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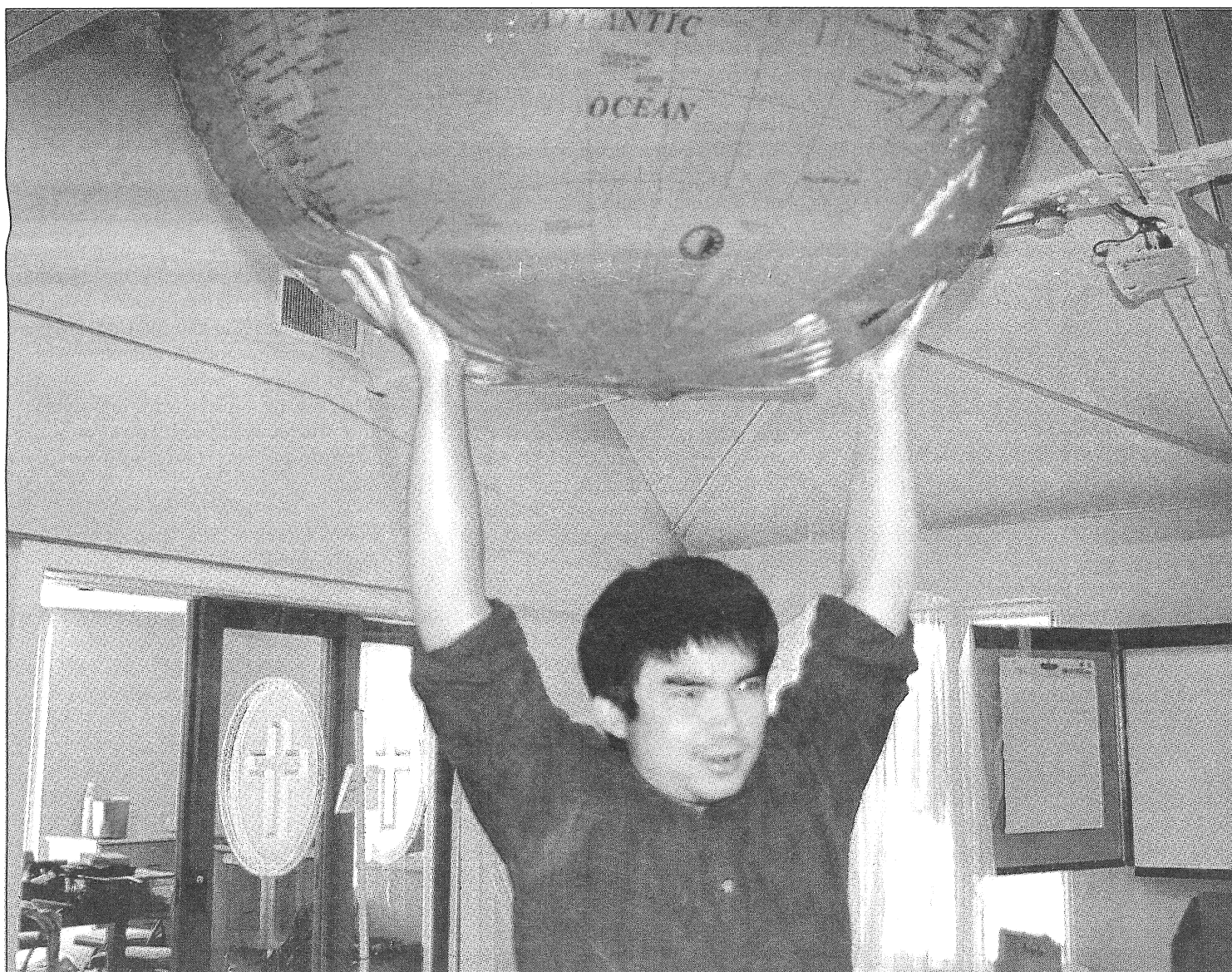


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Thomas Mukaida 'has the whole world in his hands' as he holds aloft a globe used in St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School program. The program focused on ways that children can help toward ending extreme poverty throughout the world by the year 2015.

### Summer program explores challenge of helping world

By Jenny Wallace

CANON FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE  
AND MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT,  
ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

How can children make a real difference in the real world? Children from churches around the Diocese and from the community spent the week of June 18-22 at St. Andrew's Cathedral exploring just that challenge. They participated in "Real Heroes," a Vacation Bible School program that introduced the Millennium Development Goals.

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) outline a comprehensive and ambitious plan to end extreme poverty and to make the world a better place for all by the year 2015. Leaders from all around the world have committed themselves to achieving these eight MDGs.

At Vacation Bible School, kids learned about the reality of extreme global poverty and how small actions such as reducing waste, contributing toward healthcare, and partnering with others can make a real difference now and in the future. They also learned that they could have lots of fun without consuming manufactured

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##### Hawaiian Book collection

St. Andrew's now has a 212-volume collection of Hawaiian-related books in their Conference Room, available to members of the Diocese. The collection includes books in a variety of categories.

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Camp Mokule'ia served as the site for an eight-day summer camp called "God Camp" for 30 elementary-aged children from across the Diocese.

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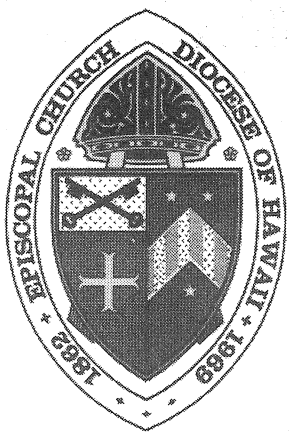
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# Discipleship a basic Christian demand

Aloha i Akua,

"The Gospel of Matthew is full of demands that most everybody knows and most nobody follows: 'Don't worry!' in Matthew 6 ... is a good case in point. The best example, however, comes a chapter earlier in the Gospel. Jesus, challenging the notion that we should stick up for our rights, supplies us with a well-known proverb:

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strike you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Who does that?"

Stephen Westerholm invites us to struggle with Matthew's understanding of Jesus and the call to discipleship in his book *Understanding Matthew: The Early Christian Worldview of the First Gospel* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2006). Westerholm understands the core of Matthew's Gospel to be that Jesus is approached and served with the very devotion due God alone. Discipleship means to be devoted to Jesus and the goodness of God. Our acts of kindness and piety are for God's eyes only. For a disciple, greatness is measured by service and not by power. The Christian life is all about discipleship.

I am coming to see discipleship as the basic demand of all Christians. This is not the stuff of ministry or mission. Our discipleship consists of the basics that can be expected of each of one us as a follower of Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Matthew might be understood as one first-century Christian community's struggle with being a disciple of Jesus. "Who does that?" is the operative question. A disciple answers: "That's what I do! Or at least try to do."

As a denomination the Episcopal Church has tried to summarize discipleship in the Baptismal Covenant (*Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 304-305), albeit in outline form. Christian formation consists of the programs, teaching, preaching, and nurture that allow us to understand what it means to be a disciple.

The first part of the Baptismal Covenant, our outline of discipleship, is the most important. If we cannot affirm these questions there is no reason to go on. These questions are formally answered in Creedal form, but point to our core personal faith.

It's back-to-school time. And not just in school, but also in church. Many churches keep an "academic year" calendar for their educational programs and start Sunday school, adult education, film nights, and other formation activities in September.

But really, formation happens all year. We are constantly being "formed" by what we do. In the Church, people are beginning to use the term "formation" instead of "education." The term "education" is often taken to refer to classes, workshops, conferences, and the like, while "formation" has a broader meaning. It refers to the breadth of the activities that "shape" us. As



**The Right Rev.  
Robert L. Fitzpatrick**  
BISHOP OF HAWAII

• *Do you believe in God the Father?*

This question invites us to acknowledge a loving creator and the goodness of creation. Belief in God is pretty basic here.

• *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

Just like Matthew, we give our devotion to Jesus of Nazareth as to God the creator. Through faith in him we are forgiven and transformed as the children of God. Belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is central. Otherwise, whose disciple am I?

