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'Tell the Story' at '07 convention

By the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley

CHRONICLE EDITOR

A year ago this October, the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i elected Robert Fitzpatrick to be its diocesan Bishop. And this October 26-27, the clergy and lay delegates to Convention gather for its first annu-

al meeting with Fitzpatrick at the helm.

As in prior years, the Convention will meet at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu, for the Friday portion of the meeting, and then on Saturday move to a hotel in Waikiki. This year, as last, that venue will be the Prince Kuhio Waikiki Hotel on Kuhio Avenue.



A few new features will characterize the meeting this year. Fitzpatrick has chosen a theme for the meeting: "You Are Called to Tell the Story." The theme comes from a song of the same name by Ruth Duck (music by Marty Haugen, published by GIA Music). Duck happens to have been one of the readers for

Fitzpatrick's Doctor of Ministry in Preaching project. In his July Chronicle column, Bishop Fitzpatrick wrote, "I hope the whole Diocese can learn this hymn. It challenges us to make Christ known in all that we say and do."

A chaplain also will be addressing the

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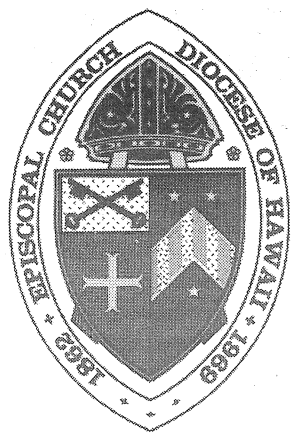
Diocese joins in celebration of 'Iolani Palace's 125th



PHOTO BY KIT HAWKINS

On August 17, Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick and the Very Rev. Timothy Sexton, Provost of St. Andrew's Cathedral, took part in the 125th anniversary celebration of 'Iolani Palace. Bishop Fitzpatrick offered the opening and closing prayers. Here, Sexton, left, and Fitzpatrick join the opening procession from the Kauikaeouli Gate to the Palace Throne Room.

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Episcopal schools have unique calling

Aloha i Akua,

I have been quite involved at the St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls these past few weeks. Without a chaplain, the Interim Head of School, Sandy Theunick, has asked me to bless the school grounds and to explain to the faculty the meaning of being an Episcopal school. I have met with the faculty twice. For many reasons, the religion department of the school has become less and less Episcopalian. Theunick is convinced that the strength of the school is being a diocesan school and that being Episcopalian is core to its unique identity. With other clergy from central Honolulu, I will regularly be part of the school's chapel liturgies.

I have been reflecting on the place of schools and especially the Priory in our life as a Diocese.

What is the relationship of the Saint Andrew's Priory School for Girls to the Episcopal Church and how does it compare to other secondary schools related to the Episcopal Church?

The Saint Andrew's Priory School for Girls is an Episcopal school and part of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i. The school is located on land owned by the Episcopal Church, the Bishop must be a member of the Board, all worship must be conducted according to the form authorized by the Episcopal Church, and the membership of the school that elects the Board is the Council of the Diocese (the body elected by our diocesan Convention to govern the Diocese). Because of the relationship and governance, it is a diocesan school that the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i has entrusted to a board, administration, and faculty to educate girls in keeping with the vision of the Episcopal Church. This is the only diocesan school. This is our school.

Seabury Hall on Maui is an independent



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

school affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Part of the land on which the school sits is owned by the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i. The Bishop and one priest are to sit on the Board, and the Head of School must be an Episcopalian if there is no Episcopal chaplain. There is currently an Episcopal chaplain. Episcopalians serve on the Board of Trustees.

'Iolani School in Honolulu is related by tradition to the Episcopal Church. The Bishop sits on the Board, there must an Episcopal chaplain, and clergy serve on the faculty. Because of a long and honored history and a profound mutual respect, the relationship between the Diocese and 'Iolani School remains strong. We continue to be "One Team."

Though originally founded in 1949 as the Hawaii Episcopal Academy, Hawaii Preparatory Academy on the Big Island is a completely independent coeducational school. The chapel on campus was given by the Davies family as a consecrated sanctuary of the Episcopal Church, and Episcopal priests have usually served the school as chaplain. The school currently has no chaplain and is not planning on filling the position. Local Episcopal clergy help out from time to time with the chapel. The Episcopal Church is always prepared and most willing to serve the HPA community in light of our shared history.

The only parish-related day school (K-6) is Holy Nativity. There are several parish-related preschools and nurseries.



Help communications ministry help you

It's been a busy year for the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*. We started off in February with a 12-page issue honoring retiring Bishop Richard Chang. That was followed two months later with another 12-page issue reporting on the ordination of our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick.

With the beginning of a new diocesan bishop's tenure, there has been much to include in these pages over the past months. We have taken a new tack this year, by connecting the themes of the issues to topics discussed in the books on Bishop Fitzpatrick's "Bishop's Reading List": four books that Fitzpatrick asked the Diocese to read over the course of the year, one for each quarter. The general themes have been congregational development, the call to ordained ministry, "what can one person do," and the Diocese working together to carry out God's mission.

This is all a preface to saying two things: First, I hope to continue with a "theme" approach to the *Chronicle*, especially with things that will help you in your discipleship and ministry. Bishop Fitzpatrick has said that his emphasis is on strengthening



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CHRONICLE EDITOR

the congregations of the Diocese. I want the *Chronicle* to be a vehicle in this work.

Second, your monetary contribution helps carry out the communications ministry of the *Chronicle*. Each year we enclose an envelope in one issue of the *Chronicle*; it is here in this issue. Usually during the year we have a couple "four-pagers." Because the cost of production is higher the more pages we print, these smaller issues help to offset the cost of bigger issues. Although I still don't know about November, it is doubtful that we will have a four-page issue this year.

In addition, *Episcopal Life*, for whom we are a "printing partner," published a special August issue this year on the Millennium Development Goals. Even though the *Chronicle* does not publish an August issue, I chose to have the *Episcopal Life* sent to all

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.

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

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

December

Dec 9 Resurrection, Hilo,
& St. Columba's, Paauilo, Big Island
Dec 16 Grace, Moloka'i
Dec 24 St. Andrew's Cathedral
late Christmas Eve service

What are the principal qualities that distinguish a school as Episcopal?

Following is the answer given by the National Association of Episcopal Schools (from their Web site www.episcopalschools.org/about/):

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About our deadlines

You will notice that in the column to the left (the "masthead"), beginning this month two upcoming deadlines are printed instead of only one. Our printer pointed out to us that printing the deadline for the next month's issue is usually pointless, since most people will receive their issue after the deadline has passed. So we are printing two upcoming deadlines. Remember, the *Chronicle* deadline is about a month before the date of the issue.

the households on our mailing list. I have received word that *Episcopal Life* will continue to print an August issue; sending this to our mailing list will be an additional expense to us.

In short, the production of the *Chronicle* is a line item in the diocesan budget, and we are glad to send it and *Episcopal Life* free to all members of the Diocese of Hawai'i. However, if you can make a contribution to help offset the cost, I (and those overseeing the budget) would be grateful!

Task Force urges attention to Strategic Plan

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Task Force charged with submitting a report to the Convention on implementation of the diocesan Strategic Plan has submitted this report for the review by the Diocese.

Introduction

In December 2006, Bishop Richard Chang appointed the 2007 Strategic Plan Evaluation and Implementation Task Force to review the progress of the Diocese in living into the Strategic Plan adopted by the 36th Annual Meeting of the Convention (2004). The Task Force was also charged to challenge the Diocese to more fully live into the Plan and to report to the 39th Annual Meeting of the Convention (2007) on its findings.

The members of the Task Force are: The Rev. Joseph Carr, Alfredo Evangelista, Esq., Ms. Betty Hirozawa, The Rev. Russell Johnson, Ms. Barbara Lei Kalipi, Mr. Brent Mizutani, and Mr. William W. Watkins.

