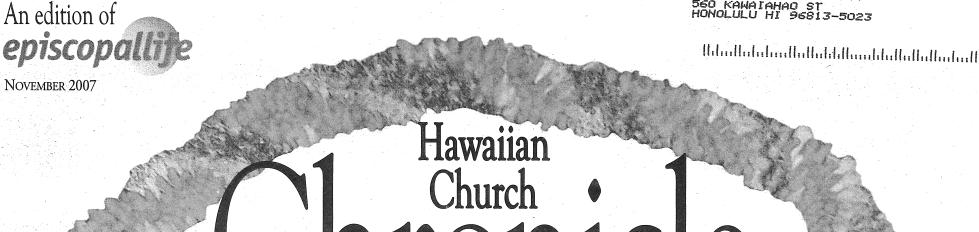
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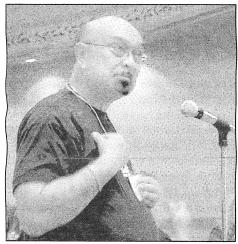
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# Aiona: A man grounded in tradition



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The Rev. Darrow Aiona traditionally offered "Courtesy Resolutions" at the annual meeting of convention of the diocese.

#### By the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley

CHRONICLE EDITOR

For several years, the Rev. Darrow Aiona has been one of the last persons to speak to the diocesan Convention at its annual meeting, as he stood to offer "Courtesy Resolutions:" sending greetings and aloha to various individuals or expressing thanks and appreciation to others.

Aiona filled this role each year because he was the senior active priest in the Diocese of Hawai'i. Ordained in 1963, Aiona was also one of the Diocese's few local clergy, someone born and raised here in the Islands. His Hawaiian name is Kanakanui, "great man."

Aiona retired this past June, after 11 years as the Rector of St. Mark's, Kapahulu. It was a fitting place from which to retire, for was baptized. But when World War II came, St. Mark's played a significant role in his own formation. But it was not the only place. In a recent conversation about his life and ministry, Aiona describes some of the spiritual influences on him as a child, "old Hawaiians who had their feet in both cultures," who believed in the power of fasting and dreams. His own spiritual sensibilities seem to be based in two cultures: Hawaiian and "high church," or Anglo-Catholic.

His mother was Roman Catholic, but she went to church with her husband, who was a Congregationalist. Aiona tells of spending lots of time as a child in Kualoa, with the family of a man named George Roberts. There was a little red church there, just before what is now the entrance to Kualoa homestead in Waimanalo, a half acre. Be-Beach Park, where there is a maintenance building today. Aiona thinks this is where he

that whole area was an airfield, and after the War, Roberts built a church in Waikane Valley, Ka Mauna O Oliveta, which is still there. The services were in Hawaiian; the water came from the Waiahole Poi Factory down the road. When the church wanted to select a minister, they would gather in the church for three days, praying and fasting the entire time from both food and water, and then choose their minister at the end. Aiona would remember this, for later in his life when he needed to make important deci-

The Aiona family did not live up the Windward Coast, however. They had a

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# Epiphany volunteers aid St. Luke's

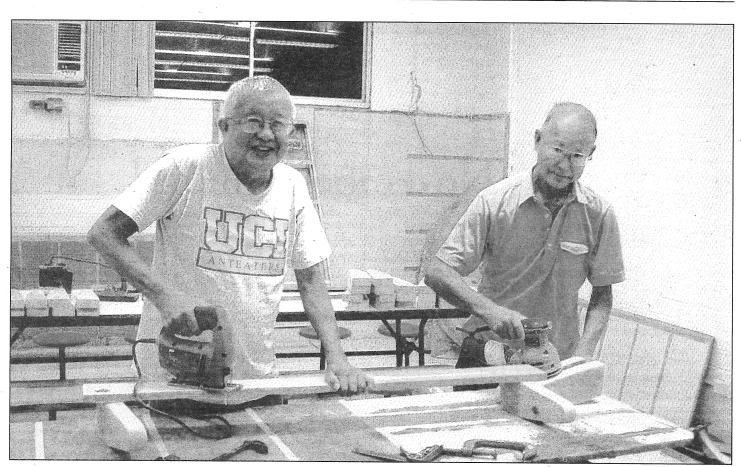
A group of generous volunteers, mostly retired, have been helping Epiphany Church every Monday since 2003. Recently, the group, called the Menehunes, have been coming almost daily to do jobs around the church, ranging from cleaning up the grounds, general maintenance, construction, and much more.