• *Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

And through time, God is still here with us and always will be, and we need each other as disciples, now and always. Belief in a living Spirit makes it all relevant to our lives.

The rest of the questions ask us to define how we will maintain our discipleship and how we will witness to the world what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Now, keep in mind, these are the basics and nothing special:

• *Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*

This is pretty straightforward. I know I am a disciple if I study the Bible by myself and with others, and gather with other disciples for prayer, Holy Communion, and fellowship. One just cannot be a Christian disciple without other disciples.

• *Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*

I know I am a disciple if I genuinely examine my life, ask for forgiveness of God and those whom I have harmed, commit to change my practices, and acknowledge that in my finitude and brokenness I will have to do this over and over again as long as I live.

• *Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*

Can anyone tell I am a disciple? If my co-worker was hurting, would I share the comfort of faith in Jesus Christ? Do my kids see Christ in me? This is really hard.

• *Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?*



## Christian formation happens every day



**The Rev. Liz Beasley**  
CHRONICLE EDITOR

Bishop Fitzpatrick says in his column above, "Christian formation consists of the programs, teaching, preaching, and nurture that allow us to understand what it means to be a disciple." The formation activities in which we engage shape who we are as disciples. Indeed, I believe that

### BISHOP'S VISITATIONS

Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick visits all congregations in the Diocese each year, every other year on a Sunday and in the alternate years on a weekday evening during the same week.

#### September

Sept 9.....St. Peter's, Honolulu  
Week of Sept 9.....St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu  
Sept 16.....Emmanuel, Kailua  
Sept 30.....Epiphany, Honolulu  
Week of Sept 30.....Holy Nativity, Honolulu

#### October

Oct 7.....St. Philip's, Wai'anae  
Week of Oct 7.....St. George's,  
Honolulu  
Week of Oct 21.....St. Christopher's,  
Kailua

#### November

Nov 4.....St. Michael & All Angels,  
Lihue, Kaua'i  
Week of Nov 4.....Episcopal Church  
on West Kaua'i  
Nov 11.....Good Shepherd,  
Wailuku, Maui  
Week of Nov 11.....Trinity by-the-Sea,  
Kihei, Maui  
Nov 18.....Christ Church,  
Kealahakua, Big Island  
Week of Nov 18.....Holy Apostles,  
Hilo, Big Island

Now I am back at the turn-the-other-cheek stuff. Being a disciple means treating others with the same devotion I do God. Without a belief in a loving God, the goodness of creation and the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ, and the support of other disciples, this is nearly impossible.

• *Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?*

Here we have it, the disciple in the world. A disciple even when no wants a disciple around. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Who does all this? I pray that we all have the grace to continue to try, and the openness to continue to grow and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Aloha i Iesu Kristo ko makou Haku,  
+Bob

everything we do — everything we read, watch, listen to; our worship life or lack thereof; our interactions with others — shapes who we are: who we are as persons, and who we are as disciples of Christ.

This issue has articles on some of the formation programs that have been happening over this summer: God Camp, Vacation Bible School, Church Finance 101. It also includes reflections from several people about adult education programs they have found rewarding. (Thank you, Rick, Heidi, and Diane!) And there is a report on a new collection of Hawaiian books at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Happy learning!

# Dubunking the 'myths' of bishop, Diocese

## Bishop Fitzpatrick outlines multiple 'myths' of church

By the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley

CHRONICLE EDITOR

Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick has been debunking myths lately. That's "myth" as in something that everyone believes to be true, and that serves as a guiding force for people's behavior, but that is not actually true, at least not in the way people think it is.

The Diocese of Hawai'i, Fitzpatrick says, operates by certain myths. While many people might hold them to be true — even obvious — they aren't.

The Bishop has outlined several of these myths in various venues over the past few months: in meetings of the chairs of diocesan commissions, Episcopal Church Women, and church administrators, and in some personal communications. Then he has explained the sometimes more subtle truth behind the myth, and the shift in thinking required. Below are some of these myths:

### THE 'DIOCESE' DID 'X'

When we hear "The Diocese decided" or "The Diocese did something," that is usually a myth, depending on what people mean by "The Diocese." "The Diocese" is not the office at 229 Queen Emma Square, nor is it the Bishop, nor the Bishop's staff. "The Diocese" is simply the collection of our congregations. When something is decided, some body (that means "group," not "person") decided it. For example, the diocesan Convention decides on the diocesan budget and the as-

essment percentage. When a church receives a subsidy from "The Diocese," that money is not coming from the Bishop or from some corporate entity; it is coming from the other Episcopal congregations in Hawai'i. We are supporting one another.

As Fitzpatrick points out, the Episcopal Church is a "federalist theocratic system," not a monarchy. The Bishop is somewhere between the Chief Executive Officer and the high priest.

### THE BISHOP KNOWS ALL

As in, the Bishop knows what is going on, or at least someone on his staff does. Actually, the Office of the Bishop may not have heard of some event, past or upcoming. The Bishop does not have his fingers in everything that goes on in the Diocese.

Churches know this same type of situation: a member of the church goes to the hospital and everyone assumes the priest knows. But the priest knows only if someone calls with the news. The same is true in the Office of the Bishop.

In congregations, even, people should not assume that the priest knows everything. One reason we are trying to get more people on the E-News list is to spread information as widely as possible. See page G for more information on how to receive E-News.

### THE BISHOP WANTS 'X'

As in, "The Bishop wants us to do this," or "The Bishop wants something from us [and we have to figure out what it is]."

In truth, Fitzpatrick says, "Nine out of ten times, I don't care. If it fits in the overall Strategic Plan, and you have follow-through,

then fine. But it has to be based on ACT."

ACT is an acronym that Fitzpatrick has been promulgating since his election as Bishop. It stands for Accountability, Consistency, and Transparency. In other words, as Fitzpatrick told the Commission chairs, "Tell everyone about it, be accountable for what you've done, and don't give special favors to anyone because they've whined loudly."

What the Bishop does want is to make our congregations stronger. His passion is congregational development. He wants the congregations of our Diocese to be the primary foci of mission. He wants the work of the Diocesan Council, and its Departments and Commissions, as well as the work of the Bishop's staff, to be oriented toward making our congregations stronger and more full of passion, vitality, and faith. He encouraged the Commission chairs to ask themselves these questions: How are we changing congregations? How are we empowering leaders at the local level? What do we need to do to do that?

### 'X' PROGRAM WILL 'FIX' US

People are tempted to think that there is some program that will change everything, will revitalize our churches, and will bring in lots of young people. As Fitzpatrick told the chairs of the diocesan Commissions, we often will choose a program, try it for three weeks to a month, maybe a few months, and then decide it doesn't work. Then we're off trying to find a new program.

In truth, any program might be useful as a tool, and some programs are better suited to some churches than to others, but the

secret is not in the program itself. It is in the passion of the people involved — their passion for their churches, their faith, and especially for Christ. And "success," Fitzpatrick says, might not be obvious until we have used the program for several years. It might take that long for the effect of the program to filter through the congregation's outlook and daily life.

As a Diocese, we have said that the Vision for Our Diocese expressed in our Strategic Plan will be our passion. But is this true? Or does it simply reflect our fear: fear of losing members, fear of shrinking churches? Are we willing to live out the passion expressed in our Strategic Plan? Fitzpatrick says that we should remember that unless something changes people's lives, it won't engender passion. But that passion is not embedded in the program itself.

### THE BISHOP CAN 'FIX IT'

This myth arises when some problem occurs, such as people are dissatisfied with their rector or vicar, or they don't like the way some layperson is acting. They think the Bishop can do something about it (fire the priest, stop the layperson). In truth, in a parish, the Bishop can come in only if invited by the rector OR the vestry. If a vestry and rector think the relationship is untenable, they can do a collective and joint dissolution of the relationship. But it depends on their taking action.

