He has not only been a great diocesan for Hawai’i but also has had a deep appreciation of the worldwide Church.

So today is about preparing for the future of this diocese, post-Bishop Chang, as we seek to discern the will of the Holy Spirit in the election to follow shortly. Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.”

When one reflects on all that is before us this weekend — what this liturgy points to in claiming the mission of the Church — what this text places before us as we look at our individual ministries as well as our corporate ministry — I want to suggest that we are being challenged to be a holy people — to be holy at the deepest level of our being. Holiness is about what makes us different and helps us identify who we are.

Holiness is not usually associated in the machinery with which we organize the many aspects of common church life — of what it takes in terms of bricks and mortar and personnel to be the Church.

We don’t readily see holiness in the for-



PHOTO BY DAVID JONES

Eucharistic elements are in place at the base of the pulpit in St. Andrew’s Cathedral, in preparation for the Eucharist that began the Annual Meeting of the Convention on Oct. 20.

est of resolutions from past General Conventions to say nothing about this local diocese — in which, to be sure, we are correctly spending so much time, energy, and money.

More globally, holiness seems to be absent in the conflict in which we are involved with other parts of the Anglican Communion. Holiness often appears not to be found in our common life today.

When you deal with a large entity, something as complex as our Church — you have to struggle to live in a sense of holiness. We cannot assume its presence, cannot claim holiness as necessarily present among us just because we make the claim that we are the Church. God can raise up the children of Abraham from these stones, was how Jesus put it, and that is certainly the truth: we get our holiness from God. We don’t bring it to God, we get it from God. Indeed, our holiness comes from God’s very Creation. We are holy because we are made in God’s image.

So often we think that holiness is not in the world. We are so profoundly mixed;

spirit and flesh, animals with immortal souls, so tied to the earth and yet straining so to gain heaven. The idea of the holy, the sanctification of matter by spirit — a bush which burns and is not consumed, the prosaic elements of bread and wine becoming sacred body, sacred blood is a profoundly mixed idea. But hear this: the holiness that is in each of us through being made in God’s image is decidedly lived in this world, and not something delayed for heaven.

We are called to be holy in the world even when so much of it is not holy, but instead broken and divided by violence, war, conflicts of all kinds, and by devastating poverty and injustice. My kingdom is not of this world, was how Jesus put it, but we remember that He made that remark in shackles, on His way to a horrifying death at the hands of the very power He rejected. Jesus also prayed to His Father that “your kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven.”

In my encounters both before retirement and afterwards, the call to be a holy

people — to a spiritual life, to prayer — is very often interpreted as separating ourselves from the world, even used as an escape from the world. And so, the argument goes, we must avoid “political” issues. What’s wrong with the Church is that it has become focused on issues instead of on Christ. The argument continues that the Church has become only one of a number of liberal special interest groups, the trendy captive of a purely secular agenda. Many, many people used to write me, and some still do, that they want the Church to stop talking about issues, they say, and start talking about Jesus. They think that’s the way to holiness. But ignoring the state of the world is not the way to holiness.

I want to point out that the condemnation of Jesus and his crucifixion could have been avoided if he had chosen not to address issues. He didn’t have to go into Jerusalem at all. He waded into the fray, a man armed only with holiness. So, when I think of the Lordship of Christ over creation, of the holiness of the people who call themselves by His name — I find it difficult to avoid the issues which trouble this world, a world created and loved by God, redeemed by Christ, to which the Holy Spirit offers continual and abundant comfort and refreshment and challenge. We do need to be a holy people, not to escape the world, but so that we can save it.

We do need to open our hearts to Jesus’ will in our lives, to open our well-mannered mouths to sing surprising praises to God. We do need to commit our lives as leaders in the Church to prayer, to demand of ourselves personal purity of heart and of action before we go off to lead other people. But in doing so we must not set a great gulf between ourselves and the world.

If the issues of this world were a matter of indifference to us, we would not address the shame of global poverty and take on Jesus’ challenge to be peacemakers in a world torn by violence and war. We would not have women priests or bishops or a female Presiding Bishop-Elect today. We would not be wrestling with the issues raised by the experience of gay and lesbian Christians today. We would be silent on the subject of sexual abuse. We would never discuss the issue of racism which confounds us. Doubtless things would be sweeter, and a whole lot quieter for us. But they would not be more holy. And the agony of the world would be far worse.

It ought to be clear, when we speak to an issue, that our words arise from the blessed heritage of a loving Creator, a Risen Christ, and an indwelling Spirit, not from somewhere else. This fidelity to who we are will not save us from disagreement and strife. We have only to glance through our Scriptures to see that, but we will give the Spirit a voice in the world, a voice that a suffering world desperately wants to hear, a voice of Good News.

Dear friends, God’s creation is in need of healing and reconciliation. Let us remember this calling to be a holy people as we seek the will of the Spirit to reveal to us in this election today what God has already decided.