To do our work, the Task Force members met with Bishop Chang, Bishop Fitzpatrick, Canon Beasley, and various other members of the clergy. We have also reviewed each goal in the Plan, the specific plans for implementation contained in the Plan, and the actions of the Diocesan Council to implement the Plan since its adoption.

The Strategic Plan

The Plan was adopted with the following four goals:

1. Convert Our Hearts to Accept Jesus' Gospel Message and to Live in a Deep Relationship with God.
2. Transform the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i and Congregations to Vital and Vibrant Faith Communities.
3. Evangelize to Share God's Love in Our Communities.
4. Reducing the Structure and Adminis-

tration Costs of the Diocese so That its Operations, Including its Bodies, are Focused on Supporting Transformation and Growth.

The Plan proposed specific suggestions and actions to implement these goals.

What the Task Force found

There are disconnects between the vision for the Diocese as laid out in the Plan adopted in 2004 and the current life of our Diocese.

In one sense it seems that many people thought the Plan was meant for others and not for them. For example, at a Diocesan Council retreat just after the Plan was adopted, one Council member announced: "We're already doing that, so we don't have to worry about it." This sentiment appeared to be shared by many on the Council.

A number of people contributed many

great ideas that were incorporated into the Plan. But we have to ask, "Where did all those people with great ideas go?" after it was adopted.

Some progress in implementation is being made, but it has been slow. One bright spot is that the Diocesan Council has required all Commissions, Missions, and other bodies that ask for financial support to train their leadership in strategic planning. The Council also requires these bodies to justify how the financial support they seek will advance the goals in the Plan.

However, to make the Plan a living, breathing part of the life of all Hawai'i's Episcopalians and of all Parishes and Missions and other parts of our Diocese, we need to kindle a passion and a thirst for spiritual and structural transformation. We need to accept change with open arms for

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Priory

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"The answer is that they are Christian communities whose missions integrate spiritual formation into all aspects of the educational experience. Episcopal schools are most distinctive when they are true to this mission and when they do so in the graceful and inclusive manner which is the hallmark of the Anglican approach to education over the centuries.

"All Christian communities, even the most ecumenical and diverse of Episcopal schools, are upheld by the basic principles of the Baptismal Covenant. As expressed in *The Book of Common Prayer*, this Covenant maintains that individuals and institutions are called by God to adopt certain fundamental disciplines and dispositions in order to embrace fully their basic identities. As embodiments of the Christian faith, Episcopal schools are created to be communities that honor, celebrate and worship God as the center of life. They are created to be models of God's love and grace. They are created to serve God in Christ in all persons, regardless of origin, background, ability, or religion. They are created to 'strive for justice and peace among all people and [to] respect the dignity of every human being.' These principles are the basis on which identity and vocation are to be defined in Episcopal schools.

What are the basic principles of the Baptismal Covenant and what might that mean for Priory students as students of our diocesan school?

The Baptismal Covenant is a series of questions and answers that is part of the Baptismal liturgy in the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer* (pages 304-305). It includes the Apostles' Creed and five additional questions. Those questions are below, with my reflection on what they mean for Priory students below each one.

1. *Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?* I will, with God's help.

The students at the Priory will regularly worship in the form of the Episcopal Church and The Book of Common Prayer, including weekly prayer and occasional Holy Communion that is welcoming of all Christians who seek to receive the Sacrament, but does not ostracize those of other faiths — or of no faith at all.

2. *Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?* I will, with God's help.

The students of the Priory will recognize personal failings (seeking personal transformation) and the need to strive for the common good with humility and respect, and to further be aware of societal sins such as racism, sexism, homophobia, and materialism and their place as citizens

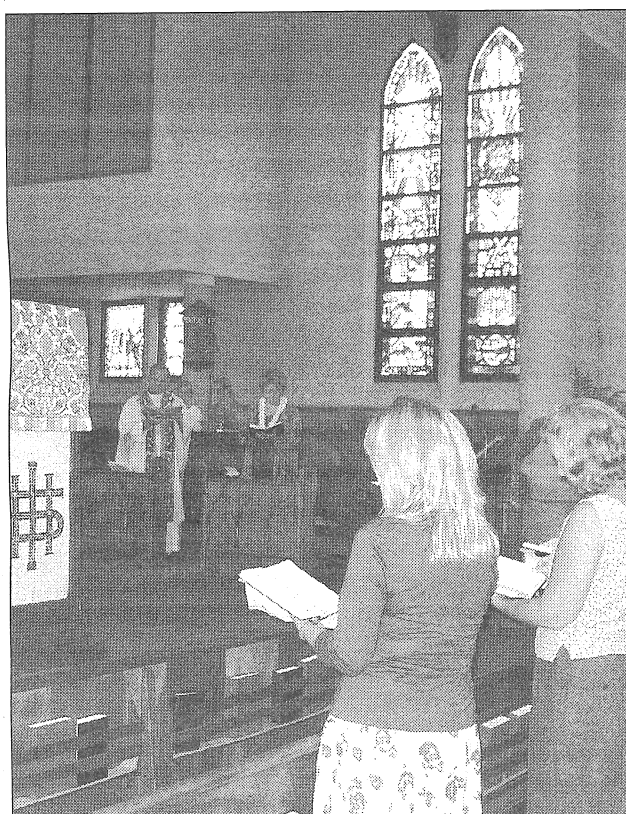


PHOTO BY THE REV. CANON LIZ BEASLEY

Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick, left, and Interim Head Sandy Theunick (next to the Bishop, wearing a lei) conduct a Eucharist service at St. Peter's Church for the faculty of the Priory prior to the opening of the school year. The service followed Bishop Fitzpatrick blessing all the rooms at the Priory.

and people of faith in correcting such corporate ills.

3. *Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?* I will, with God's help.

The students of the Priory will be knowledgeable about and appreciative of the Bible as the source document of the faith of Christianity and the Episcopal Church in keeping with the developmental needs of the girls and in a way that is neither literalist nor fundamentalist, and respects the historical-critical method and intellectual inquiry, with openness and a willingness to engage difficult contemporary questions. Further, they can appreciate that faith must invite reflection on personal actions and values in a way that is neither judgmental of others nor oppressive, and engages the modern world with spiritual depth and intellectual openness in light of scientific knowledge and cultural sensitivity. The graduates of the Priory will be able to articulate their own core values as reflected in their personal faith experience in the context of an education at the Priory as an Episcopal school.

4. *Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your*

neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

The students of the Priory will be knowledgeable about and appreciative of other perspectives, cultures, and religions, seeking the truth in other traditions and serving all others as sisters and brothers in a loving God. They will do so with respect and in a non-coercive way that is in keeping with the inclusive nature of the Episcopal Church.

5. *Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?* I will, with God's help.

The students of the Priory will be formed as active agents of justice and peace who can connect their own understanding of faith and spirituality with their actions as citizens of the community, nation, and world.

What does this have to do with the legacy of Queen Emma?

When King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma asked Queen Victoria of Great Britain to send a Bishop ordained by the Church of England to help found a royal Church in their kingdom, it was to establish a Church that was liturgically full with rich pageantry befitting a monarchy, orderly with a bishop, consciously not Protestant or like the New England Congregationalist missionaries, and more open to Native Hawaiian ways. An outgrowth of the Royal Couple's relationship to the Church was the founding of the Saint Andrew's Priory School for Girls (and Iolani School). Their commitment to the health of their subjects resulted in the founding of Queen's Hospital.

The Queen's legacy must be understood as a trinitarian whole of the Spiritual, the Intellectual, and the Physical. The School's mission as an Episcopal School is to address this trinity to nurture spiritually grounded, intellectually engaged, physically aware young women to be involved citizens and active leaders in their faith communities, local communities, the nation, and the world. This is not a vision stone cold in the past, but one that must be reinterpreted, renewed, and engaged with each new class of girls.