Sometimes, Fitzpatrick says, "people in congregations think the congregation is in charge. They're not. The vestry, wardens, and rector are the legal entity that is an Episcopal church." For example, the congregation has

nothing to do with the relationship with the priest (in other words, the congregation does not vote on calling the rector or vote on his/her compensation). Congregations can vote to change the name of the church, and to stop being a parish, and that's about it.

### WE HAVEN'T RAISED UP ANY 'LOCAL' CLERGY

The broader truth, Fitzpatrick says, is that we as a Diocese haven't raised up *any* clergy. In the past 40 or so years, we have raised up very few people to become ordained.

At a monthly meeting of Episcopal Church Women, with about 40 women present, Fitzpatrick asked how many of them had encouraged a child or grandchild of theirs to consider being a priest or a deacon. Only two women raised their hands.

It is up to all of us to call forth new priests and deacons from among us. Check the Bishop's Column in the May and June issues of the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle* for more encouragement and information about this.

### WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH \$

This is a prevalent myth in our Diocese. As Fitzpatrick told a gathering of church administrators, "The myth is people think they're poor, but their measurement of poverty is interesting." He told of sitting with a church's vestry. The vestry members were complaining that they didn't have enough money. Then, he says, six of the members started talking about their upcoming joint trip to Las Vegas. "Churches can operate as though there's not enough," Fitzpatrick said. "The question is, 'not enough for what?'"

## Bishop calls Diocese to work together — in 'proper' attire

*Editor's Note: Delegates to Convention received this letter from the Bishop in mid-August urging them to order denim "work shirts" for the meeting of Convention and for our work as a Diocese. Although the deadline for ordering the shirts has passed, the spirit of this letter remains the same.*

By the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick

BISHOP OF HAWAII

My father was a carpenter and I worked with him in the summer during my college years. Sometimes it was literally side-by-side, but most of the time it was with others on a building site. He was a fine trim craftsman and I was labor. Sometimes every hand was needed: such as when walls had to be set. At times it

took many hands to fix a mess. I remember coming new to a worksite with my father after a house had been framed. My father took one look at the framed building and asked why the doorway in the upstairs of this split-level house was only three feet tall. The plans had been mistakenly drawn and the young guys had put in the floor joists, the flooring, and the framed walls without noticing the problem. It took everyone to tear out floors, cut walls, and get it fixed,

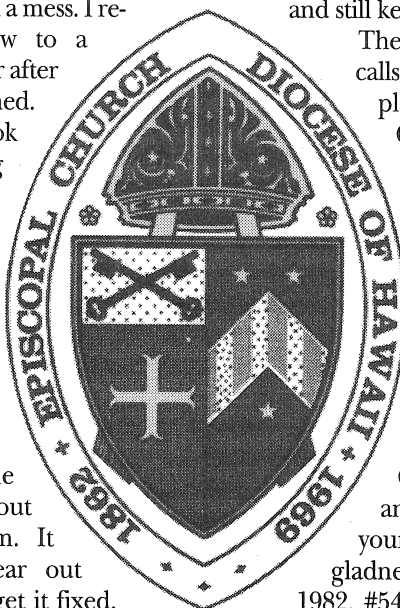
and still keep to schedule.

The mission of the Church calls upon us all to take our place in the work of the Gospel. The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-39), the care of others (Matthew 25:31-46), and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) describe our mission — our labor. In the words of the hymn, "Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share — to young and old the Gospel gladness bear..." [Hymnal 1982, #541]. We have to get on

with it!

In the spirit of our common mission and to celebrate our shared labor, the Commission on Congregational Health and Growth is sponsoring the sale of blue denim work shirts with the diocesan seal. My hope is that we — delegates, clergy, staff, and bishop — will all be wearing our work shirts at the Annual Meeting of Convention on Sat., October 27, with blue jeans, work pants, or shorts/skirts.

Now I know this is tacky and not very classy — really rather un-Episcopalian. Right! The Gospel demands that we see the world in new ways and take the Gospel to our communities in new and unconventional ways. We will have to dream new dreams and learn new languages. We have a lot of work ahead!





## Heroes

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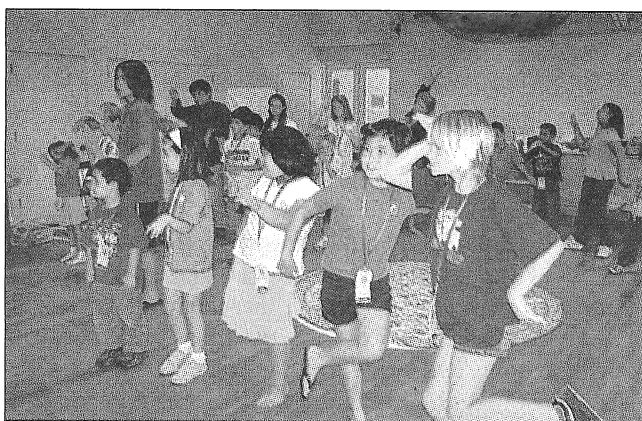
materials or using electronic devices.

The Von Holt Room was transformed to reflect the theme. In the center of the room, we suspended a four-foot-diameter globe with a circular rug below. Around the edges of the room we set up five learning centers related to the MDGs. (Of the eight Millennium Development Goals, we grouped the three health-related goals together and introduced the goal for gender equality during program time.) Throughout the week, we added activities to the centers as we introduced each theme.

- **Learning center:** We draped several mosquito nets to make a tent. Inside were pillows to make a cozy spot for reading. Books related to the MDGs were set out for the students to read quietly. Participants could also make checkers and chess sets from recycled materials.

- **Environmental Sustainability center:** Used cardboard boxes, and toilet paper and paper towel rolls, were available for children to create recycled structures, toys, and so on. They made wonderful creations from these materials.

- **Health and Wellness center:** We had a first-aid kit for the children to play with and



Children cut loose and dance during one of the daily times of music and movement held each day during the five-day Vacation Bible School program. The music was led by Mike Woods and Leia Kawelo.

PHOTO BY MAX SENDER

a real one used on field trips. We also had exercise equipment and medical tools for them to try.

- **Partnership for Development center:** We had projects set up for creating items out of cheap or recycled materials. The items were then donated to Family Promise, a program that provides housing for homeless families.

- **Basic Needs center:** We made a "water well" using a punch bowl with water and a ladle for the children to use when they needed something to drink. We also had exercises in water testing and nutrition.

Each day included instruction, music, a center time, simulation games, and a field trip. Members of the congregation came to tell their story as "Real Heroes." We used the Episcopal Relief and Development

"Gifts for Life Catalogue" as the basis for several instructional games and activities. Families were given catalogues and encouraged to contribute to ERD.

### Go to:

For more information about the "Real Heroes" curriculum, developed by Jenny Wallace and Stephanie Wight with editorial assistance from Max Sender, contact Jenny Wallace at 808-524-2822 or e-mail her at [jennywallace@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jennywallace@hawaii.rr.com). For more information on the MDGs, see the July issue of the Hawaiian Church Chronicle, the August issue of Episcopal Life, or go to <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>.

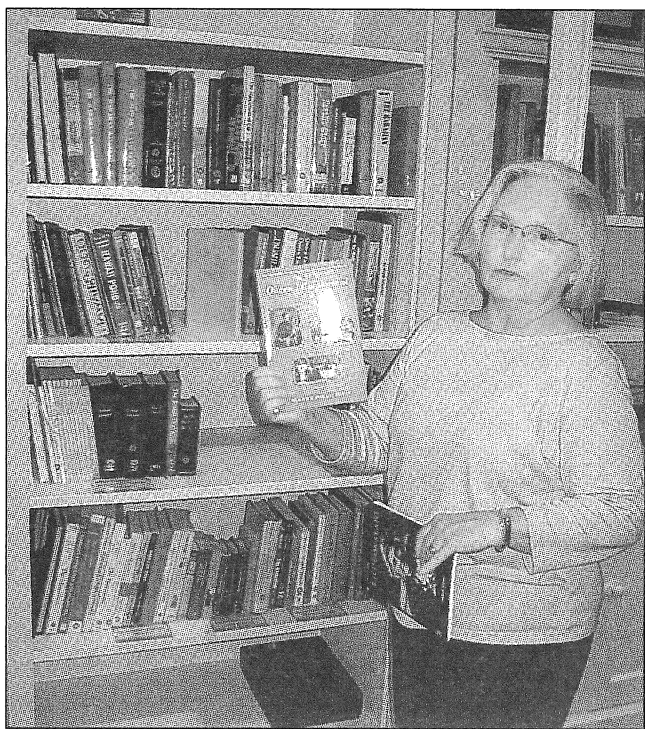
## Finances

### Learning about money: Church Finance 101

On August 4, the first "Church Finance 101" class was held at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Initiated by the Continuing Education Commission, and supported also by the Commissions on Christian Formation and Congregational Health and Growth, the three-hour workshop was intended especially for clergy, but also for wardens, treasurers, and any other interested laity.