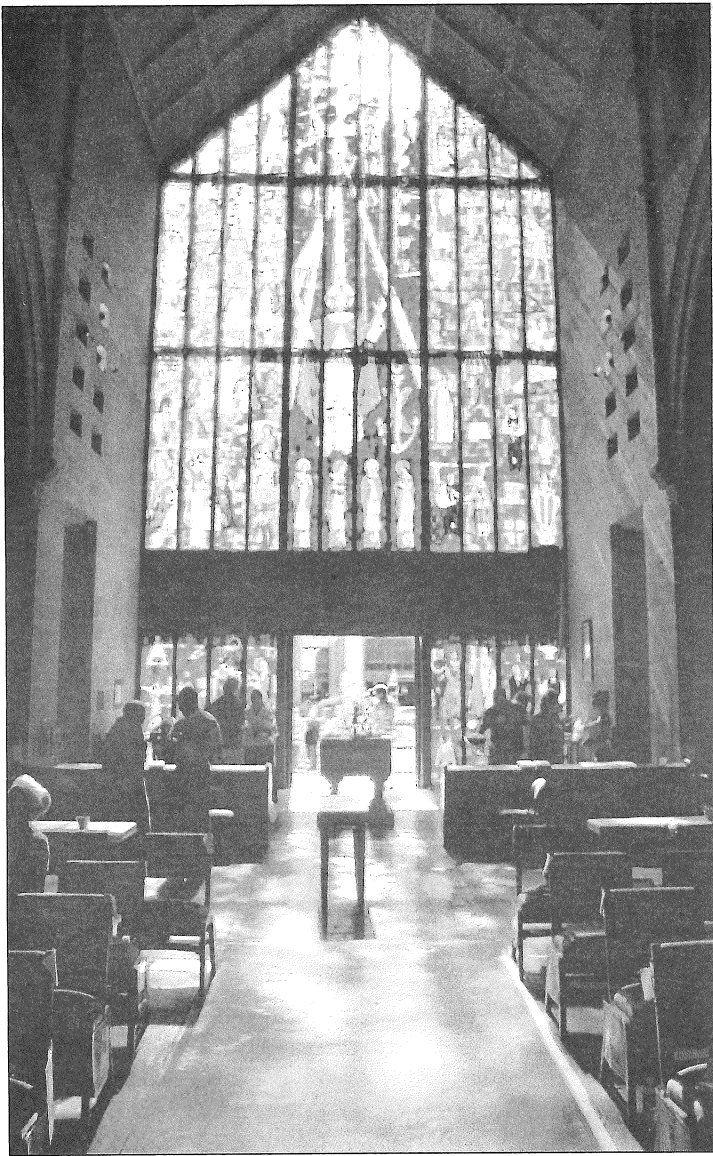
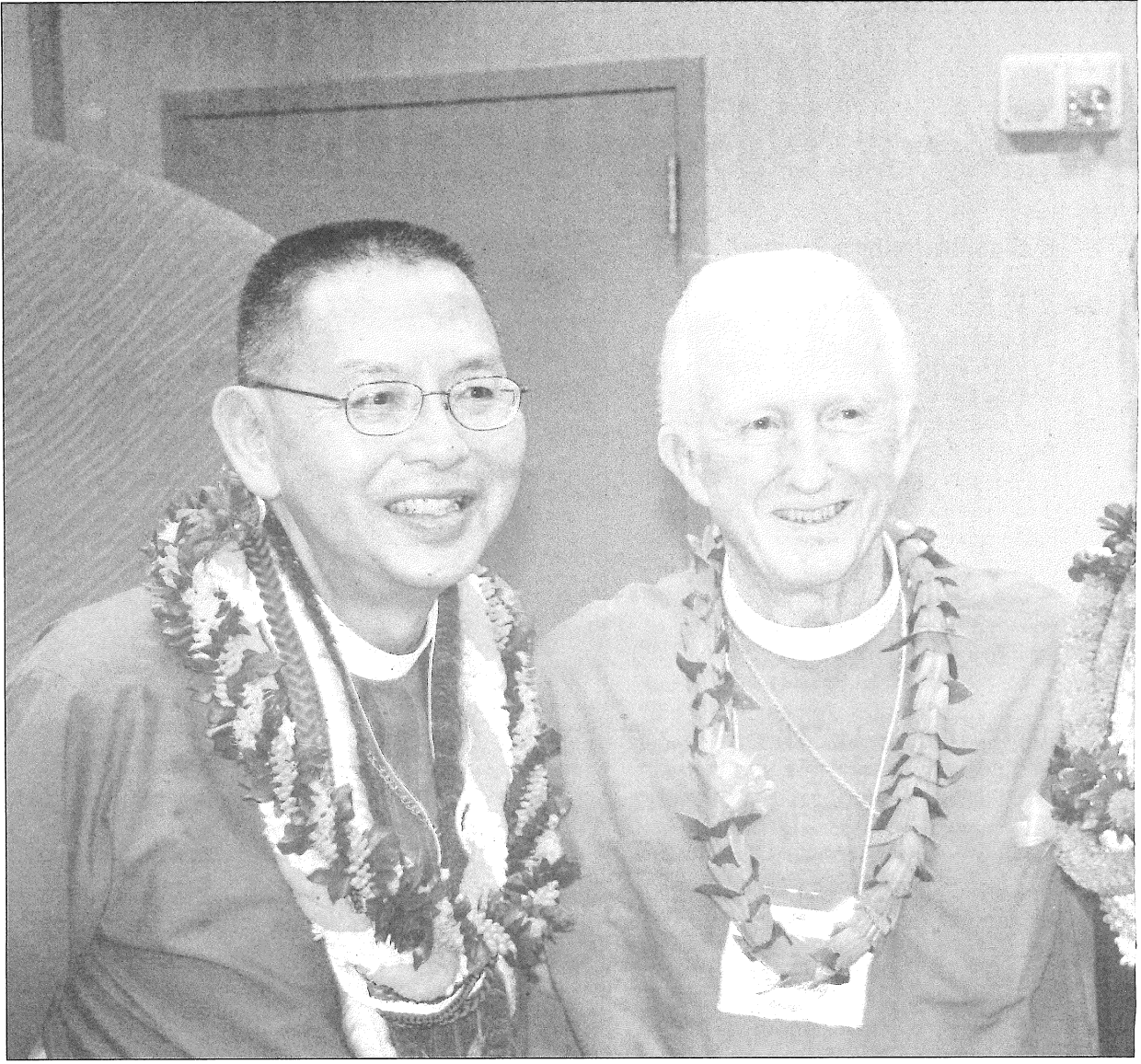


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# Bishop

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preacher was the Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, former Presiding Bishop and (more importantly for this gathering) Second Bishop of Hawai'i. In his sermon, he called the Diocese of Hawai'i to holiness, but not a holiness that seeks to escape from the messiness of the world's problems. Instead, he called those gathered to engage with the world's problems "armed," as Jesus was, "with holiness." (See page E for the text of Bishop Browning's sermon.)

And so the Convention set about electing a bishop with his words and those of the hymn "St. Patrick's Breastplate" ("I bind unto myself this day the strong name of the Trinity") ringing in their ears. After some preliminary business the balloting began. After each ballot, rather than conduct other "business," the assembled body sang a hymn, heard a Scripture reading, and prayed a collect, with Bishop Chang leading. Then everyone waited, either inside the Cathedral or outside, where cold water and snacks were available. The talking inside the Cathedral was in hushed tones; absent was the hubbub one might expect from over 300 people gathered in one place, waiting.

Bishop Chang had chosen the hymns, readings, and collects ahead of time, anticipating how the Convention might be feeling if it reached, say, a sixth or seventh ballot. The offerings began generically enough: After the first ballot was an ordination hymn and a passage from Isaiah and the collect from the liturgy for the ordination of a bishop. After the third ballot, however, when those gathered were hypothesizing how many ballots would be required,