We have a responsibility to care for and support all of the schools historically related to the Episcopal Church (as the parents of Iolani graduates, Bea and I certainly know we have a special responsibility to support it). Certain congregations must be nurturing and supportive of their own Day School and preschools. As our only diocesan school, however, we collectively as a Diocese have a special responsibility for St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls. I certainly hope every Episcopal family on Oahu will at least consider sending their daughters and granddaughters to our diocesan School. I also encourage donations to the Priory's Annual Fund drive [St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls, 224 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813; (808) 536-6102; www.priory.net]. Our schools are part of our legacy and our future.

*Aloha i Iesu Kristo ko makou Kaku,
+Bob*

CANDIDATES FOR DIOCESAN POSITIONS: To be elected at Convention

The diocesan Convention, at its annual meeting on October 26-27, will elect clergy and lay people to diocesan positions. Convention will also elect deputies, both clergy and lay, to represent the Diocese at the meeting of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim, Calif., in 2009.

Her are the nominations received at press time, as well as a brief description of each office. This year, each nominee was asked to answer the following questions:

1. What are the dreams, experiences

and/or skills in your life that lead you to be open to the call to serve in this ministry (the position in the Church for which you have been nominated)?

2. What is the single greatest opportunity for mission that you see open to the Church

(your congregation, your Diocese, and/or The Episcopal Church) in the next five years?

3. What is your single greatest concern for the health of the Church (your congregation, your Diocese, and/or the Episcopal Church) right now?

STANDING COMMITTEE

Elect 1 clergy and 1 lay for 4-year terms. Serves as the Bishop's Council of Advice. Performs duties as specified by the General and Diocesan Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Hawai'i. Serves as the Ecclesiastical authority when there is no bishop.

CLERGY

The Rev. Hollis Wright

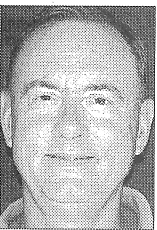


Job/Vocation: Vicar, St. Nicholas
Church/community ministries: Instructor, Spiritual Development, diocesan class, 1996; Youth Minister, St. Christopher's, 1991-93; Past President, Hawaii Society of Corporate Planners

Dreams/experiences/skills: My dream for our diocese is that it be growing and vibrant, holding to the traditions of our denomination yet embracing the future to which God calls us.
Greatest opportunity for mission: I believe our opportunity lies in tapping the depth of talent and experience within our congregations and using that wealth of wisdom and ability to open wide the doors of our churches.
Greatest concern: That we continue to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and not lose hope or become mired in disagreements which keep us from spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

LAY

William Skelton



Job/Vocation: Retired computer engineer
Church: St. Michael & All Angels, Lihue
Church/community ministries: Convention delegate, 2004-07; Bishop Search Committee, Standing Committee (few months in a vacated position); Vestry, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Web site manager

Dreams/experiences/skills: Educated as an engineer, I have been trained to be focused, disciplined, and logical. Over the years, I have been blessed and enriched by parish ministry and leadership. I am serving on the Standing Committee (in a vacated position). I feel a call to continue in this ministry.
Greatest opportunity for mission: The greatest opportunity for mission is reaching out to youth, disadvantaged, and unchurched people. We can be creative in identifying and implementing relevant, meaningful, and flexible programs that are spiritually sound to reach these groups. Our scope can and should be broad.
Greatest concern: The turmoil in the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church is divisive and distracting. Let's focus on mission and ministry. We can work within the Communion while maintaining our Episcopal traditions. Being faithful to our Gospel call, we can become one church with many "missionary outposts."

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

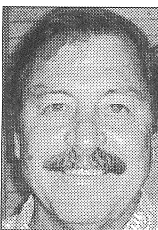
Elect two clergy and four lay, each for 3-year terms
Exercises the power of the Convention and performs planning and policy making between meetings of Convention. Oversees the policies, programs, mission, and budget of the Diocese and may initiate new work. Also is the legal corporate body of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i and, as such, is responsible for the business and property of the Church. The departments of the Council are: Resource Development; Justice, Peace and Partnerships; Transformation and Evangelism; and Family, Youth, and Young Adult.

CLERGY

No nominations had been received at press time.

LAY

Kent W. Comstock



Job/Vocation: Business Manager/Company Director
Church: St. Christopher's, Kailua
Church/community ministries: Volunteer, Veterans Administration; Committee member, St. Nicholas land acquisition task force; usher, server at State Hospital Dinner at St. Christopher's

Dreams/experiences/skills: I have been in policy making and general management positions for most of my working life. I have started, turned around, and operated businesses here in Hawaii and overseas for over 30 years. I would hope that my management and leadership experience might be of benefit to the Church.
Greatest opportunity for mission: Under the leadership of a new Bishop I see great opportunity for the Church in Hawai'i to end the divisiveness extant in the church membership over mostly national issues and to promulgate specific outreach programs that would involve all the parishes in the Diocese. Get everyone working together.
Greatest concern: My single greatest concern is that the many challenges currently facing the church will not be addressed in a thoughtful and deliberate way and that the wishes and feelings of the "silent majority" of church members will be ignored as they have been in the past.

John A. Decker, Jr.



Job/Vocation: Guitar maker & entrepreneur
Church: Good Shepherd, Wailuku
Church/community ministries: Standing Committee, 2003-07; Diocesan Council, 2000-03; Senior Warden, Good Shepherd, 1990-2006

Dreams/experiences/skills: I have served the Church over many years in a wide variety of ways, from Cursillo to the Standing Committees of two dioceses, and including serving as Senior Warden of two parishes and as Lay Deputy to the last General Convention. I would like to offer this experience to the service of the Diocese.
Greatest opportunity for mission: I feel the Church's greatest opportunity is to reach out with Christ's love to those in our communities who are not involved in any faith group and whose lives are being negatively impacted by the stresses of modern life.
Greatest concern: My greatest concern is that the Church will focus on its myriad internal problems — from Communion-wide issues to congregational financial stresses — to the detriment of our proclamation of the Gospel.

Dorothy B. Douthit



Job/Vocation: Professor of Education, Hawaii Pacific University
Church: St. Andrew's Cathedral
Church/community ministries: Hawaiian Choir, 20 years; Workers of St. Andrew's; Treasurer of Cathedral Foundation

Dreams/experiences/skills: I have a wide, varied background in administration of not-for-profit organizations (for example, 29 years as Head of School at the Academy of the Pacific and more than 20 years as part of what is now the Pacific Gateway Center but was originally the Kalihi Palama Immigrant Center started in 1973 by the Council of Churches).
Greatest opportunity for mission: I see the greatest need being to minister to the youth and their parents.
Greatest concern: I am excited by the new energy I feel at St. Andrew's right now and want to see it continue to grow.

Pamela M. McCoy



Job/Vocation: Volunteer
Church: St. Clement's, Honolulu
Church/community ministries: Two 3-year terms on Diocesan Council; current Vestry member, heading up community ministries; Education for Ministry mentor,

10 years
Dreams/experiences/skills: I am passionate about congregational development. I have seen how churches can grow healthier and stronger. I want to share what I have learned and to work with others so that strangers will want to come to churches throughout our Diocese to learn about God's love.
Greatest opportunity for mission: We have the opportunity now, using our talents, to work together in new ways, reaching out and helping our neighbors who have less. We can feed the hungry, tutor children and immigrants, house the homeless. Doing this, working together, "they will know we are Christians by our love"; they will come.
Greatest concern: Complacency. Hiding our talents, not using them to reach out to others, stinking with individual or individual church efforts rather than working together, being content with things as they are. Avoiding those who are different, who look at the world differently, who understand God in other ways.

Amy L. Null



Job/Vocation: Teacher
Church: St. Michael & All Angels, Lihue
Church/community ministries: Vestry; Eucharistic Minister; Hospitality and Membership Committee Chair
Dreams/experiences/skills: I was educated in Episcopal schools and currently serve as a member of the Vestry of St. Michael and All Angels in Lihue. This experience combined with my dream to be more active in the church has led me to seek nomination for Diocesan Council.