Last month, the Menehunes we asked by members of St. Luke's in Honolulu to help refurbish pews for St. Luke's. Without hesitation, the group went to work to help St. Luke's while still maintaining their duties at Epiphany.

They work in the spirit of fellowship, without the desire to be recognized. It has been a wonderful tool for their mission in the church.

This group has taken a gift that only those at Epiphany knew about, and turned outward to other members in our Diocese.

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Herbert Loo and Harry Takane work on new kneelers for St. Luke's Church.

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# Honoring those who have gone before

Aloha i Akua,

As a church in the catholic tradition we honor the saints of our lives in both formal and informal ways. November 1 marks celebration of All the Saints and November 2 commemorates all the faithful departed. We pray for those who have died.

Because I have no special family place in the islands, I have taken to leaving the lei given to me at the niches of Bishop Kennedy and Bishop Hanchett, my departed predecessor bishops, and at that of Father John Park, who served as I did as the priest at St. Luke's Church, Honolulu, in the Cathedral's memorial garden. I ask their prayers on my behalf, and I commend them to God's care.

It is important to publicly celebrate our local saints as living examples of faith in our midst. At my request, the Chapter of the Cathedral has agreed to revive the practice of naming honorary canons. It is historically customary from time to time for the bishop diocesan to name clergy and laypersons as honorary canons of his/her Cathedral in recognition of significant service to the larger Church.

The title "canon" dates from medieval times to denote a key advisor to a bishop or a cathedral community. The naming of honorary canons is usually the prerogative of the bishop with the advice of the Chapter.

Historically, canons each had their own "stall" for exclusively personal use in the Cathedral choir. The seats of honorary canons are often named for some significant person or organization in the life of a diocese. The person named to the chair fills it for life, and has the prerogative of taking part in Cathedral and diocesan liturgical events.

The honorary canons may also be asked by the bishop to take on special ministries on behalf of the Diocese. An honorary canon is a life appointment, unlike a residentiary canon who serves a function on the staff of the Cathedral or of the Bishop.

I am establishing four new honorary canon positions in my Cathedral:

1. The Rt. Rev. Edwin Lani Hanchett Canon: Named in honor of the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i and the first person of Native Hawaiian ancestry to be called to the episcopacy. The person filling the Hanchett canonship shall have faith-



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Robert L. Fitzpatrick
BISHOP OF HAWAI'I

fully served the Diocese and the broader community, giving special care to Native Hawaiians.

2. The Rev. Claude Francis DuTeil Sr., Canon: Named in honor of a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i who faithfully served local parishes, nurtured many in the faith through his "Short Course in Christianity," and created a vital ministry to the poor and hungry that lives on through IHS. The person filling the DuTeil canonship shall have faithfully served the Diocese, the Episcopal Church, and the broader community, giving special service to the cause of the poor and disenfranchised, and/or justice and peace.

3. Father Kenneth A. Bray Canon: Named in honor of a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Honolulu who faithfully served as priest in local congregations, as the chaplain at the Priory School, and as chaplain and coach at 'Iolani School. The person filling the Bray canonship shall have faithfully served the Diocese giving special service by sharing the faith; nurturing others in fellowship, righteousness, and love; and striving to create "One Team" in our common mission as followers of Jesus Christ.

4. The Sisters of the Transfiguration Canon: Named in honor of the order that taught at the Priory School for much of the 20th century, nurturing many strong, able women to take their place in the life and leadership of the Church and community. The person filling the Transfiguration canonship shall have faithfully served the Diocese and community giving special service, seeking to nurture and empower women for leadership and ministry.

Having commemorated these local saints through the creation of honorary canon positions, I am pleased to appoint the Rev. Darrow Kanakanui Aiona as The Rt. Rev. Edwin Lani Hanchett Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew. Aiona has faithfully served this Church as a rector, vicar, member of the Standing Committee, deputy to General Convention, and senior active priest of the Diocese for several years.