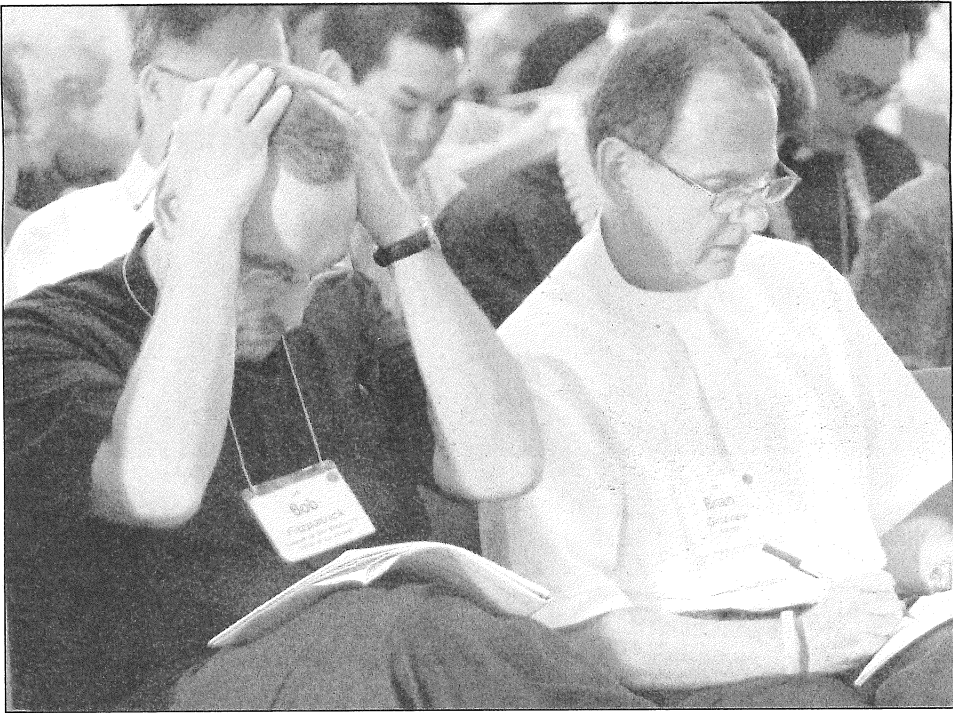


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**Canon Bob Fitzpatrick reacts to the close balloting in the bishop election, as Canon Brian Grieves, right, tallies the voting results.**

the Convention was singing, "Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine," and praying, "Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament."

After the fifth ballot, the Convention was being reminded from Ephesians that "There is one body and one Spirit, ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all," and praying the Collect for the Unity of the Church. And laughter arose after the delegates cast the eighth ballot, as voices sang, "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour."

By this time, the tide had begun to turn. Joy Rogers had withdrawn after the first ballot and David Ota after the fifth. David

Moore and Kate Cullinane were each receiving at least one vote on each ballot. But on the seventh ballot, the deadlock had broken, as eight additional lay people cast their vote for Fitzpatrick.

At about 4:30 p.m., after the ninth and what would have to be the final ballot of the day, no matter what the results, Bishop Chang announced that the hymn was "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy." The words of the hymn, a prayer that the Lord be present at the morning, noon, eve, and end of the day, were soothing. The Scripture reading, once again from Ephesians, reassured the body that Christ "is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between

us. ... So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father."

It was a suitable end, even though no one yet knew the delegates had cast their final ballot. Shortly before 5 p.m., Bishop Chang once again returned to the Cathedral to announce the ballot results. The delegates and visitors groaned to see the election crew once again carrying the boxes into which the laity and clergy had cast their ballots over the preceding hours. The return of the boxes had been the clue for hours that no candidate had yet received the required majority of votes.

But as it turned out, Bishop Chang was just playing it deadpan. He announced the results from the clergy balloting first, as usual, and the Convention gasped when it heard that Fitzpatrick had again, as on the previous ballot, received an increase in the clerical votes. When Bishop Chang announced that the laity votes needed to elect were 83 and that Fitzpatrick had received 87, the assembled body spontaneously broke out into cheers. They quieted again to hear the remainder of the balloting, and then stood for an ovation, as Canon Bob Fitzpatrick climbed the steps to the chancel of the Cathedral and spoke to the Convention and its guests as the new Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Hawai'i.

## Go to:

For the ballot results, go to:  
[www.episcopalhawaii.org/ViewArticle.php?key=580](http://www.episcopalhawaii.org/ViewArticle.php?key=580)

For the list of hymns, Scripture readings, and prayers, go to:  
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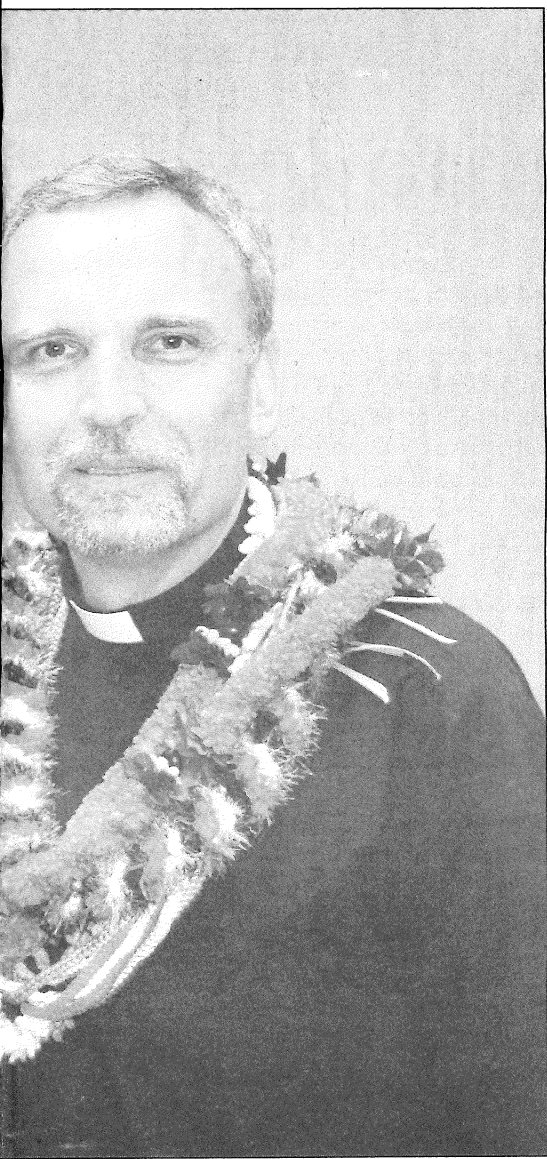


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wise from top left:

sun streams through the West Window of St. Andrew's Cathedral during the bishop election.

generations of Hawai'i bishops: Bishop Richard B. Inoué (IV Bishop), Bishop Edmond Browning (II Bishop), Bishop-Elect Robert Fitzpatrick (V Bishop).

se Aloy surveys the box of pastries in the election waiting room, sustenance for the long day of ballot counting ahead.

Transition Committee gathers after its presentation at the Friday night banquet (see names of members at [episcopalhawaii.org](http://episcopalhawaii.org)).

Fitzpatrick, with wife Bea looking on, tells the Rev. John Vinson of the Transition Committee that he already has two copies of Da Jesus Book.

and Bob Holden of St. Nicholas converse with Hana Kama of Grace Church at the Convention Banquet.

gates and visitors gather outside St. Andrew's, during the beginning of the Eucharist and the meeting of the convention.