Greatest opportunity for mission: The greatest opportunity for the church is to be open, i.e., open to people who bring their differences to the table, and want to believe. Jesus lived his life among the people. We, as a church, have the opportunity and challenge to welcome these people into the Life of Christ.

Greatest concern: Acceptance is my greatest concern for the church. Membership is declining, and one reason is the lack of acceptance. It is sad when members leave the church because they cannot accept the lifestyles of others. We need to accept all of our members as children of God.

Ernesto C. Pasalo, Jr.

Job/Vocation: Student
Church: St. Peter's, Honolulu
Church/community ministries: Emerging Generation Commission; Happening Youth Program; Vocare Young Adult Program
Dreams/experiences/skills: After many years participating and working with youth and young adults I have watched many youth grow physically and spiritually. I want to be sure that we continue to reach out to them.
Greatest opportunity for mission: A great opportunity for the Episcopal Church is to use their resources, like the MacCray Center, to reach out to he students at the college level.
Greatest concern: One concern that I have is about the decrease of members in a congregation due to the loss of interest. Many go to other denominations to fulfill their spiritual needs.

Victoria A. Secretario

Job/Vocation: Substitute Elementary School Teacher
Church: St. Michael and All Angels, Lihue
Church/community ministries: St. Michael's Women's Bible Study Group leader; Vestry; served on Diocesan Council 8 years ago
Dreams/experiences/skills: My business background. I have a B.A. in Business Administration. Past treasurer for St. Michael's for over 6 years. Former leader for Children's Ministry. Dreams to have loving church families throughout the Diocese.
Greatest opportunity for mission: Ministry to our children, youth, and young adults. Without this segment, our Church will continue to shrink and die off.
Greatest concern: How do we involve more individuals, who are there every Sunday, but are not involved in any other ministry. It is very disheartening when people feel they did their share in the past.

Mimi Wu

Job/Vocation: Retired medical technologist
Church: St. Peter's, Honolulu
Church/community ministries: Chair, Outreach Committee, St. Peter's; member, Congregational Health & Growth Commission; Province VIII Network Coordinator of Asian Ministries

Dreams/experiences/skills: I hope to use my bilingual skills to share God's message and to invite all people to embark on a journey of a lifetime with Christ.
Greatest opportunity for mission: Evangelize to share the Good News of God's love.
Greatest concern: Aging congregations and declining membership.

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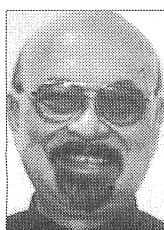
GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY

Deputies represent the Diocese of Hawai'i in the House of Deputies. Both Deputies and Alternates need to attend the Convention and will meet in caucus several times prior to the Convention as well as daily during the Convention.

Elect four clergy deputies and four clergy alternates AND four lay deputies and four lay alternates, each for a term of three years, commencing with the 76th General Convention in Anaheim, Calif., July 8-17, 2009.

CLERGY

Darrow Kakanui Aiona



Job/Vocation: Retired Rector, St. Mark's

Church/community ministries: Member, Commission on Native Hawaiian Ministry; Past member, Standing Committee; Past deputy, General Convention; Trustee, Queen's Medical Center

Dreams/experiences/skills: I am a Native Hawaiian, a priest of 44 years, whose ministry has been mostly in the Diocese of Hawai'i. I connect with the past, the present, and the future of this Diocese.

Greatest opportunity for mission: We have the opportunity of growing into an inclusive diocese of many ethnic groups mirroring Hawai'i's people and raising up local clergy.

Greatest concern: I am a convert to the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion and am committed that our church will always be part of the Anglican Communion.

William (Bill) H. Allport



Job/Vocation: Rector, St. Peter's, Honolulu

Church/community ministries: Vice President, Diocesan Council, and Chair of Family, Youth, and Young Adult Dept., 2004-present; Compensation Review Commission, 2004-present; Board Member, Honolulu Chapter, Habitat for Humanity, 2006-present

Dreams/experiences/skills: Growing up in Anglican congregations across the Western Hemisphere, I have a passion for the breadth and diversity of the relationships and mission within our Church. As a member and priest of a generation nearly absent from the Episcopal Church, I refuse to allow our Community to miss or lose another generation of the Body of Christ.

Greatest opportunity for mission: The Episcopal Church, the Diocese, and our congregations must be bodies that are connecting the experience of our lives with the expression of God in Jesus Christ. Our opportunity and gift to all God's people is in the preparing and sending out of one another to show the love of God in the transformation of communities and to share the understanding of God's love we receive along our journeys of faith.

Greatest concern: Distraction from being God's people in the world sharing the life and transformation of Christ. We are not a nonprofit community organization, a social club, a political action group, or a removed cadre of mystic hermits. We are the Church, the continued expression of the loving presence of God, received in Jesus Christ, to, in, and for the world.

Elizabeth (Liz) P. Beasley



Job/Vocation: Canon for Communication & Ministry Development, Office of the Bishop

Church/community ministries: Editor, Hawaiian Church Chronicle, 1999-2001, 2005-present; Commission on Ministry, 2000-01, 2002-05,

chair, 2003-05; Clergy in charge, at different times, of three congregations in the Diocese

Dreams/experiences/skills: I have a broad spectrum of experience in the Diocese, having served three congregations (one each military, Hawaiian, and Neighbor Island) and now, as a member of the Bishop's staff, interacting with a number of congregations in the Diocese. My dream is for increasingly faithful and vital congregations, here and nationally.

Greatest opportunity for mission: To present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, so that we are not conformed to this world, but may be transformed by the power of Christ and so discern and live before others what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect (borrowing from Romans 12:1-2).

Greatest concern: My concern is that we will squander the opportunity to be transformed by focusing on personal agendas, safeguarding what keeps us comfortable (as individuals and congregations), infighting, or trying to be a social club or social service agency instead of a holy people and the Body of Christ.

Marvin Lee Foltz



Job/Vocation: Rector, Good Shepherd, Wailuku

Church/community ministries: Camp Mokule'ia Board, Maui Police Chaplaincy, Faith Action for Community Equity

Dreams/experiences/skills: I am committed to ministries of reconciliation and evangelism.

These are critical needs and guiding principles at this time in the life of the church. These ministries have been the substance of my life in service for nearly 35 years.

Greatest opportunity for mission: We can connect the beauty, grace, and tolerant attitude of the Episcopal Church to this rising generation and join them in service to the world.

Greatest concern: My greatest concern is the need for ministries of discipleship. Salvation is a gift, but discipleship is hard. The Episcopal Church, our Diocese, and my parish need to understand and embrace the costs of discipleship.

Robert (Moki) Hino



Job/Vocation: Associate to the Provost, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu

Church/community ministries: Design Team member, Episcopal Youth Event 2008; Diocesan Council; Commission on Ministry

Dreams/experiences/skills:

During seminary and over the course of my professional ministry, I have engaged in service to the Episcopal Church at both diocesan and national levels. I am organized, can listen well, and enjoy engaging in conversation with people across the breadth of the Episcopal Church.

Greatest opportunity for mission: The greatest opportunity for mission that I see open to the Church in the next five years is inclusivity, of those both inside and outside the Church. I feel that we can do this by honoring the Gospel for the feast day of Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma (Matthew 25:31-40).

Greatest concern: My single greatest concern for the health of the Church is continuing the momentum to move from maintenance to mission, which also lives into the Gospel mandate for the feast day of Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma.

John Clyde Millen



Job/Vocation: Retired, Supply, Interim training, volunteer

Church/community ministries: Pastor in congregations & schools since 1974; Honorary Associate, St. Timothy's, Alea; many diocesan responsibilities including alternate clergy deputy to General Convention; Area Coordinator in the Pacific for U.S. Naval Academy admissions

Dreams/experiences/skills: At a time in which the Episcopal Church has made significant progress in becoming more inclusive, I hope that we can

continue to reach out to everyone in the name of Christ. In a spirit of reconciliation within the family, this is our great opportunity within the larger Christian church.