Allen Arakaki, a CPA with his own firm specializing in nonprofits and churches, presented sessions on the General Excise Tax and on instituting internal controls to avoid fraud and mismanagement of funds. Garrett Grace of Central Pacific Bank worked with clergy and laity on both broad concepts and specifics involved in reading financial statements.

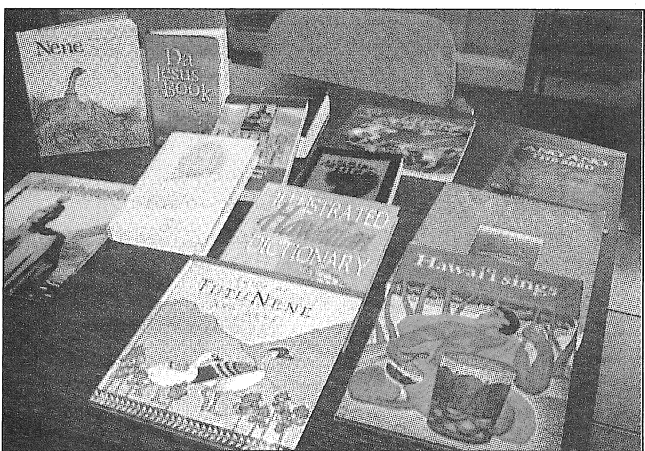
The workshop may be repeated in the future, or further "Church Finance 101" or "201" classes may be offered.



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ABOVE: Ann Hansen, standing in front of the monarchy section in St. Andrew's Hawaiian book collection, holds up / *Knew Queen Lili'uokalani*, by Bernice Piilani Irwin.

BELOW: Some of the titles in the Hawaii Collection



## Hawaiian Book Collection Cathedral has lending library for readers

By the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley

CHRONICLE EDITOR

*Da Jesus Book.*  
*Land and Power in Hawai'i.*  
*Plants in Hawaiian Culture.*  
*Tales of Tutu Nene and Nele.*

These are just a few of the books in St. Andrew's Cathedral's new Hawaiian Collection. The collection began two years ago with just 21 titles, when then-Dean Ann McElligott pointed out that a church with such a strong Hawaiian community as St. Andrew's should have a more substantial collection of Hawaiian materials in its library.

Cathedral member Ann Hansen took up the implicit challenge. A special education teacher in Hawai'i since 1970, and now a student in Pacific Island Studies at the University of Hawai'i-Manoa, Hansen felt the project suited her background and interests.

She began in September 2005 with a letter to those members of the Cathedral who attended its 8 a.m. Hawaiian service on Sundays. She spelled out the problem with these words: "There are only 21 books/pamphlets in the Hawaiian collection in the Cathedral Library. And this collection is a curious as-

sortment of odds and ends from *Ways to Use Vegetables in Hawaii* to *Day Hikes on Oahu*."

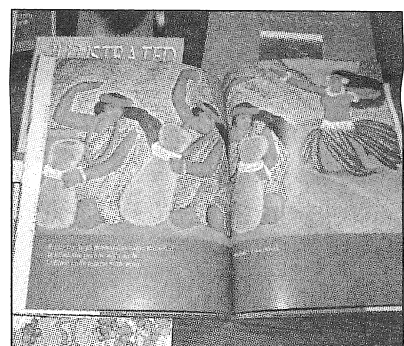
Hansen asked the members to give her a list of both desirables and "must-haves" and to donate books to the library. She would go shopping for whatever was not donated.

People responded with donations and suggestions, including a long list from member Malcolm Chun. People also suggested places for buying books: Mission Houses Museum, Queen Emma Summer Palace, Friends of Hawaii Library sale, and Bestsellers bookstore downtown, which gave discounts to Hansen for the project.

After developing a good collection in culture, history, and biography, the Hawaiian Commission at the Cathedral asked whether children would benefit from the collection. So Hansen recruited the help of Canon Jenny Wallace, the Cathedral's Canon for Spiritual Life and Ministry Development, and together they trooped off to Border's with their educator discount cards and scoured the children's section for good-quality Hawaiian books.

Wallace says that she took one of these books, *Hawaii Is a Rainbow*, with her on a trip to Africa in April, 2004.

The book has brightly colored pictures of things one finds in Hawai'i in the different colors of the rainbow. Wallace says, "Some things the children knew immediately, such as a gecko, and bananas. Some things were similar — both cultures have dancing, but different kinds. But the



A closeup of the inside of *Hawai'i Sings* by Joy S. Au and illustrated by Doug Po'olua Tolentino, one of the more than 200 titles in the Hawaiian Book collection now offered for lending by St. Andrew's Cathedral.

one thing that was very different that they [the African children] were most taken with was a big picture of a fire engine."

The collection now has grown tenfold, to a total of 212 books (with some duplicates). They include well-known titles, such as Pukui's *Hawaiian Dictionary* and *Baibala Hemolele* (the Bible in Hawaiian), 50 children books, a good collection on the monarchy, and a range of other items. A research librarian at Manoa helped Hansen create the categories.

Hansen, who says that the collection has now reached maturity, is soon going to make a binder and a system for checking out the materials. Anyone who is a member of a congregation in the Diocese can check out a book. They will need to contact the Cathedral office (808-524-2822) to gain access to the Conference Room, where the collection is housed.



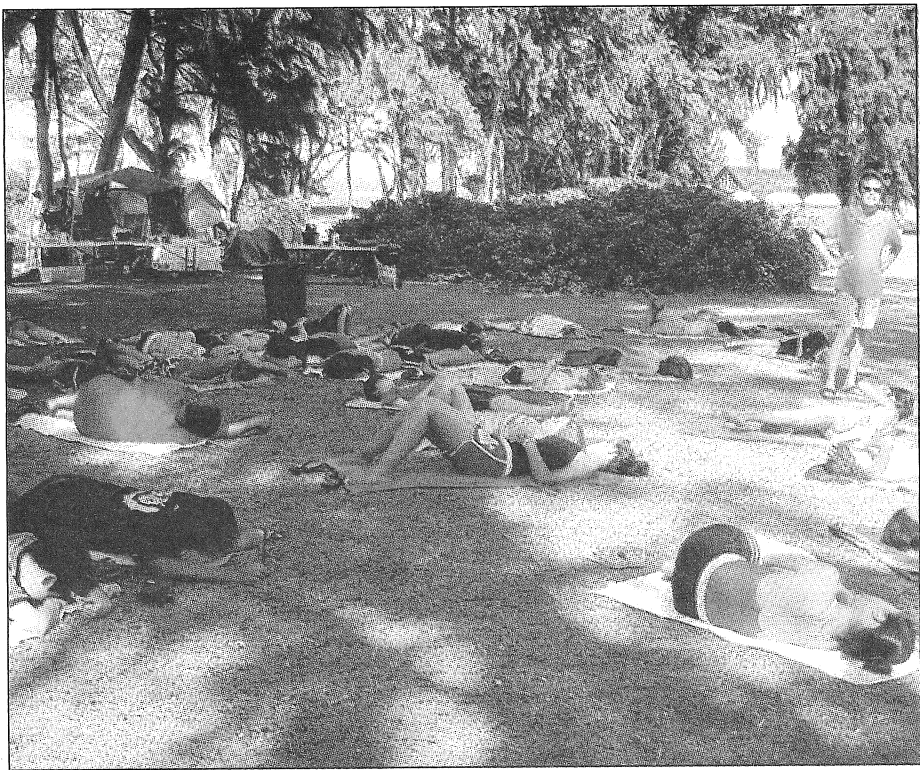


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The calm before the storm: The Rev. Robert 'Moki' Hino, standing, watches over attendees at summer 'God Camp' at Mokule'ia. Moments after this photo was snapped, a massive water balloon fight got everyone wet — but laughing.