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## ANNUAL MEETING OF CONVENTION

# Women's group launches a 'Journey to Joy'

"Journey to Joy" was the theme of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the Diocese of Hawai'i on October 14. More than 80 women and other attendees gathered for worship, a business meeting, a keynote address, and a luncheon in the buildings of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The morning began with Morning Prayer in Parke Chapel, including the ingathering for offerings to United Thank Offering, through which congregations can receive grants for special ministries. In 2006, St. Christopher's received a grant of \$20,000 for Family Promise, a ministry serving homeless families.

After the worship, the group gathered in Tenney Theater for the business meeting, led by Louise Aloy, President of ECW since last October. Aloy moved the meeting along efficiently, but kept the group in good spirits through her cheerful good humor. "Let's make the coming year a Journey to Joy," she said in her greetings to the assembled body.

A highlight of the day was hearing about the ECW "Specials," three ministries for which ECW collects financial pledges of support for the coming year. This past year's Specials received more than \$5,950, which was \$1,500 over the amount pledged.

One of the ECW Specials is always the



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**Bishop Chang, far right, commissions the newly elected and returning officers of Episcopal Church Women at their annual meeting.**

Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Bishop Richard Chang thanked the ECW members for their support.

He said that this year through the Fund he had helped people in times of crisis and had assisted programs outside the Diocese, such as contributing toward school supplies for children in an African village.

The other two Specials for this coming year are two church programs to benefit neighborhood children in the inner city. One is the St. Elizabeth's Children's Outreach Center. The Rev. Jodene Hawkins, Rector of St. Elizabeth's, said that on Wednesday afternoons she walks through

the church's Kalihi-Palama neighborhood ringing a bell. The bell calls children to come out of their apartments and come to the church, where they eat snacks, hear a story, and sing songs. Five of the children have begun coming to Sunday school, Hawkins said.

The other program is the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Youth Ministries. The Rev. Bill Allport, Rector of St. Peter's, with daughter Abigail in tow, told how each Wednesday morning, he and others from the church go across the street to Central Middle School to pray with students on the school grounds. The church also has after-

school programs for the students. Last spring, they had programs in art and cooking; this fall are undertaking a girls' mentoring program; and next spring are planning to provide English as a Second Language. Allport explained that they are trying to reach the students, while they are still relatively young, with love and grace and provide healthy relationships with adults.

The keynote speaker for the day, the Rev. Moki Hino, continued the "Journey to Joy" theme. The Chaplain at Seabury Hall on Maui, Hino first got the group moving by giving them a list of ten items preceded by the words "Find someone who..." Examples of items include "has lived in Europe," "has been to Ni'ihau," and "can dance to 'Papalina Lahilahi.'" The group enthusiastically scoured the room talking to people to find names for each of the items.

Hino then spoke about his own personal joyful journeys, such as being ordained to the priesthood this past February. He ended the talk with a video presentation of a field trip by Seabury Hall students to Lahaina, Maui, for a "scavenger hunt." This scavenger hunt involved the students doing some fun and crazy things, such as playing hot potato with a restaurant chef.

The final event of the day was a luncheon in Davies Hall, during which the annual Kupuna Awards were presented. These awards go to individuals over the age of 65 nominated by their congregations for their "exemplary ministry of servanthood." In all, 27 awards were presented, although not all the awardees were able to be present for the luncheon.



**The Rev. Moki Hino, Chaplain at Seabury Hall, Maui, brings a joyful note as he addresses the ECW meeting as the keynote speaker.**



**Some of the recipients of the Kupuna Award: Front row: Dora Kraul, Marjorie Yamanaka, Janice Motoshige, Gerry Gifford, Thelma Pang, Elaine Young; Middle row: Aline Rolaff, Leonora Albayalde, Ron Ho, Bishop Chang, Weilyn Ho, Gina Perkins (for Eloise Caldwell); Back row: Lolly Bittinger, Maunakapu Patrick, Carol Connell, Annette Jim, Mi Sung Hong, Peggy Chun, Robert Hoffman, Harry Iwata.**



# Transition in the midst of transformation

## The Bishop's Address

At last year's Annual Meeting, the Committee on Response to the Bishop's Address did not have the conclusion of my address in which I announced my intention to resign as Bishop of Hawai'i in 2007. This year the Committee did not have final paragraphs of this address since it was written before the election of the Fifth Bishop of Hawai'i.

Yesterday this Annual Meeting chose Robert Fitzpatrick to be your Bishop. The work of this Annual Meeting and the Diocese of Hawai'i does not end with the election of a Bishop. To the contrary, our ministry continues. The life of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i is always ongoing. Ours is a ministry that demands renewed commitment and faithful witness to Jesus Christ. The Mission of the Church of God never ends. Our participation in that mission never ends. We have elected Bob to lead and share with us that never-ending mission of restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. Ours is a pilgrimage of faithful servanthood in mission that began with our baptisms.

In forty-plus years of ordained ministry, I have never given a title to a sermon or address. As this is my last Convention Address, I have chosen the title, "Transition in the midst of Transformation." I confess that I chose a title because Dee has been bugging me about the theme of my address for the past month.

Last year I described the Diocese of Hawai'i with these words, "...With adoption of the Strategic Plan, the transformation of the Diocese of Hawai'i was begun. The Diocese has begun that move from the on-ramp of maintenance onto the highway for mission. With adoption of our Strategic Plan, we said that we were ready as a Diocese to move forward with a new commitment to mission. We were ready to risk for the mission of the Church. The journey has begun...there is no turning back...the actions taken by the 36th Annual Meeting began the transformation of our Diocese. The people of God in the Diocese of Hawai'i have been called to become a new Church...a Spirit-filled church dedicated to a mission of reconciliation with God and with each other...."

A year later we continue to be immersed and challenged by transformation, a process that has generated success and disappointment, joy and pain. This third year of our Five Year Plan has required more of us than many had anticipated or have wished to give of themselves. We are all being called to new levels of accountability and responsibility, major paradigm shifts in this Diocese. This is the year that we have had to act and put our money, time, and talents where our 2004 Convention resolutions have directed us. The proposed 2007-2009 Budget of the Diocese is a clear reflection of this new reality. We are not accustomed in the Church to following through with adopted plans, resolutions, and priorities. The last long-range plan adopted by the Diocese of Hawai'i in 1983 fizzled out in 1986, its third year. As I make