Greatest opportunity for mission: While many of us are tired of internal struggles within the Episcopal Church/Anglican Communion, we are always on the cusp of something much greater. Catch the excitement of evangelizing for the sake of spreading Good News and simply loving people, and strife in the family will be appropriately eclipsed!

Greatest concern: Being right seems too often more important than being generous! The Church is no longer leading the way towards God's mercy, at least to the extent we can. "The religions of the Book" (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) in their fullest sense must provide more attractive alternatives in our secularized world.

Heather M. Mueller-Fitch



Job/Vocation: Rector, St. John's, Kula

Church/community ministries: Maui Rotary Club – Family of Rotary; President, Hawaii Council of Churches for 5 years; Founder of Kula Community Association

Dreams/experiences/skills: I

have served the church on National Boards, Diocesan Councils, and in the trenches as Rector of St. John's, Kula. My ministry started in this Diocese in 1978.

Greatest opportunity for mission: I believe we have the greatest opportunity to support seekers and people on their spiritual pilgrimage vis-à-vis meaningful liturgies and programs in the church.

Greatest concern: My greatest concern for the health of the church is for all of us to be committed to our faith. We all need to be reminded of our Baptismal promises and be supported as we strive to live them.

Timothy W. Sexton



Job/Vocation: Provost, Cathedral Church of St. Andrew

Church/community ministries: Attendance at 1991 and 1994 General Conventions from Diocese of Utah; Involvement with Province VIII, 1989-96; Member of Commission on Ministry, 2004-present in Hawai'i, 1998-2004 in Diocese of Olympia

Dreams/experiences/skills: I have always been optimistic about the Episcopal Church and continue to believe that we have a lot to offer. I have a broad range of ordained experience in and with the church. I served as a Deacon for 7 years. As a priest for the past 24 years I have served in missions, parishes, and diocesan staffs.

Greatest opportunity for mission: I agree with Kirk Hadaway that the greatest opportunity for all of us is to become real congregations. For him "real" means communities of faith where the sacred is experienced in life-transforming ways, and where Christian faith becomes incarnate in the life of a congregation and its members. Then, I believe, we will be real missionaries.

Greatest concern: My greatest concern for the health of the church is that we will become so inwardly focused that we will neglect our neighbors, the people of the world, who don't have the luxury of choice as they struggle just to survive.

Elizabeth A. Zivanov



Job/Vocation: Rector, St. Clement's, Honolulu

Church/community ministries: Deputy, General Convention, 2006; President, Standing Committee; Active participant, House of Bishops and Deputies listserv

Dreams/experiences/skills: I

have come to understand my ministry as a deputy (GC06) as one of change and reconciliation. As part of a group whose members significantly disagreed with one another, we were able to share in the

Convention

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Convention. Her name is the Rev. Susan Sherard, from the Diocese of North Carolina. She will preach at the Convention's opening Eucharist on Friday morning, and periodically throughout the two-day meeting, she will offer reflections on the Convention's business.

The Eucharist will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday in St. Andrew's Cathedral. All are invited.

And a special treat this year will be to see the entire Convention — or that's the plan — decked out in denim "work shirts" on Saturday. Bishop Fitzpatrick, with the help of the Congregational Health and Growth Commission, has asked all delegates to order these denim shirts, embroidered with the diocesan logo, and then to wear them on the Saturday of our Convention (as well as in the days and weeks to follow!) "in the spirit of our common mission and to celebrate our shared labor."

The Convention, which is the decision-making body of the Diocese (with the Diocesan Council serving this function in between meetings of the Convention), will be electing persons to office as part of its business. In addition to the usual need to elect representatives to Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Cathedral Chapter, and Ecclesiastical Trial Court, this year the Convention also must elect Deputies to the next triennial meeting of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, to be held in Anaheim, California, from July 8-17, 2009. Those nominations that had been received by the Chronicle's deadline begin on page D.

Special orders of business this year will be presented by the Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force, the Planned Giving Commission, and a task force of the Standing Committee that Fitzpatrick charged with examining the place of Camp Mokule'ia in the life of the Diocese of Hawai'i.

See a report from the Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force on page C. The Task Force has also presented several resolutions for consideration by the Convention.

Go to:

To see all the resolutions and nominations, as well as the diocesan budget, go to the Convention 2007 page on the diocesan Web site: www.episcopalhawaii.org/DisplayPage.php?PageName=2007Convention/.

CANDIDATES FOR DIOCESAN POSITIONS: To be elected at Convention

Eucharist. I have hope that this can happen even more widely at GC09.

Greatest opportunity for mission: I believe there is hope for the Episcopal Church and the Communion to witness to the breadth of God's love in great diversity. As a deputy, I would contribute to that witness in ways that might return us to our common faith as it is lived out in the Eucharist.

Greatest concern: We have become unbending over issues that are not reflective of the essence of our common faith in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. These issues are important but they do not define our core identity as Christians in the Anglican tradition, nor do they merit schism.

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Louise L. Aloy



Job/Vocation: Purchasing Director/Retail Manager, Ka'anapali Beach Hotel

Church: Good Shepherd, Wailuku

Church/community ministries: Vestry, Good Shepherd; President, diocesan Episcopal Church Women; Member, Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Dreams/experiences/skills: My dream is to strive for excellence in all that I do, *po'okela*, and to be humble, *ha'aha'a*, and serve Christ daily. To use my administrative and leadership skills for the betterment of my church and my diocese.

Greatest opportunity for mission: Sending more youth and young adults on mission trips to foreign countries to help small villages and communities.

Greatest concern: Decrease in members of congregations throughout the Diocese. Losing members to other churches for various reasons.

John A. Decker, Jr.



Job/Vocation: Guitar maker & entrepreneur

Church: Good Shepherd, Wailuku

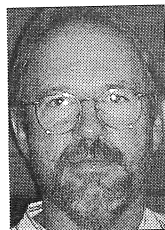
Church/community ministries: Lay Deputy, General Convention, 2006; Standing Committee, 2003-07; Senior Warden, Good Shepherd, 1990-2006

Dreams/experiences/skills: I have served the Church over many years in a wide variety of ways, from Cursillo to the Standing Committees of two dioceses, and including serving as Senior Warden of two parishes. In addition, I served as Lay Deputy to the last General Convention, and have some sense of how it operates and how to be effective as your deputy.

Greatest opportunity for mission: I feel the Church's greatest opportunity is to reach out with Christ's love to those in our communities who are not involved in any faith group and whose lives are being negatively impacted by the stresses of modern life.

Greatest concern: My greatest concern is that the Church will focus on its myriad internal problems — from Communion-wide issues to congregational financial stresses — to the detriment of our proclamation of the Gospel.

Douglas A. Edson



Job/Vocation: Project Manager, Starbird Construction

Church: Christ Church, Kealahou

Church/community ministries: Diocesan Council, Transformation & Evangelism Dept.; Senior Warden, Christ Church (current); Bishop Search Committee

Dreams/experiences/skills: Each of the leadership roles I have served in the church in the past seven years has provided insight into the life of the Church at different levels. The danger of becoming another bureaucracy always exists, but,

at its best, the church can be a wonderful vehicle for our spiritual journey. I hope to take the lessons of discernment I have learned and apply them to the role of Deputy to General Convention.

Greatest opportunity for mission: Episcopalians are People of the Dialogue. One of my true pleasures is to engage in a robust exchange of ideas with a colleague and then break bread. When we can sit down with our brothers and sisters, embrace our diversity, truly listen and truly be heard, truth emerges. Our opportunity is to provide an alternative to the "litmus test" churches.