## 'God Camp' at Mokule'ia Campers learn about life, love

In July, 30 elementary-aged children from Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, and the Big Island gathered for eight days at Camp Mokule'ia on O'ahu's North Shore for God Camp. It was a time and place where all had the opportunity to learn about Scripture and experience prayer, meditation, and worship, plus eat hotdogs and hamburgers, swim in the ocean, and revel and delight in being a kid.

Campers gathered in groups of six to seven with one of the high-school-aged Leaders in Training (LITs) for morning sessions. Here they learned about James and John, the sons of Zebedee, experienced guided meditations, and engaged in exercises where they affirmed one another's gifts and positive traits.

They spent their afternoons swimming in the ocean, throwing water balloons at one another, gathering sea shells, and tak-

ing part in a beach clean-up, during which everything from cans and bottles to beach chairs were gathered and properly disposed.

Evening activities included a movie night in the chapel, sunset-gazing, sand crab catching, and star-gazing. On the final night, an adult leader played "Everybody Dance Now" on the CD player, and everyone broke into spontaneous dance.

The evening ended with a conga line that wove through the picnic tables, giving everyone a small glimpse into the delight that had taken place all week.

Another culminating God Camp moment took place when all participants, young and not-too-young, donned tie-dyed T-shirts and where the presider wore a tie-dyed chasuble for a Saturday evening Eucharist with a cooler for an altar, kerosene lanterns for candles, and the starlit night for a church ceiling.

The words of that night's Communion hymn summed up the feelings of all the participants before they left for their homes on Sunday morning: "God I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love you."

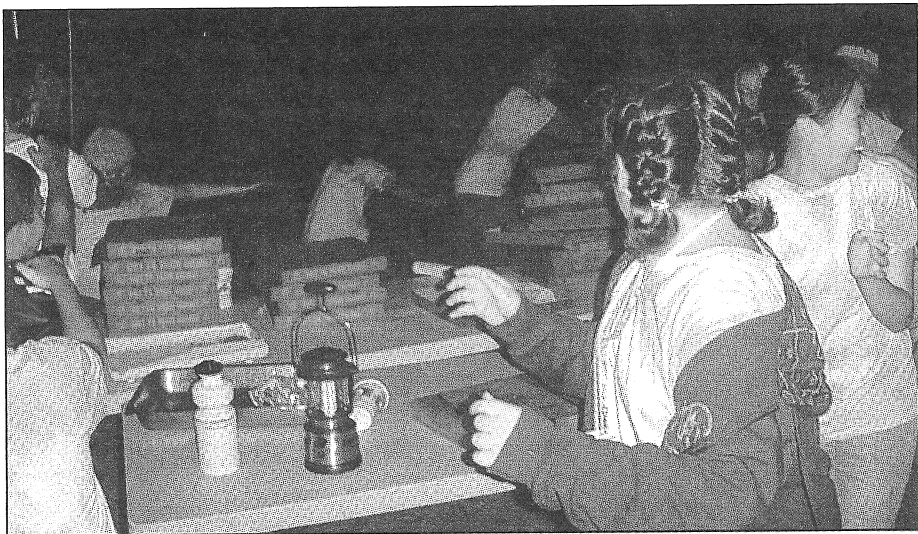


PHOTO BY KATIE FINROCK

Wearing tie-dyed t-shirts, participants at the summer 'God Camp' broke out in dance on the camp's final night. The evening ended with a conga line that wove through the picnic tables in the campground area at Camp Mokule'ia.

## Adult education reflections

### Christian formation makes a difference

E-News mailings in May and June asked members of the Diocese to submit their reflections about any adult formation program that had made a difference in their life and faith. We received three submissions.

#### TIMING IS IMPORTANT

The Faith Alive program "Edge of Adventure" was the setting in West Newbury, Massachusetts, for a major 180-degree turn in my life, so long ago I can't remember when. I led that program at Holy Nativity (during Charley Crane's time) for a couple of years, after I got back to Hawai'i. Did Cursillo a couple of times shortly thereafter. Did the first mentor training for EFM (moved to Maui, so no followup). Flew back to the Cathedral on weekends for what I think was the first permanent diaconate training (during Ed Browning's time). I am currently facilitating a poi-dog (evening prayer/song, lectionary Bible study) program, which a friend and I invented with Fr. [Marvin] Foltz's help. The program has taken off and developed a life of its own. I occasionally feel like the cartoon leader chasing after his "following."

As I reflect on my spiritual growth, and watch that of others, it seems to me that the personal effectiveness of an adult program has more to do with the timing in a participant's life, than that of the program itself. So, it seems to me, that having programs out there makes it possible for adults to draw closer to God and church, renew their spiritual life and commitment — and keep the *missio dei* [mission of God] alive and well.

— Rick Wirtz,  
Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui

#### BIBLE STUDY

I wanted to share the adult education program that has most recently impacted my journey. The program I'm referring to is not a program at all. It is just the good old-fashioned Pastor's Bible Study. At St. James' Parish on the Big Island, a small group of us meet with Pastor Tony and Jana in their office and simply read the Bible out loud together using many different translations. In the office are many reference books such as word studies, commentaries, study books, atlases, etc., that we pull off the bookshelf from time to time as questions and thoughts are expressed. We read and study an entire book of the Bible before going on to another book. Pastor Tony likes to alternate between the Old and New Testament readings.

Each week, I eagerly look forward to going, even though it means a 45-minute trip one way. Pastor Tony has a wonderful way of involving all of us in the exploration process. This process has bonded all of us closer together. Studying the Bible in this manner is what feeds my spirit. Each of us is gaining confidence in our ability to think in a more theological manner. It helps that Pastor Tony and Jana both are great facilitators in this.

Also, the nice thing about this type of study is that it is year round. We meet in the summer months, too. I have taken EFM, DOCC, Living the Questions, and have done a Cursillo weekend. All these programs are wonderful and have encouraged me in the faith, but, for now, I must say there's nothing like just concentrating on the Scriptures to help deepen my personal journey with God.

— Heidi Edson,  
Christ Church, Kealahakua

#### LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Talking story with a group of friends today, one was telling about how in her childhood she was chastised for asking questions like, "Can a virgin really give birth?" She said that it didn't take long to realize that you're better off not asking questions.

Thankfully, there are many who questioned that approach to religion. Among them are the producers of a DVD-based program entitled "Living the Questions." Produced by the Methodist church, the DVD features noted scholars, teachers, leaders, storytellers, and preachers from different denominations, lecturing or simply conversing about different aspects of Christianity and spirituality. The program provides intellectual and spiritual nourishment for anyone interested in studying the Christian faith by asking questions of it. Rather than giving answers, it is a guide for an exploration of questions and for engaging in conversations about what it means to be a Christian.

At Christ Church, Kealahakua, on the Big Island, the Rev. Carol Arney learned of the program and thought it might interest some people in the congregation. The comments have been positive, along the lines of: "a breath of fresh air," "a relief that my own thoughts about religion are validated," and "why wasn't I told this earlier in my life?"

The titles of the sessions give an idea of the discussion topics: for example, the role of biblical authority; thinking theologically; creativity and stories of creation; and restoring relationships, to name a few.