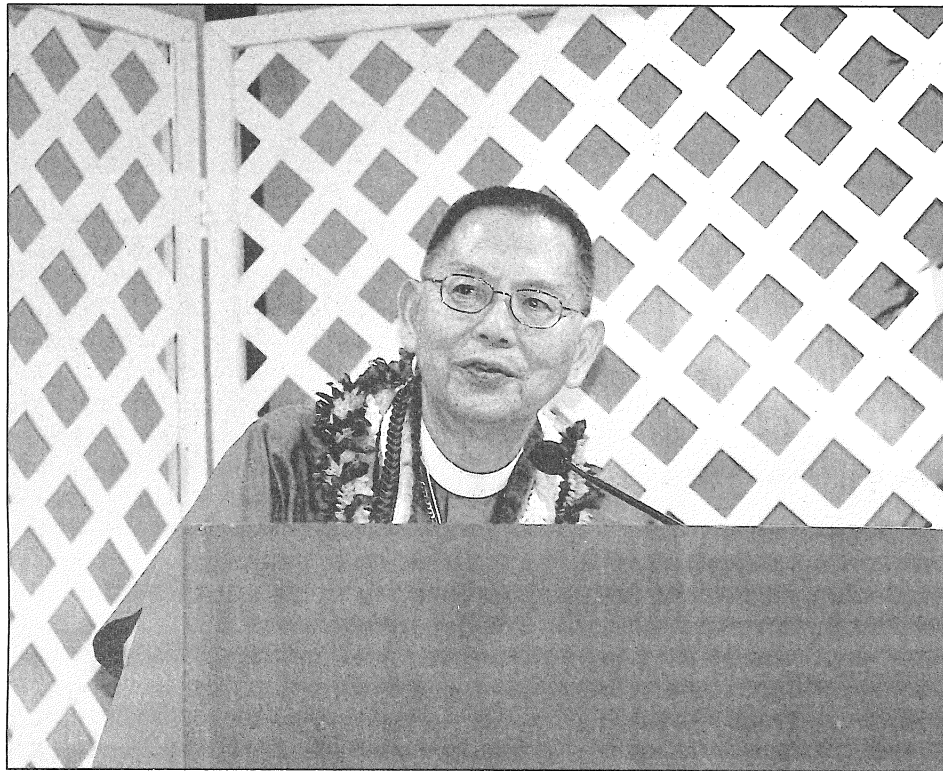


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**A lei-bedecked Bishop Richard Chang speaks to the Convention during the last Annual Meeting that he will attend as diocesan Bishop.**

my final visitation to congregations of the Diocese, I experience and witness the transformation that is occurring at all levels of our Diocese with the joy, anxiety, hope, uncertainty, and fear of a first pregnancy! And we don't have an ultrasound to determine what the new and transformed Diocese of Hawai'i will birth!

Many congregations and programs have taken their brave first steps and have opened themselves to the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit among them. Increases in average Sunday attendance, new families, larger Sunday School enrollment, and ministries of service addressing community issues of homelessness, hunger, and youth, have been transformational experiences in numerous congregations. I have heard and sensed the enthusiasm of people describing their experiences of cooking meals for families in need, of teaching children in an after-school reading program, and of hearing the elder members of their congregation publicly share for the first time their faith in Jesus Christ.

I have also heard words of frustration, disappointment, fear, and anger. It is the frustration that comes when attendance at educational programs have not met personal expectations. It is the disappointment when no one comes forward to exercise ministry that has been set as a priority by leaders. It is the fear of risking for ministry in the unknown because "we have never done it before," or "we tried it before and it doesn't work because we're different." It is the anger resulting from broken relationships when a person's dignity and gifts for ministry are rejected by gatekeepers.

The 2006 Report of the Task Force created by Resolution 15 of the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Convention describes many of the accomplishments and achievements by congregations and programs of our Diocese that move us towards the attainment of

our goals. The report calls our attention to the need for interdependence and sustainability in ministry. I strongly recommend that you read the report of the Task Force which is found in the October 2006 issue of The Hawaiian Church Chronicle and on page 11 of the Convention Information Booklet.

Brothers and sisters, our transformation is not complete by any stretch of our imagination. The transformation of the Diocese of Hawai'i will only become reality when personal transformation of individual members is addressed in every congregation regardless of size, location, or constituency. In too many congregations, leaders, both lay and ordained, have abdicated their responsibility to teach and learn. When was the last time that clergy exercised their teaching ministry in your congregation? When was the last time that the lay leaders of your congregation modeled their commitment to personal Christian formation? When was the last time that you prayed with someone outside the context of Sunday worship?

Through regular worship, study, and prayer, each and every baptized member of this Diocese needs to renew and sustain his or her relationship to Jesus Christ. Each congregation regardless of size must provide opportunities for its members to engage and devote their whole being — their time, their talent, and their treasure — to being transformed by the presence of the Risen Christ in their lives. There must be opportunities for everyone to grow in faith and to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Since 1997 my vision has been for a Diocese where people are encouraged and enabled to live their baptismal covenant. We still have much work to do in Christian formation.

When personal transformation has been experienced in the life of each member of our Diocese, then and only then will

the transformation of The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i be a reality. It is only then that we can honestly say that we have begun to attain the goals of our Strategic Plan adopted in 2004. The vision and goals of each congregation and program of the Diocese will only become attainable when we are individually transformed by a living faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Evangelism, stewardship, Christian Formation for all ages, children's ministries, youth and young adult ministry, and new church plants will be the fruits of that personal transformation.

Personal transformation must be just as important as, if not more important than institutional transformation. Personal transformation is the foundation that makes institutional transformation possible: just as the opening Affirmation of Faith in our Baptismal Covenant makes possible our affirmation and living the promises of our Baptismal Covenant. The challenge, individually and as a Diocese, will be our willingness to be transformed by the Risen Christ.

In the midst of this transformation, transition in the Episcopate enters in. The "between" times of every transition contain ambiguity and uncertainty. Ambiguity and uncertainty can be stumbling blocks to the ongoing life of congregations as well as the transformation of the Diocese of Hawai'i. There will be uncertainty and unanswered questions about the roles and authority of incumbent Bishop and Bishop-elect between now and March 10, 2007. "Will decisions be made during the transition that affect me and my congregation?" is a question that will undoubtedly be asked. A "wait and see" perspective or attitude towards implementation of ministries that require risk and higher levels of personal commitment may supplant decisive decision and action that will advance the mission of the Church.

This should not be a new experience for most of this Diocese. Most congregations of our Diocese have gone through clergy transitions and know the reality of which I speak. Of the thirty-nine congregations in the Diocese, only six (6) congregations have not been faced with transition and have the same clergy leadership today as in 1996: Grace Church, Hoolehua; Trinity By-the-Sea, Kihei; St. John's, Kula; St. Matthew's, Waimanalo; St. Mark's, Honolulu; and St. Timothy's, Aiea. But within the next six weeks transition will become the reality at Trinity By-the-Sea and in addition, at Resurrection Church, Hilo; St. Columba, Paauilo; St. Jude's, Ocean View; St. Andrew's Priory, Honolulu; and Emmanuel, Kailua, O'ahu. Ministry does not stop when there is no vicar or rector or chaplain. Ministry continues through the ministry of the baptized.