Greatest concern: My greatest concern is that the dialogue stops. This can happen at any level. We begin to talk past each other, positions harden, and lines get drawn. My hope is that we can navigate through and around the egos and agendas and find ways to engage each other in ways that would make us proud to be Christians.

Kit Hawkins



Job/Vocation: Volunteer tutor; retired lobbyist

Church: St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu

Church/community ministries: Volunteer tutor in an inner city public school and in St. Elizabeth's children's outreach program; Volunteer, St.

George's College, Jerusalem; Leadership roles in 11 parishes in U.S. and abroad

Dreams/experiences/skills: My dream is to play a part in making mainline Christianity a vital part of 21st-century people's lives. I resigned positions (corporate executive and lobbyist) in order to support my wife in her ordained ministry. In that course I have experienced Episcopalians throughout the U.S. and Anglicans from around the world.

Greatest opportunity for mission: Worldwide Anglicanism is in a rough patch. Our diocese is perhaps the leading example of how multicultural, multiracial, and multi-faith people live and work together in tolerance. We can show the rest of our Communion how that works.

Greatest concern: Look at the demographics of virtually any parish. We must make our church relevant to younger generations who have a very different worldview than most Episcopalians.

Shirley (Kala) A. Holden



Job/Vocation: Housewife, retired substance abuse counselor

Church: St. Nicholas, Kapolei

Church/community ministries: Bishop's Warden, St. Nicholas and formerly St. Barnabas; Member, former Diocesan Commission on

Evangelism; Member, Commission on Ministry, 5 years

Dreams/experiences/skills: My dream is for our churches in the Diocese to be filled with loving and dutiful people and that they be evangelists for God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Greatest opportunity for mission: The Diocese has an opportunity to plant more churches. I am a member of a church plant that is making great strides, and we do not have land or a building of our own. I have faith that God will help us to persevere, and that He will also prepare the way for more churches to be built in the Diocese.

Greatest concern: The greatest concern I have is that of congregations not sharing or taking the opportunity to involve themselves in gatherings of servant evangelism of other churches in the Diocese.

Lot T. Lau



Job/Vocation: Retired

Church: St. Johns' By-the-Sea, Kahalu'u

Church/community ministries: Diocesan Council; Congregational Health & Growth Commission; Stewardship Committee Chair, St. John's By-the-Sea

Dreams/experiences/skills: I believe deputies to General Convention should be as familiar as possible with each congregation's situation, so that they may speak and vote more truly as representatives. My positions in the Diocese have allowed me to become especially acquainted with missions and aided parishes, and I am willing to learn about others with which I am less familiar.

Greatest opportunity for mission: It is my belief that our congregations can grow and be more vital through self-conversion, transformation of our welcome, worship, and liturgy, and through serving the hungry, homeless, or dispirited in our communities.

Greatest concern: It is my belief that all our congregations must be willing to change and be more relevant to our communities, or some will not survive. Together, we have the means in time, talent, and treasure. We can find the wisdom, will, and strength through individual and communal prayer, training, and worship.

Chandler W. Rowe, Jr.



Job/Vocation: Retired

Church: St. Peter's, Honolulu

Church/community ministries: Currently: Vestry, St. Peter's; Cathedral Chapter; Standing Committee; diocesan Stewardship Commission Chair

Dreams/experiences/skills:

Spreading the Gospel through a strong national church and Anglican Communion.

Greatest opportunity for mission: Expressing the 1st and 2nd Commandments through thought, word, and deed.

Greatest concern: Our failure to be with God and to know Him in the face of our secular society.

Cynthia M. Salley



Job/Vocation: Rancher

Church: St. Jude's, Ocean View

Church/community ministries: National: chair, Social Responsibility in Investments Committee (SRI); Diocesan: twice chair of Standing Committee; Congregational: Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Bishop's Committee, Vestry

Dreams/experiences/skills: My dream is that love through Christ become part of everyone's life. My experience has been as a four-time deputy to General Convention. My skill is the ability to speak at the microphone and articulate the manifestations of and responsibility to Christ's love as it pertains to the issues at hand.

Greatest opportunity for mission: The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were endorsed by the National Convention and adopted as a mission priority. It is the perfect vehicle, for all levels of the Church, to use as a guide in selecting mission goals and projects where we can bring our gifts together and provide the opportunity to see where God is leading us.

Greatest concern: On the national level, we need to stop focusing on our differences and move on with the work of the Church. Our Diocese is continually moving toward health and our Mission congregation is a Christian family with growing pains.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Serves as the Vestry for St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish.

Elect one clergy and one lay, each for a 2-year term.

No nominations had been received at press time for either clergy or lay.

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT

Presides over the trial of any priest or deacon under diocesan jurisdiction after a presentment of said clergy has been made, according to the provisions of Title IV of the National Canons and Canon 43 of the Diocesan Canons, and referred to the Diocesan Ecclesiastical Trial Court for a determination.

Elect one lay person for a 5-year term.

Hilary B. Gangnes



Job/Vocation: Judge, District Court of the First Judicial Circuit, State of Hawaii

Church: St. Clement's, Honolulu

Church/community ministries: District court judge; coordinate St. Clement's monthly food distribution ministry; Lector

Dreams/experiences/skills: My work as a fulltime district court judge for the past five years, and as a part-time judge the previous five years, as well as my legal career since 1984, I believe has provided me with the kind of experience that will help me serve on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court.

Greatest opportunity for mission: I see the single greatest challenge for the Church in the next few years, and beyond, is to reconcile the differences between those members advocating that marriage be open to all committed couples and those who believe that God intended marriage to be confined to heterosexual unions.

Greatest concern: My greatest concern for the health of the Church right now is that some of us will be unable or unwilling to see beyond our different points of view and will conclude, wrongly in my opinion, that there is no way to maintain communion within the Episcopal Church.

May L. Holokai



Job/Vocation: Retired

Church: St. Philip's, Maili

Church/community ministries: Delegate, Diocesan Convention for 10+ years; Transition Committee, 2005-07; Co-treasurer, St. Philip's, 2005-06

Dreams/experiences/skills: Having been elected

previously to represent St. Philip's Church, I feel I must go beyond Waianae to better serve in the ministry of the Diocese. Having also served on the Nominations Committee last year, I know the difficulties of getting nominees to step forward to serve in various capacities.

Greatest opportunity for mission: That the Church as a "whole" can worship and praise God as one entity.

Greatest concern: The greatest concern I see is how the Church is losing the younger families (with young children) and the young adults to upcoming and flourishing new denominations that offer programs and/or activities to join in their worship services.

Theunick hired as interim headmistress at Priory



Theunick

St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls has hired an Interim Head of School for the 2007-2008 school year. Sandra J. Theunick comes to Hawai'i with 25 years' experience serving as the Head of School in private schools on the East Coast, Washington State, and most recently in Cincinnati, Ohio. Theunick serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), and as a mentor for the NAIS program from aspiring Heads of School.

Camp Mokule'ia receives grant from Wilcox Trust

Camp Mokule'ia on O'ahu has received a grant of \$50,000 from the G.N. Wilcox Trust for the renovation of the residence at the entry to Camp to serve as a new office. This will allow them to tear down "the box" that has been serving as an office.

In addition, Actus Lend Lease has announced that they are making the Camp a beneficiary of their Community Service Days. This means that they will send volunteers to assist in possibly four projects, based on the availability and skill sets of the volunteers: assisting in the renovation of "Road House," painting cabins, repairing the front fence, and/or helping to clear some additional lands so that the Camp may begin using them for activity fields.

The Camp has \$700,000 outstanding in grant requests to a number of foundations. If received, they will provide the means for finishing the capital improvements to the Camp.

Are you ready for chocolate? Emmanuel event is Nov. 10

Save Saturday, November 10, to attend the Chocolate Extravaganza at Emmanuel Church, Kailua, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. This is Emmanuel's annual fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, and Emmanuel itself. Enjoy a delectable all-you-can-eat buffet of the most wonderful chocolate desserts and sweets. Presale tickets available for \$15; tickets at-the-door will be \$20. Children ages 6 and under are free. Silent auction, non-alcoholic beverages, and lots of fun. Auction donors, bakers, and chocolate donors needed.