# 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.

#### November

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Nov 11	Good Shepherd,
	Wailuku, Maui
Week of Nov 11	Trinity by-the-Sea,
	Kihei, Maui
Nov 18	Christ Church,
	Kealakekua, Big Island
Week of Nov 18	Holy Apostles,
	Hilo, Big Island

### December

Dec 9	Resurrection, Hild
& St. 0	Columba's, Paauilo, Big Ísland
Dec 16	Grace, Moloka
Dec 24	St. Andrew's Cathedra
	late Christmas Eve service

He is an educator and devoted public servant having served on the Honolulu School Board and the Board of Visitors of Queen's Hospital. I am pleased to honor Father Aiona, a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor.

I am pleased to appoint Bettye Jo Harris as The Rev. Claude Francis DuTeil Sr., Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew. She has served the Episcopal Church through her home parish, St. Christopher's Church, in the Diocese and at the national level. Her duties have included terms on the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee. At the national level, she is an eighttime deputy to the triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church. She has served the Episcopal Church nationally, twice on the Executive Council and on the nominating committee for Presiding Bishop. She has been active in community and local ecumenical activities for many years. She is also steadfastly the voice of justice and peace for the powerless and the disenfranchised to the Church and the world.

Please give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, and for the living teachers of faith in our midst. Be sure to greet Canon Aiona and Canon Harris the next time you see them.

Aloha ma o Iesu Kristo, ko makou Haku, +Bob

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# November is month for giving thanks

Putting together the November issue of the *Chronicle* always seems a little odd. October is, in a way, the most momentous month of the year in the life of the Diocese, because it is the month when the diocesan Convention meets. But we have to send the November issue to the publisher before the Convention has met, and the issue comes out after the meeting is over. The events of that meeting won't be published until the December/January issue.

So this issue is a little smaller than usual, with only four pages. Nevertheless, good things keep happening, no matter what the month.



The Rev. Liz Beasley
Chronicle Editor

Bishop Fitzpatrick tells in his column, above, about creating honorary canonships and filling two of them. And one of those new canons, now the Rev. Canon Darrow Aiona, is featured in this issue in an article telling about his ministry, which has stretched through five decades, two countries, and both school and parish.

We also tell of a few other good efforts. Bishop Fitzpatrick has been emphasizing in the six months of his episcopate that we cannot be isolated congregations; instead, we must work together. Our cover story carries a good example of one congregation helping another.

And as we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, thank you to all who have sent donations to the *Chronicle*, in response to the request in the October issue. And thank you to all of you who pray, work, and serve on behalf of all of us in the Diocese. In the December/January issue, we'll be mentioning more of these people.

# Aiona

#### **CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE**

ginning in fourth grade, Aiona began to go to 'Iolani School, which at the time was on Nu'uanu Street. He would ride into town with his father in the mornings, then in the afternoons he would take a bus to Hawai'i Kai, which at the time was "nothing but fishponds," and then hitchhike home.

Sometimes, though, he stayed with an aunt in Kapahulu. That's how he stumbled onto St. Mark's Church. It had candles in it, and Aiona, ever attracted to Roman Catholic sensibilities, would go in and "bother" the priest. Eventually he would be confirmed at Parke Chapel by Bishop Harry Kennedy.

After college at the University of Hawai'i, with a major in sociology, he wanted to go to seminary, but Bishop Kennedy told him he wasn't ready. Instead of going into the military, as Kennedy suggested, he returned to the University of Hawai'i to earn a graduate degree in sociology, which he received in 1959, with a thesis titled The Hawaiian Church of the Living God: An Episode in the Hawaiian Quest for Integrity, about that Hawaiian church in Waikane

He applied for and received a Fulbright scholarship, for which he journeyed to New Zealand. There he experienced culture shock: he had never been out of Hawai'i before, and he especially had never experienced cold weather. For his scholarship, he studied the Ratana group, a breakaway group from the Church of England that became political activists. Aiona says that the Ratana were similar to two nativistic Hawaiian churches, which were not for ali'i, but for the makaainana (commoner).

When he came back to Hawai'i, it was time for seminary. He wanted to go to Nashotah House in Wisconsin or General Theological Seminary in New York City the two Episcopal seminaries that are more "high church." But Bishop Kennedy insisted on the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in Berkeley, for which Aiona ended up being grateful. After graduation, Kennedy had arranged for Aiona to take a position in New Zealand. He was to be ordained to the priesthood on St. Andrew's Day (November 30) in New Zealand. But one week before he was to set sail, his appendix ruptured and he landed in the hospital instead. He is grateful that the emergency did not happen while he was aboard ship. So instead, he was ordained a priest back at St. Mark's, Kapahulu.