The transition in the Episcopate must not detract from personal transformation and from the decisions and ministries that will transform this Diocese.

My own transition should not detract from the transformation that must contin-

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF CONVENTION

# An earthquake in the midst of Advent

### Response to the Bishop's Address

Delivered by Jane Tonokawa

Bishop, I'm not sure why it took you 40 years to create a title for your address...it took our committee only 2 minutes!

Everyone in this room was most likely affected by the earthquake last Sunday morning. How were you affected? Shaken up? Frightened? Worried about others and making sure of their safety? Calming anxiety in your children? Was anything damaged? Did you lose anything valuable?

The transition that the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i is experiencing can be likened to this earthquake we experienced. We felt anxiety, uncertainty, and fear on Sunday. We may also have lost some things that we have perceived to be of value. But what is strong has survived. Similarly, our Diocese will survive this transition in the midst of transformation because of the strong foundation of our mission and calling, which the Bishop has reminded us is to reconcile all people to God and to one another.

Hawai'i's earthquake was a major news story on the mainland and beyond. Just think if you were hearing the news unfold about a statewide power outage, the Governor's emergency declaration, the request to the White House for emergency funding, the damage to roads and buildings, the establishment of an Episcopal Relief and Development fund...

Does this sound like Katrina relived? Wouldn't you think the worst of the situation? From the outside looking in, it sometimes appears worse than for those in the midst of the trauma. We're OK and we're in the middle of the shake-up. We are personally involved and affected, and it's really not that bad. Sometimes, we as individuals find issues to be overwhelming in its entirety, but when we make a decision to get closer to the details of the issue and break it down, we find that we can make a difference, we can support each other, and the situation is no longer such a negative roadblock to progress.

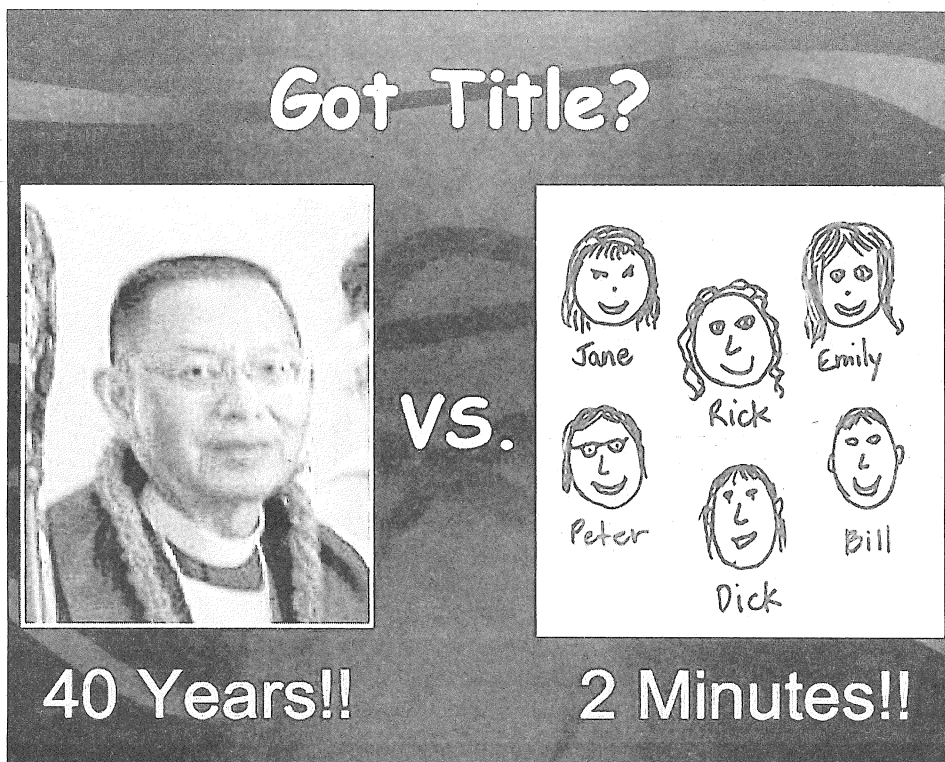


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**The Response to the Bishop's Address Committee punctuated their response with slides, this one showing how quickly they titled their address, in contrast with Bishop Chang.**

Bishop, you have called us to take up a personal spiritual transformation. We stand ready to get personally involved and transform ourselves individually in order to carry out our baptismal covenant. All the Bishop candidates spoke favorably of our strategic plan. The burning questions were "Are we ready?" and "Do we mean it?" The answer to these questions is a resounding "YES!" It is a challenge that will strengthen us. Such a transformation may appear to be an overwhelming and monumental endeavor and change of lifestyles, but we are strong and we will face the challenge head on. We are taking steps to make a difference and support each other.

The task force report on Resolution 15 includes examples of congregations meeting this challenge head on. We are making progress in being transformed. There is surely more that is happening and much more that needs to happen. As Bishop Chang said: There are clergy who do not

teach, laity who do not take responsibility, and lay leaders who are not role models when it comes to personal transformation. BUT, folks, there is always enough blame to go around. We will stop making excuses and we will commit ourselves to continue this journey of individual transformation. We will go forward, without looking back. The journey is begun...there is no turning back...

The result of our labors will be a "new church," one with a spirit of reconciliation, as we embrace the concepts of sustainability and interdependence. These two key concepts supporting our goal for this coming year as stated in the task force report focuses on relationships. Relationships will be made right — relationships with God and with each other. Only then can we experience the full wonder of God and his creation. We need to all feel a humility that comes with changing ourselves from the inside out — personal transformation. We

need to depend on each other and be responsible to one another. Let us show Bishop Chang and Bishop-Elect Fitzpatrick that humility — our humble spirit.

As Paul said in his letter to the Romans: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Paul goes on to tell the Romans not to think more highly than they ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Here we are, back to that "humble spirit."

As a Diocese, let's all vow to strive to possess humility, to not be so set in our ways, to listen, to discern. Earthquakes can shake us up physically from the outside and wake us up, but we need to also have the humility to be shaken and transformed from the inside.

Let us pray that each one of us seriously considers a step toward personal spiritual transformation, starting this Advent season. And may this transformation be contagious. Share it with the person in the next pew; tell your story to others within your congregation. Spread it to other congregations; learn from each other. Get personally involved. As the Bishop stated, only then will the transformation of the Diocese be a reality.

Dick and Dee, you were sent to us at an appropriate time in the life of this Diocese, when we needed your leadership during the "shake up" of the late '90s. You were an unwavering presence amidst uncertain and unstable ecclesiastical realities. You were the right person at the right time in our history. We all survived that earthquake too. In fact, we not only survived, but are starting to thrive as a Diocese — congregations and individuals are being transformed.