What does it mean to "live the questions"? The idea is that the speakers on the DVD say interesting, provocative things. They cause you to pause, to reflect, and to respond. For example, we had a lively discussion about what Marcus Borg means about humanity's "quest for certitude." There is tension between the asking of questions and the desire eventually to find answers. One participant remarked, "At some point, there has to be answers. It can't be all relative." I recalled something that Tex Sample said on the DVD that struck me as relevant at this point. He described the Santa Fe Trail, how it is six miles wide at some points, but only a few feet wide at others. This is how he sees the spiritual journey, the journey looks different at different places, but it is all the same trail.

"Living the Questions" gives you binoculars to see the trail, provide companionship as you walk the trail, and helps you to realize that asking questions about the trail, keeps you on the trail. This is a fitting description of the study groups in Kealahakua, living in the "pathway of Akua."

— Diane Aoki,  
Christ Church, Kealahakua



# TOPIC CHRISTIAN FORMATION IN OUR DIOCESE

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Clergy, others complete ed requirements

Congratulations from the Continuing Education Commission to the following clergy and lay professionals, who have completed their continuing education requirements in 2006 and submitted a report to the Continuing Education Commission.

Each clergyperson and lay professional in the Diocese is required to complete 24 units (defined as "contact hours") of continuing education each year.

Those who complete the units

and submit a report to the Commission receive a \$100 gift certificate to Amazon.com to assist them in their continuing education.

#### Clergy

**The Rev. Cass Bailey**  
Rector, St. Christopher's, Kailua

**The Rev. Canon Liz Beasley**  
Canon for Communication & Ministry Development, Office of the Bishop

**The Rev. Joe Carr**  
Rector, Calvary Church, Kane'ohe

**The Rt. Rev. Richard Chang**  
Retired Bishop

**The Rev. Alison Dingley**  
Interim Rector, St. Paul's Church, The Dalles, Oregon

**The Rev. Marvin Lee Foltz**  
Rector, Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Maui

**The Rev. Mark Juchter**  
Vicar, St. George's, Honolulu

**The Rev. Gerhard Laun**  
Retired priest

**The Rev. Vince O'Neill**  
Rector, St. Timothy's, Aiea

**The Rev. Lynette Schaefer**  
Vicar, Grace Church, Moloka'i

**The Rev. Rick Vinson**  
Rector, Holy Nativity, Honolulu

**The Rev. Hollis Wright**  
Vicar, St. Nicholas, Kapolei

#### Lay

**Peter Pereira**  
Treasurer, Office of the Bishop

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Liturgy, art conference

A chance to get substantial continuing education without leaving the state: The annual Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference will be held at Volcano National Park on the Big Island on November 1-3.

Keynote speakers for the 2007 conference are Tupua Tamasese and Bill Huebsch, plus workshop leaders well-known in liturgical music. The conference includes two evening concerts.

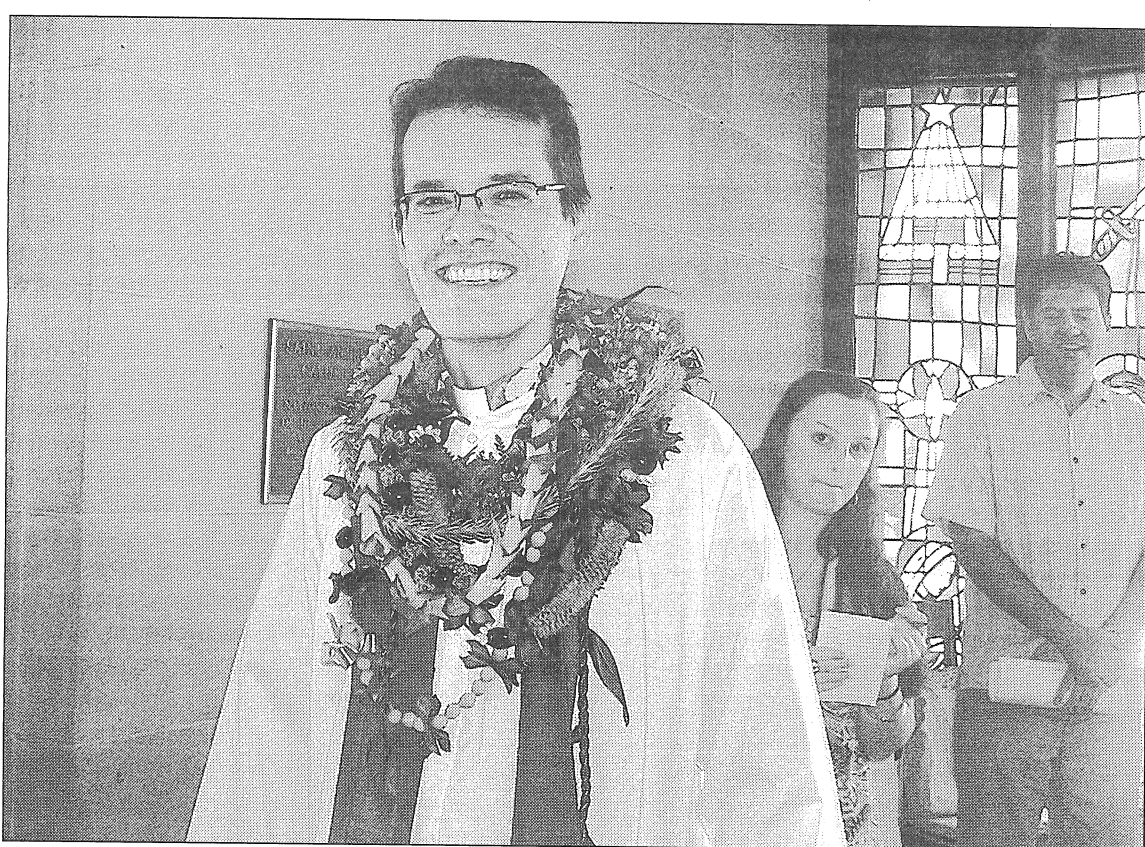
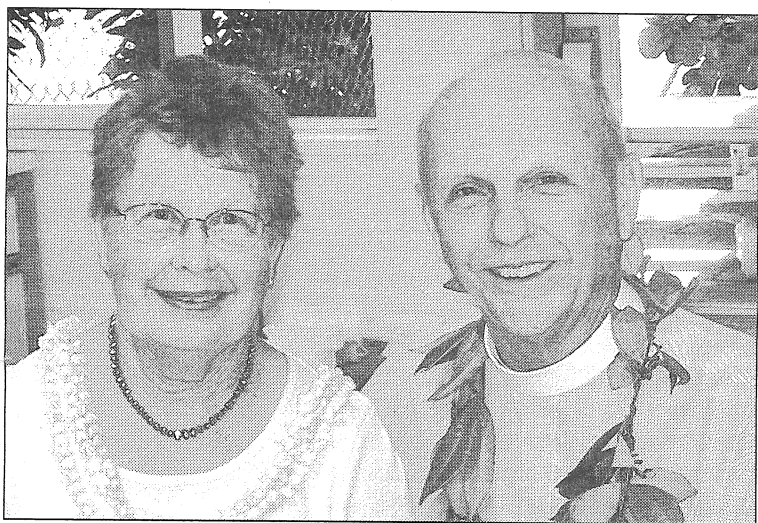
Workshop topics include liturgy and music planning for the church seasons, liturgical dance,

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environmental art, and community building resources. Fees (does not include lodging) are from \$175 to \$325, depending on registration date. For more information about the conference or about the Big Island Liturgy and Arts Center, go to: <http://www.bilac.org>.

# PEOPLE.COM NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE



UPPER LEFT: Anna Marie Kennedy and the Rev. David Kennedy, Interim Rector, on their first Sunday at Trinity by-the-Sea, Kihei, Maui, on August 5. (Photo by Laurie Anderson).

BOTTOM LEFT: The Rev. Robert DeWolfe, with The Rev. Elizabeth Kaeton, Rector of St. Paul's, Chatham NJ, and Rebekah DeWolfe, Rob's daughter, during DeWolfe's 'farewell' reception at St. Clement's. (Photo by Deborah Love)

ABOVE: The Rev. Robert 'Moki' Hino waits for the beginning of the joint 9 am service on his first Sunday as Associate to the Provost at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu on August 5. (Photo by Susan Hays)

## KENNEDYS WELCOMED AT TRINITY

Trinity Episcopal Church by-the-Sea in Kihei, Maui, welcomed Interim Rector, the Rev. David Kennedy and his wife, Anna Marie Kennedy, on August 5.