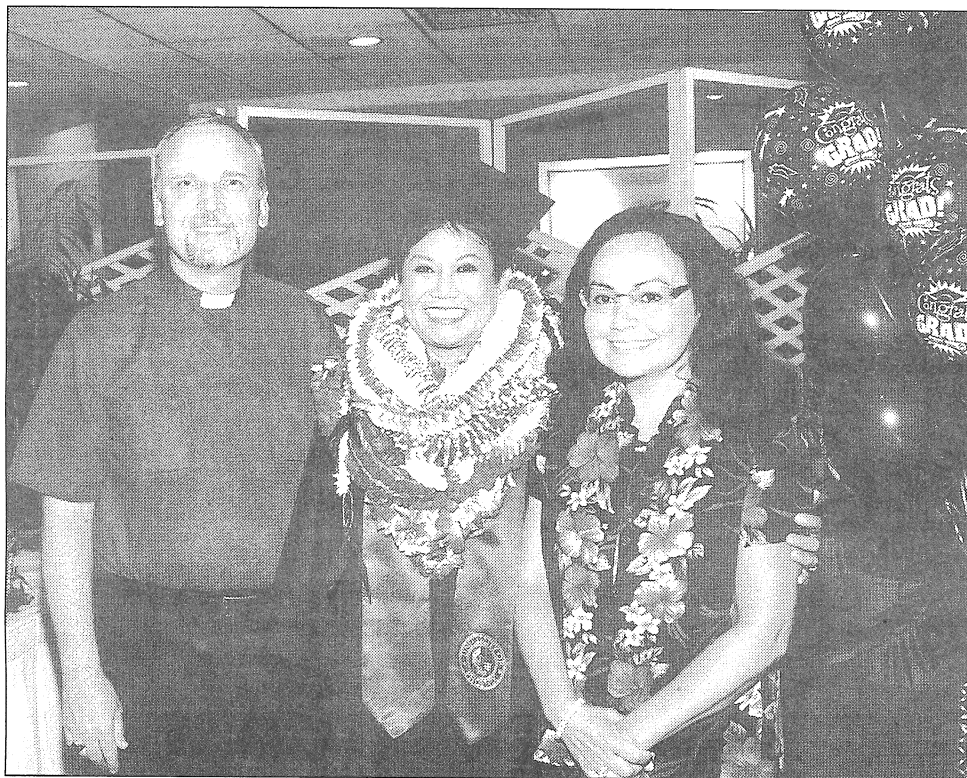
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For more information about the Chocolate Extravaganza, go to: http://emmanuelkailua.com/Chocolate_Extravaganza.php

Episcopal Church Women prepare for annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of Hawai'i will be held on Saturday, October 20, beginning with registration at 8:00 a.m. and concluding with a luncheon at 11:00 a.m. Please note that the date of the annual meeting was mistakenly

St. Paul's Galanto celebrates graduation



On June 24, Rose Galanto, (center in photo) a senior member of St. Paul's, Honolulu, and a Bishop's Committee member, graduated from the Hawai'i location of the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

For four grueling years, Galanto balanced her businesses, church activities, personal and family life with school. Several fellow St. Paul's and ECW members, as well as Bishop Bob and Bea Fitzpatrick, attended Galanto's graduation celebration at the Ala Moana Hotel.

Bishop Fitzpatrick offered the invocation at the occasion.

reported in the September issue of the Hawaiian Church Chronicle. The correct date is October 20.

The day will open with Morning Prayer, which will include the fall ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO). UTO is a way for people in congregations to make regular small contributions, perhaps each day, in thanksgiving for something. The "blue boxes" act like a "piggy-bank" for these small donations, and also as a reminder of one's faithfulness.

From these small contributions from people throughout the Episcopal Church, almost \$2.5 million was given in grants in 2006. Last year, the people of the Diocese of Hawai'i gave \$20,000 to UTO. St. Matthew's Church, Waimanalo, was the recipient of a 2006 UTO grant of \$30,000 for roof repair.

Go to:

For a complete schedule of the ECW meeting, go to www.episcopalhawaii.org/ViewArticle.php?key=765

St. Clement's to sponsor auction for Global Ministries

The Global Ministries group at St. Clement's, Honolulu, will hold their first annual Autumn Auction on Saturday, October 13, beginning at 3 p.m. A silent auction will be held from 3:00 to 5:00, while a live auction starts at 4:00 p.m. Both items and services will be included in the auction. The money raised will help those in need around the world. The afternoon will include food and beverage.

There will be plenty of items in every price range, including gourmet dinners, for up to twelve persons; week-long vacations in Laie or Mokule'ia; crèches, necklaces, and embroidery from the Holy Land; individually taught computer classes; sumptuous Cambodian silks; an heirloom quality handmade quilt; hand-thrown ceramics;

golf items, baked goods, antique jewelry, books, and more.

For more information or to donate items, contact: Leslie Isaki at 738-5815 (e-mail ISAKIL001@hawaii.rr.com) or John Williamson at 292-0628 (e-mail champagnecellar@yahoo.com).



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Children help pack toiletries during an April 15 collection of items for Operation Backpack, a joint Episcopal-Lutheran effort to collect items for O'ahu's homeless and needy. The next collection will be October 28 at Calvary-by-the-Sea in Aina Haina.

Operation Backpack gets ready for fall collection

The Fall collection for Operation Backpack — an Episcopal/Lutheran ministry that distributes toiletries, school supplies, and paper goods to O'ahu's needy — will take place from September 23 to October 28. Congregations should collect supplies and deliver them to Calvary-by-the-Sea in Aina Haina (a Lutheran congregation) on Sunday, October 28, between 1 and 3 p.m. for sorting and distribution.

For more information, call the Rev. Teresa Bowden at 622-4308 or Caitilin Embree at 261-2409.

All Saints hosts second annual dodgeball tournament

All Saints in Kapa'a (Kaua'i) hosted the second annual FIF (Fun in Fellowship) Dodgeball Tournament in the All Saints Gym in July.

The tournament had the maximum number of 18 teams entering, with 120 participants ranging in age from 5 to 50.

The tournament is made possible by the members of All Saints Episcopal Church and a grant from the County of Kauai's Anti-Drug, Healing our Island Fund, which paid for equipment, trophies, and food.

Kaua'i's Mayor, Bryan Baptiste, presented trophies and awards immediately following the tournament.

The KIUC Sharing of Aloha Grant also assisted the Church's Episcopal Church Women group to provide free food to the players and officials.

A number of businesses donated items and gift cards that were used to supplement awards for Best Sportsmanship, Best Uniform, and Best Effort, and to recognize special individuals.

All Saints members of all ages took part in the event, according to Sybil Nishioka, who was a key organizer of the event.

"It was really a nice event, and the whole church, young and old was involved," she said.

The parish youth refereed the keiki division competition. "They were so good with the young ones," Nishioka said.

But "the most important thing was seeing families coming together," she said. "The whole community was so fired up about this. Practices with the kids were great. It didn't matter how old you were."

Nishioka said the last 10 days were a bit "chaotic and crazy, with anywhere from 40 to 60 people playing. The whole gym just seemed to come alive!"

"Parents and children were playing with each other, girls and boys, old and young, big and small — just FUN!"

COMING SOON

www.episcopalhawaii.org/calendar/calendar.php

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	St. Clement's Global Ministries Auction, 3 pm
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

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2	Deadline for December/January issue of Hawaiian Church Chronicle
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. Program: "High Tea"
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

DECEMBER

Dec 6	Resource Development Dept., 11:30 am
Dec 8	Commission on Diversity, 10 am ECW Annual Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 - 2:30, place TBA
Dec 13	Commission on Ministry, 2 pm
Dec 14	Standing Committee, 10:30 am
Dec 15	Council Dept. meetings, 9 am Diocesan Council, 12:30 pm
Dec 24-25	Christmas Holiday; Office of the Bishop closed
Dec 31	New Year's 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. Andrew's continues Eucharist and recital series

St. Andrew's Cathedral is continuing the weekly Wednesday Eucharist in the Cathedral.