No words can really express our gratitude to you for the ten years of nurturing... except that old-time adage:

"Time sure is fun when you're having flies!" Ribbit...!

## Address

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ue in the Diocese of Hawai'i. I am totally committed to enabling this transformation until I resign my jurisdiction of the Diocese and transfer jurisdiction to the Bishop-elect next March. There will undoubtedly be difficult ministry decisions that will need to be made before that transfer. As Bishop of Hawai'i, I will make those decisions necessary to foster the transformation of this Diocese and its members. I will exercise my episcopacy in light of my three-fold vision of a Diocese that is mission-oriented, not maintenance-oriented; where ministry is shared by all the baptized; and where people are encouraged and enabled to live

their baptismal covenant. Let there be no doubt that I am committed to the transformation and future mission of our Diocese.

The transition of the Bishop-elect should not detract from the transformation of the Diocese of Hawai'i. The Standing Committee working with Office of the Presiding Bishop will solicit the consents of the Bishops with jurisdiction and the Diocesan Standing Committees to the election of Robert Fitzpatrick as the Fifth Bishop of Hawai'i. When the consents have been received, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Shori will take order for the consecration on March 10, 2007. It is my hope that she will be here as the chief consecrator.

The Transition Committee has begun assisting Bob and Bea in making the transition to a new ministry among us, and for as-

sisting Dee and me in our transition to ministry in retirement. A 60-day period has been designated for the Bishop-elect and me to address transition concerns related to the Office of Bishop and the Diocese as a whole. I think we will begin sooner than planned. Your affirmation of the proposed 2007 budget will provide for the implementation of this transition process in an orderly manner.

The final phase of any transition is the "end." When transition ends, the beginning will be marked by the celebration of new ministry. When the episcopal transition ends in March, you will begin a new era in the life and ministry of this Diocese with Bob and Bea Fitzpatrick. I have no doubt that you will care, support, and nurture your new Bishop with the same generosity and love that you have blessed Dee

and me for the past ten and a half years. ...

I cannot end this address without a special thank you to the light and love of my life. Dee, you have shared my ministry from Holy Nativity, All Saints, New York, and Honolulu. Through the stresses and strains of ministry, you have been there, holding my hand and offering words of encouragement.

Brothers and sisters, transition is in the midst of us as we are transformed by the Spirit of God to do the mission of the Church in this place. Let us leave this place committed to a personal transformation shaped by a renewed faith in Jesus Christ. Let us continue with vigor the transformation of the Diocese of Hawai'i for our pilgrimage of faithful servanthood in mission does not end. Thank you and God bless. Amen.



# Earthquake damage still being assessed



The graves in the cemetery of St. Columba's, Paauilo, shifted in the earthquake of October 15.

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PHOTO BY BISHOP RICHARD CHANG

A number of gravestones were toppled in Big Island cemeteries, this one at St. Augustine's, Kohala.

## 6.9 quake strikes north of Big Island

The morning of Sunday, October 15, started normally for the Episcopal churches of the Diocese of Hawai'i. Then at 7:08 a.m., "business as usual" was interrupted by a 6.9-magnitude earthquake centered seven miles north-northwest of Kalaoa on the Big Island. It was followed about six minutes later by another, smaller quake. And at some point in the midst of the quakes, power went out. It would not be a "usual" Sunday morning.

All the churches felt the quake, and power outages occurred throughout the islands, for varying lengths of time. The churches and parishioners on the Big Is-

land, however, reported the most damage. Many people lost 90 percent of their breakable items, including the windows of their homes. Some reported structural damage to their homes or damage to retaining walls.

Gravestones in the cemeteries at St. Augustine's, Kohala; Christ Church, Kealahou; and St. Columba's, Paauilo, shifted or came off their foundations. St. Columba's also had cracks in the retaining wall and the parking lots.

The only church from elsewhere in the Diocese that reported damage was Holy Nativity, Honolulu (Aina Haina).

There, the supports for the suspended cross over the altar were compromised.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) immediately contacted Bishop Richard Chang to offer assistance to the Diocese.

If any would like to help toward repair and recovery, please make a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development or send a check to the Office of the Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813. Make the check out to the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i and mark "Earthquake Relief" in the memo line.

St. Augustine in North Kohala on the Big Island was 25 miles from the epicenter of the earthquakes that struck Hawai'i on Sunday morning, October 15, with the worst damage being in Hawai'i County.

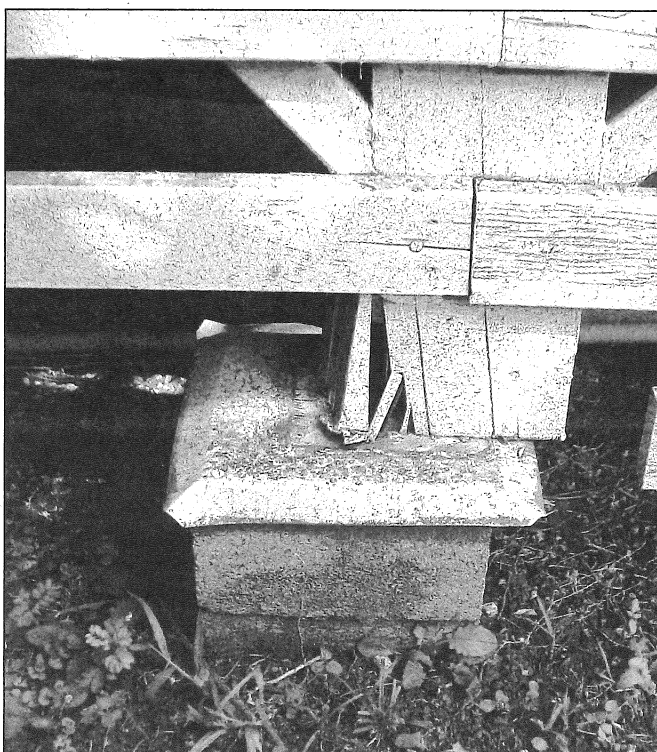
"Gratefully," said the Rev. Tom Buechele, Vicar of St. Augustine, "there were no deaths or serious injuries. A few cuts and bruises. Lots of broken glass and clean up. I'm amazed at the number of cabinet doors that just sort of spewed their contents all over the place. We did sustain some minor structural damage to the Church and Walker Hall, and the earthquake toppled tombstones and sort of 're-designed' the landscaping of the historic cemetery that surrounds the Church."

Buechele said a large altar cross at St. Augustine was badly bent in the earthquake. It had been donated to the Church by the widow of C. Snyder Kinnersley, one of the original founders of the Church in 1874. "There is a cut and dent in the free-standing altar where the cross flew from its perch and struck the table," he said. "The cross is badly bent. On the Sunday after the earthquake I preached on the theme 'bent but not broken.'"