Cora Camarillo danced a hula during the service, accompanied by her husband Rama and son Kalae on ukulele.

A light continental breakfast reception was held after the church service so everyone could "mingle" and get acquainted with the Kennedys. It was a joyous occasion for all present.

Mahalo nui loa to the Kennedys for answering our prayers.

## KOPPEL RESIGNS FROM ALL SAINTS

The Rev. Mary Koppel has resigned as the Rector of All Saints, Kapa'a, Kaua'i, effective September 30.

She has accepted a position at Christ Church Cathedral in her hometown of New Orleans, and returns there with her husband, Mark Vicknair.

## SEABURY HALL CALLS WALMISLEY

The Rev. Andrew Walmisley, who recent-

ly moved to Maui from California, has been called as the Chaplain at Seabury Hall, Makawao. He comes with experience at schools in Manhattan and California.

## HINO BEGINS CATHEDRAL POST

The Rev. Robert "Moki" Hino has begun a position as Associate to the Provost at St. Andrew's Cathedral as of August 1. Hino moved from Maui to O'ahu earlier in the summer.

## DEWOLFE RETIRES 'AGAIN'

The Rev. Rob DeWolfe, who retired at

the end of 2005 but has been serving as the Assisting Priest at St. Clement's in Honolulu has retired "again. On August 12, the date of his last service at St. Clement's, the parish held a joyous celebration of his ministry. DeWolfe plans to move to Thailand.

## EDSON TO BEGIN SEMINARY

Heidi Edson, a member of Christ Church, Kealahou, Big Island, will begin seminary in September at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif., as part of the ordination process for the priesthood.



## Bishop Bob's faith journey on video

In May, Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick was one of two Bishops who addressed the regular monthly meeting of the Open Table, an ecumenical/interfaith group that meets in Honolulu on the first Wednesday of each month.

Both Bishop Fitzpatrick and Bishop Thomas Okano, recently installed as Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i, were asked to share their personal and faith journey towards their current ministries. An 80-minute VHS video was prepared from the meeting for those who want to hear what the bishops had to say.

Committed to sharing, learning, and listening, the Open Table embraces learning about all of the faith communities in Hawai'i. A number of Episcopalians regularly attend and participate.

For more information, or to order the video, call Willis Moore at 800-538-3950 or e-mail him at [profwillishamoore@gmail.com](mailto:profwillishamoore@gmail.com). You may also order the video by mail, at Hawai'i Geographic Society, P.O. Box 1698, Honolulu HI 96806-1698. The cost of the video

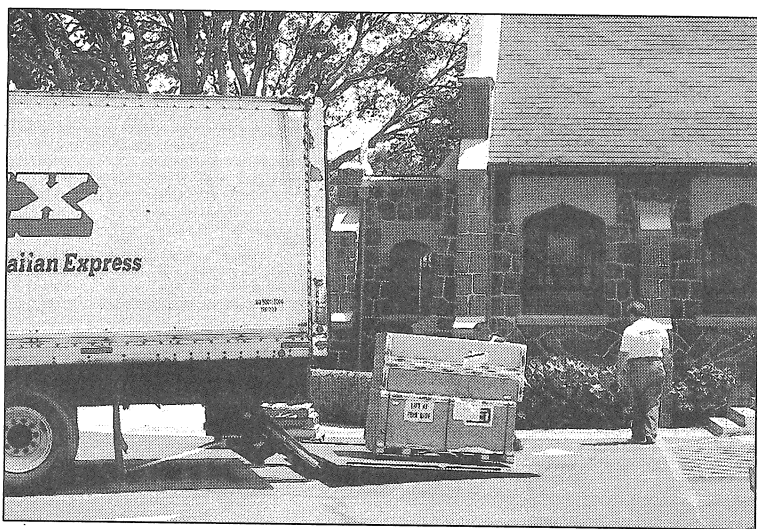


PHOTO BY DONALD MATSUMORI

In June a new organ arrived at Epiphany Church, Kaimuki, all the way from the Netherlands! The 'Opus 37' from the Johannus Organ Company in Amsterdam has three manuals (keyboards) and 42 pipe voices.

is \$10, which includes return postage.

## Epiphany lifting joyful noise to the Lord

A new organ has arrived at Epiphany Church in Kaimuki! The "Opus 37" is made by the Johannus Organ Company in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The organ has three manuals (keyboards) and comes standard with 42 pipe voices that were

recorded from classic organs around the world.

In addition, it will incorporate the existing pipes from the present Mohler organ. This will expand Epiphany's capability from four sets of pipes to the equivalent of more than 50 sets!

The new organ was given through a major gift from Dr. Donald Matsumori, with added gifts from the Genie Linscott and the Michi & Richard Okinaka memorial funds.

## School supply donation



PHOTO BY THE REV. JOHN CONNELL

In July, several people from St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, delivered school supplies to Waiialua Elementary School. The church had collected the supplies to donate to the school. Above, Waiialua Elementary School Principal Scott Moore, left, accepts the donations from (l-r) Bobbie Wonder, head of St. Stephen's food pantry; the Rev. Walter Stevens, Vicar; Harris Bonnell, Junior Warden; and Carol Connell, church secretary. Also shown is Carol Connell's granddaughter, Ashley, who is 'almost three.'

# Student in Good Shepherd athletic program breaks state weightlifting record

Layson "Tank" Hoewaa, a 14-year-old Baldwin High School student from Maui's Queen Emma Athletic Club set a State of Hawaii High School Clean & Jerk record of 301 pounds, in the Schoolage Superheavyweight class at the 2007 Aloha State games weightlifting meet held in June at Ward Warehouse.

Hoewaa broke the previous record of 292 pounds, established by former University of Hawai'i-Manoa offensive lineman and Lahainaluna graduate Lui Fuata in 1998.

At the age of 14, Hoewaa is the youngest person in the history of the sport in Hawai'i to have officially lifted more than 300 pounds in the Clean & Jerk. The feat also ranks him No. 1 in the United States in the school age 14-15 heavyweight class.

The Queen Emma Athletic Club is an outreach program of Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku, Maui, and in 2006 was one of the "Specials" of the Diocese's Episcopal Church Women, to which people could make monetary contributions.

The coach and coordinator of the Athletic Club is Kekuhaupio Akana, a member of Good Shepherd and retired deputy police chief of the Maui Police Department.

For more information about the program, contact Akana at 808-263-6783.