The service begins at 12:05 (to allow folks to walk from work) and is followed at 12:30 p.m. by a recital on the renowned Aeolian Skinner pipe organ.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lunch, or purchase one at the door for \$5.

The service ends promptly at 1:00 p.m. People are welcome to come for as much of the lunch hour as they can.

St. Mark's honors retiring rector

On Saturday, June 23, St. Mark's, Honolulu (Kapahu-lu), held a party to honor their retiring rector, the Rev. Dar-row K. Aiona. Until his retirement, mandatory in the Epis-copal Church for all clergy at the age of 72, Aiona was the senior active priest in the Diocese, having been ordained to the priesthood in 1966.

(Editor's note: The November issue of the Chronicle will feature an in-depth look at the life and ministry of Aiona.)

Other clergy transitions:

The Rev. Tom Van Culin has been appointed as Vicar of St. Luke's, Honolulu. He began the new position in June.

The Rev. Andrew Walmisley has accepted a position as Chaplain at Seabury Hall, Makawao, Maui. Walmisley comes to Hawai'i with experience serving schools in Man-hattan and, most recently, California.

The Rev. Mary Koppel has resigned as Rector of All Saints, Kapa'a, Kaua'i, and has accepted a position at Christ Church Cathedral in her hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana. Her last Sunday at All Saints was September 16.

The Rev. Vince O'Neill, Rector of St. Timothy's, Aiea, announced at the end of August that he plans to retire as of January 7, 2008, the 24th anniversary of his being called as Rector. He and his wife, Maria, plan to move to the Main-land.

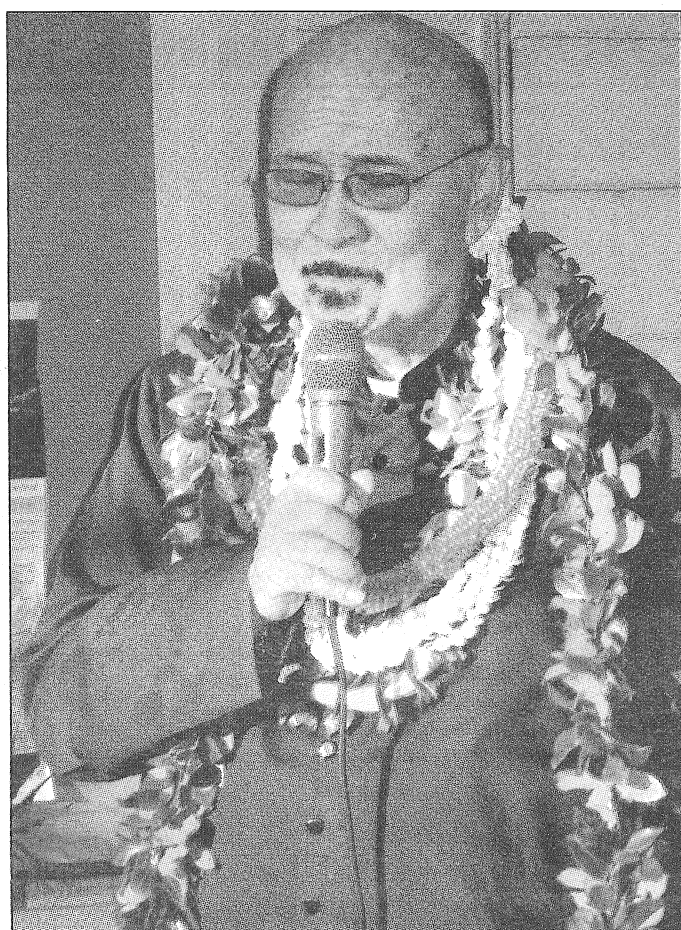


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The Rev. Darrow Aiona, retiring Rector of St. Mark's, Honolulu, addresses the gathering at a luau held in his honor on Saturday, June 23. His final service at St. Mark's was the following day, June 24. Aiona was the senior active clergy in the Diocese at the time of his retirement.

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those things that are not working well. We need to demand it of ourselves and one another.

The Plan expresses our hope and desire as Hawai'i's Episcopalians to live as the Body of Christ. The slow progress we have made over the last three years in implementing the Plan teaches us that the Diocesan Council and the leadership of our Parishes and Missions have not been directive enough as to what is expected. The Diocesan Council and the leadership of our Parishes and Missions must educate and direct our Parishes and Missions to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Plan. The objectives of the Parishes and Missions need to be specifically stated.

Recommendations

As a result, we make the following recommendations:

1. Beginning in 2009, an annual Diocesan Convocation should be established with an invitation to all Hawai'i's Episcopalians and an expectation of participation by all congregations. The Convocation should focus on spiritual development and mission, and centered on living our faith. (A resolution has been offered.)

2. The 2008 Meeting of the Diocesan Convention should be expanded to include a substantial period of time devoted to spiritual development and mission for both the delegates as well as all of Hawai'i's Episcopalians. To accommo-date this additional time, the event could start on a Thursday night or it could extend over on Sunday. Most of

the clergy would, of course, have to leave if the event is extended over to Sunday and that would be a loss. However, spiritual development is such an important need that option should be considered.

3. As part of the 39th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention (2007), the delegates from every congregation should commit to actively encouraging their congregations to develop their own strategic plans that are consistent with the Diocesan Strategic Plan. (A resolution has been offered.)

4. The Diocesan Council should be tasked by the 39th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention (2007) to fully implement the Diocesan Strategic Plan as a matter of first priority. The Bishop at each meeting of the Diocesan Council should hold the members of the Council accountable for their successes and, in unfortunate cases, their lack of progress in implementing each of the Goals as part of his or her report to the Council. The Diocesan Council should undertake as its primary mission to encourage and challenge all Hawai'i's Episcopalians to make the Plan a part of their everyday life. The Council's initial efforts should focus on challenging and equipping congregational leadership. The long term mission will be to make the Plan a part of the "DNA" of every part of the Diocese so that we live into it on a daily basis. The Diocesan Council should also make recommendations to Annual Meetings of the Convention for amendments to and extensions of the Plan as needed, and submit appropriate resolutions to the Annual Meetings of the Convention.

5. By January, 2009, the Diocesan Council should implement the sugges-tion in the Plan to create teams of

trained individuals to assist those con-gregations that desire help in trans-forming themselves into faith commu-nities with greater vitality.

6. The Diocesan Council should identify and publicly commend congre-gations that are doing ministries and el-ements of ministries well. The Diocesan Council should then sponsor training and idea sharing by congregations on the list to benefit other congregations. Such training and idea sharing could take place at the Diocesan Convocation. (A resolution has been offered.)

7. Seminars on strategic planning should continue to be offered each year so that new members of Commissions, Committees, the Diocesan Council, Vestries, Bishop's Committees, and the clergy have the opportunity to learn these skills.

8. The Diocesan Council should make recommendations for further steps to implement Goal 4 of the Plan.

A final word

In order to make the Strategic Plan part of the "DNA" of the Diocese, the Diocesan Council, the Bishop, and the clergy of every congregation need to take an active and very visible lead in strategic planning. We must stress the need for strategic plans, and communi-cate what our Diocese and our congre-gations will look like after the Plan truly becomes our Rule of Life. The Plan, and the strategic plans of congre-gations, must embody how we live as the Body of Christ.

With laity and clergy working togeth-er in unity and focused clearly on the goals of our Strategic Plan, we can live into our Baptismal Covenants and Christ's command to us in the Great Commission [Matthew 28:16-20].

— Submitted by the Task Force