Buechele and the other clergy of the Big Island are still receiving reports from parishioners and neighbors about emergency and structural repair needs. Funds from ERD, Episcopal Relief and Development, will be made available for assistance. The monies are not used for church repair.

"We had one parishioner and a couple of neighbors that cannot occupy their homes," Buechele said. "One woman and her children are sleeping in a tent outside their house. Generally people are still scared, small aftershocks continue, and any rattling noises quicken your heartbeat. I think we're all still suffering from a dose of post-traumatic stress."

Bishop Richard Chang visited the Big Island on October 27, to meet with Big Island clergy and assess church damage.



PHOTOS BY BISHOP RICHARD CHANG

Earthquake damage at St. Paul's (property owned by the Diocese of Hawai'i) included cracked concrete and shifting foundations.



# Hawkins called to serve St. Elizabeth's

The Vestry of St. Elizabeth's, with the approval of our bishop, the Right Reverend Richard S. O. Chang, extended a call to priest-in-charge, the Reverend Jodene S. Hawkins, to become the next rector of St. Elizabeth's in Palama, O'ahu. Mother Jodene has accepted the call.

In preparation for calling a new rector, a parish profile was completed this year with input from parishioners. It provided details about parish life, parish goals and objectives, and the leadership qualities and skills desired in our new rector. The Vestry came to



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the conclusion that the leadership qualities and skills that Mother Jodene possesses matched those outlined in the parish profile. On September 7, a delegation from the parish met with Bishop Chang. He granted his approval to extend a call to Mother Jodene.

As priest-in-charge these last two years, Mother Jodene has brought new vitality to St. Elizabeth's and a renewed

sense of welcome, community and mission. A new era will now begin at St. Elizabeth's under her capable leadership as rector.

All are invited to the installation of Mother Jodene as Rector and to our Celebration of New Ministry at St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, December 3, at 4 p.m. A reception in the parish hall will follow. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to wear red attire to mark this festive occasion. Parking will be available on the church grounds as well as at Princess Victoria Ka'iulani School located across the street.



PHOTO BY THE REV. LIZ BEASLEY

St. Andrew's collection of recycling bins supplied by the new Eco-Justice Commission of the Diocese.

## Recycling bins available to Hawai'i churches

Aloha to the Diocese of Hawai'i from the newly created Eco-Justice Commission of your Diocesan Council.

All Episcopalians interested in the environment — whether at home, church, local, state, national, or the whole planet — are invited to be part of the Episcopal Green Team. Our purpose will be teaching and consciousness-raising through bulletin inserts, Chronicle articles, and a couple of activities a year.

Our first project is to give, to those churches who want them, a complimentary set of four 32-gallon containers labeled for recycling paper, glass,

plastic, and cans. It can be a nice money-raiser for youth groups, Episcopal Church Women, or any group that wants to undertake the project of turning in the items for reimbursement. Otherwise, please just take what is collected to local recycling areas.

The first nine sets of containers have been provided as gifts to St. Clement's, St. George's, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, Good Samaritan, Epiphany, St. Matthew's, St. John's By-the-Sea, and Camp Mokule'ia.

Any other churches who want sets, please notify the Commission Chair, the Rev. Teresa Bowden at 808-622-

4398 or at alohayouall@earthlink.net.

The Commission will buy the bins for O'ahu churches. For Neighbor Island churches, we will give the information on how to get their own containers and we will send the labels. There will be a limit, adjusted to Island prices, for reimbursement for the containers for those on Neighbor Islands.

All are invited to submit to the Commission Chair your own ideas, thoughts, and energy to share with the Diocese.

Here we can come together to become more active caretakers of our part of God's glorious creation.

## Two from diocese appointed to national panels

Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies, has announced the appointment of volunteer members to serve on the Standing Commissions and Committees of The Episcopal Church. In the Diocese of Hawai'i, the following people will serve during this triennium:

- **Keane Akao**, Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation
- **Malcolm Chun**, Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries (returning)

"More than 500 names of Episco-

pali-ans wishing to serve on these committees and commissions were recommended for fewer than 135 positions to be filled," Anderson said.

The committees, commissions, agencies, and boards (CCABs) of the Episcopal Church's General Convention receive resolutions from General Convention and determine methods for their implementation during the following three years until the next convention.

The Presiding Bishop appoints the bishop members of the CCABs, and the President of the House of Deputies ap-

points clergy and lay members. The presiding officers jointly appoint some of the committees.

From more info, contact Sandy Webb at [swebb@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:swebb@episcopalchurch.org)

### Go to:

The rosters of each CCAB and information about their responsibilities and their work are available at [www.episcopalchurch.org/gc/ccab/ccab.htm?menu=menu19820](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gc/ccab/ccab.htm?menu=menu19820)

## Memories of Bishop Chang

The February 2007 issue of the Chronicle will be a retrospective of Bishop Richard Chang's ministry. Please send photos, memories, or stories to The Rev. Liz Beasley, Communications Officer, Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813, or to [lbeasley@episcopalhawaii.org](mailto:lbeasley@episcopalhawaii.org). Please clearly indicate the name of any writer or photographer, and the names of anyone in a picture. If emailing photos, please be sure to send high-resolution pictures. Items can be from either Bishop Chang's episcopate, or from when he was "Fr. Chang"!

## COMING SOON

(SELECTED EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE)

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

### DECEMBER

- Dec 8-10 Senior High Retreat, Camp Mokule'ia
- Dec 9 Deacons' Community, St. Andrew's, 9 am-2 pm
- Dec 9 ECW Annual Holiday Luncheon
- Dec 10-12 Advent Clergy Conference, Camp Mokule'ia
- Dec 16 Council Dept. Meetings, 9 am Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
- Dec 25-26 Christmas Holiday, Office of the Bishop closed

### JANUARY

- Jan 1-2 New Year's Holiday, Office of the Bishop closed
- Jan 2 Deadline for February Chronicle
- Jan 11-13 Godly Play Teacher Accreditation Training
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Office of the Bishop closed
- Jan 20 Council Dept. Meetings, 9 am Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
- Jan 26 Deadline for March Chronicle

### FEBRUARY

- Feb 5-8 Upward Bound, congregational development event in Honolulu
- Feb 9-11 VOCARE International Meeting
- Feb 16 Church Officials List & Certificates of Elections Deadline
- Feb 17 Council Dept. Meetings, 9 am Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
- Feb 18 World Mission Sunday
- Feb 19 Presidents' Day holiday, Office of the Bishop closed
- Feb 21 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 23-25 Windward Episcopal Churches Lenten retreat, Camp Mokule'ia

Please note that there is no separate January issue of the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*. The next issue of the Chronicle is February, 2007, the deadline for which is Jan. 2.

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.