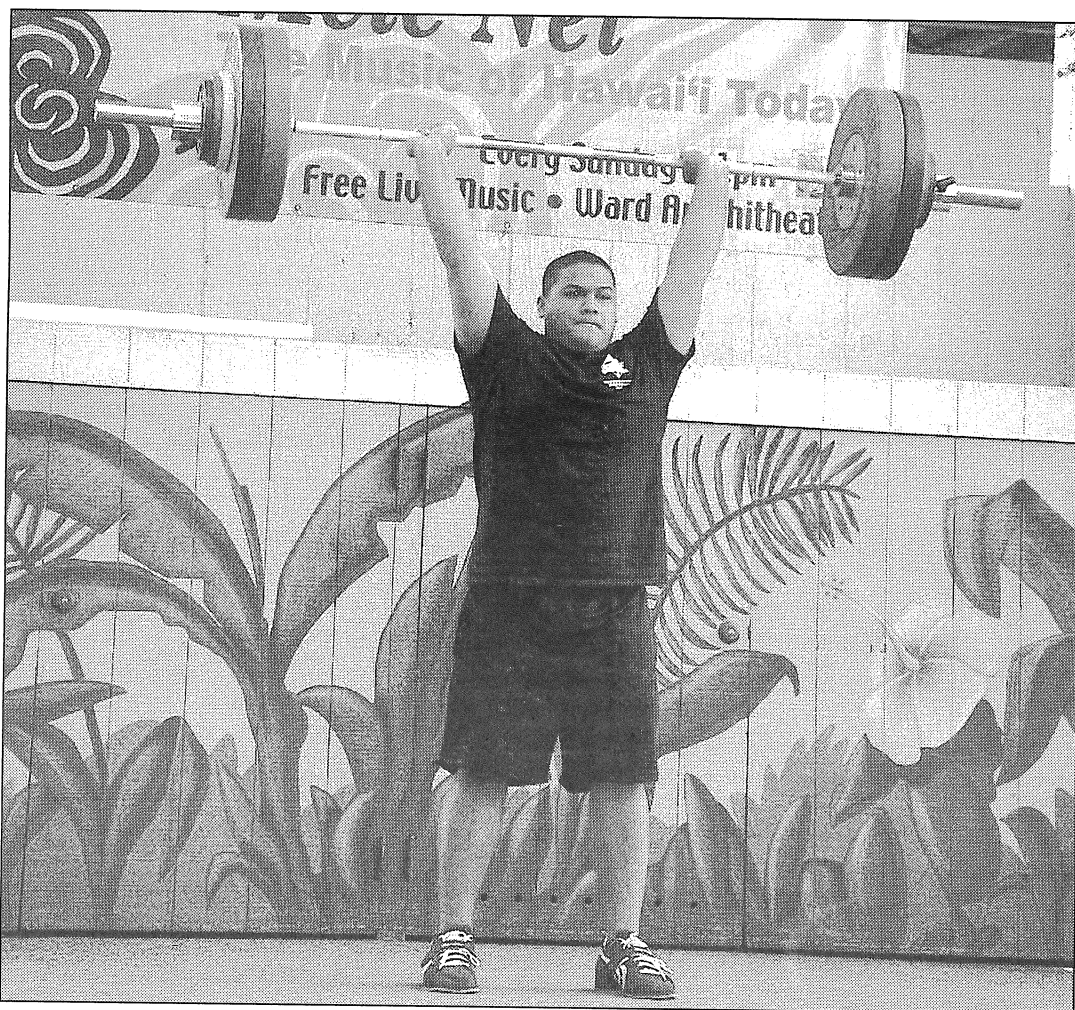


PHOTO BY CINDY AKANA

Layson 'Tank' Hoewaa holds a record-setting 301 pounds in the Clean & Jerk competition at the 2007 Aloha State Games in June. Hoewaa, 14, is a student in Good Shepherd's Queen Emma Athletic Club.

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Send E-News submissions to the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley, Canon for Communication and Ministry Development, at [LBeasley@episcopalhawaii.org](mailto:LBeasley@episcopalhawaii.org). The deadline is 8 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.



COMING SOON

www.episcopalhawaii.org/calendar/calendar.php

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 2 Pre-Convention Budget meetings at Good Shepherd, Wailuku, 3 pm, and at St. George's, 3 pm.
- Sept 3 Labor Day holiday; Office of the Bishop closed
- Sept 6 Resource Development Dept., 11:30 am
- Sept 8 ECW monthly meeting, Holy Nativity, Honolulu, 9:30 am-12:30 pm
- Sept 11 Deadline for registering for Convention  
Deadline for submitting Resolutions for consideration by Convention
- Sept 13 Commission on Ministry, 2 pm
- Sept 14 Standing Committee, 10:30 am
- Sept 15 Council Dept. meetings, 9 am  
Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm  
Commission on Diversity, 10 am, location TBA
- Sept. 20-25 House of Bishops meeting
- Sept 21 Deadline for requesting Exhibit space for Convention
- Sept 28 Deadline for November issue of Hawaiian Church Chronicle
- Sept 29 Community of Deacons meeting, St. Andrew's, 9 am
- Sept 30 Deadline for submitting Baptisms and Necrology for presentation to Convention
- Sept 30 Clergy Retreat, Camp Mokule'ia  
- Oct 2

OCTOBER

- Oct 4 Resource Development Dept., 11:30 am
- Oct 11 Commission on Ministry, 2 pm
- Oct 12 Standing Committee, 10:30 am
- Oct 13 Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting, 8 am-1 pm
- Oct 20 Council Dept. meetings, 9 am  
Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
- Oct 25 Clergy Community Dinner, 6:30 pm
- Oct 26 39th Annual Meeting of Diocesan Convention, St. Andrew's
- Oct 27 39th Annual Meeting of Diocesan Convention, Prince Kuhio Hotel, Waikiki
- Oct 30 Deadline for December/January issue of Hawaiian Church Chronicle

NOVEMBER

- Nov 8 Commission on Ministry, 2 pm
- Nov 9 Standing Committee, 10:30 am
- Nov 10 Episcopal Church Women meeting, Good Samaritan, Honolulu, 9:30 am-12:30 pm.
- Nov 12 Veterans Day, Office of the Bishop closed
- Nov 16-17 Diocesan Council retreat
- Nov 17 Diversity Commission
- Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving holiday, Office of the Bishop closed

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



St. Elizabeth members and friends gathered for three Saturdays to help build a Habitat for Humanity home in Wai'anae from the ground up. Back Row (l-r): Jack, Natalia, Anna Hildebrand, Mother Jodene Hawkins, David Kleinschmidt, Linda, Sasha Fegan, Sarah Kleinschmidt, Chase Pacupac. Front row (l-r): Tom Robillard, Jonah Okano, Kit Hawkins, Ed Fitzpatrick, and James Fitzpatrick.

AN UNCONVENTIONAL SATURDAY

Members and friends of St. Elizabeth's build a Habitat for Humanity Home

By Sasha Fegan

NEW HABITAT BUILDER  
AND FRIEND OF ST. ELIZABETH'S

For most, Saturday is a day designated for rest and relaxation. It is a much-needed opportunity to recuperate from the battering of a grueling week. The notion that a person would brave an extended drive out to the remote town of Ma'ili, near Wai'anae, for something other than a dip in its alluring ocean would seem to suggest self-destructive behavior.

This was not so for a mismatched group of St. Elizabeth Church members, loyal friends, and volunteers from other organizations who devoted three Saturdays to a Habit for Humanity project along the Wai'anae coast.

The gratification of helping the Johnson-Ho'ohuli family build a much-needed house was enough to make giving up eight hours on a Saturday a manageable feat.

When volunteers met for the first

time, the only things that many of them had in common were their duct-tape nametags and a desire to give something back to their community.

Both of these tools proved crucial as workers had to communicate, and maintain a positive attitude as they faced the unforgiving Waianae sun, and the tedious physical labor that comes with building such an intricate structure.

After hours of moving things back and forth, and persistent pounding, the hard work began to manifest itself as the bottom level of a house. To passersby, this may have appeared to be an insignificant feat, but all of those involved knew of the diligence it took to make the first level of a house.

As volunteers met for the next two Saturdays, things continued to grow more and more difficult as the house began to take shape. The reality of creating a house now seemed tangible, but volunteers were forced to face any queasiness they may have had about heights, as they worked above ground

on narrow catwalks.

The caution that came with handling potentially dangerous equipment and heavy lumber tested the patience and camaraderie of volunteers. Each person had to keep his/her wits in the midst of stressful, not to mention scorching hot, situations. The only relief from these conditions was the steady supply of water and snacks provided by St. Elizabeth's Church, and the excellent company of motivated volunteers.

At the end of the last day of construction, volunteers left the site with a significantly improved vision of how the finished product would appear. Windows were in place, rafters were set, and the front door was ready to swing open.

Although there was still a lot of work to do, as volunteers walked away from the site for what would be, for some, their last Saturday on site, there was an undeniable sense of accomplishment that came from seeing the foundation of a structure that would be enjoyed by a family for many years to come.



Happy 95th Birthday!

The Rev. Burton Linscott and members of Epiphany Church in Kaimuki celebrated Linscott's 95th birthday in July. Linscott was rector at Epiphany from 1950 to 1978.

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