In New Zealand, he served first as a curate in New Plymouth, but because that was rural, and he is really more an urban area person, he says, he ended up at St. Paul's, Auckland, where he served for a little over a year. He liked it, he says, but he decided to come back to the United States.

His next position, however, was not in Hawai'i. Instead, he went to the opposite side of the world from New Zealand, to New York City. His homiletics professor from CDSP told him his ministry should be in urban, so he went to St. Augustine's on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, an African American congregation. Again, he experienced culture shock, but he describes it as a "marvelous experience."

He liked St. Augustine's, but then his father came to visit. His father had had a dream, he said, not a good dream. Darrow

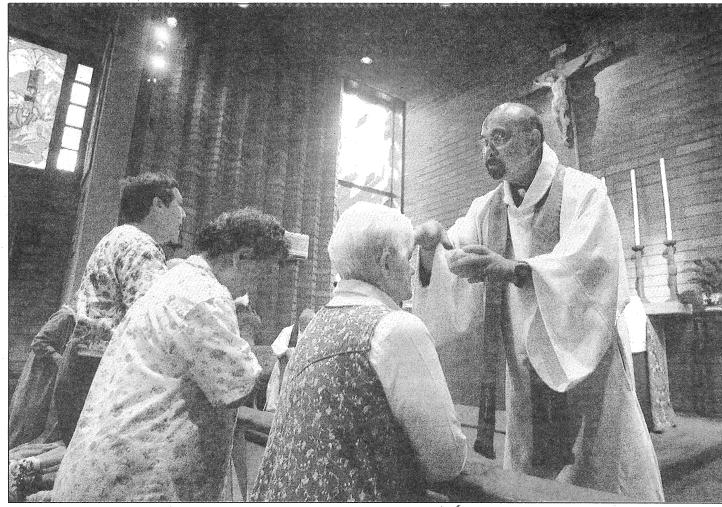


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The Rev. Darrow Aiona, who discovered St. Mark's in Kapahulu as a young boy, later became the rector there, serving for 11 years. This 2001 picture shows him on Ash Wednesday, imposing ashes on participants in the service.

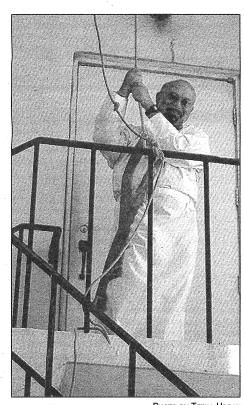


PHOTO BY TEENA URBAN Aiona rings the bell at St. Mark's Church to call people to service.

shouldn't be in New York; he should come home. His father told him to pray. So he prayed, and he had a dream. He was standing at Makapu'u Point, looking out at Rabbit Island. And so he quit his job in New York, and went home, by way of a trip to Europe.

Once back in Hawai'i, however, he didn't know what to do. His father told him to fast. So he went to Waimanalo, prayed and fasted for three days and three nights. "Fasting does amazing things," he says. "You lay it before God to open up whatever is good for you."

Something new did open up. The University of Hawai'i was beginning their community colleges, and his former professor recommended him for a position, putting him at the top level. He became a charter

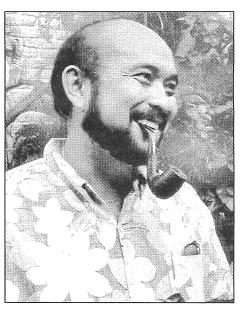


PHOTO COURTESY THE HONOLULU ADVERTISER Aiona taught sociology and religion at Leeward Community College for 29 years. This 1970 photo shows Aiona's "early years."

member of Leeward Community College, where he taught sociology and religion for the next 29 years. As he says, "Sometimes it's best to be bivocational."

This was not all he did, however. He was getting students who couldn't learn, so he ran for the State Board of Education. He attributes his election to people recognizing him from a program he was hosting on KGMB on Hawaiian issues. He served on the Board of Education for 22 years.

Nor did he leave parish ministry aside. Rector of St. Mark's, Kapahulu. Initially, he helped at St. Andrew's Cathedral, but in 1971, Bishop Lani Hanchett assigned him as the part-time Vicar of St. John's By-the-Sea, Kahalu'u. The place was virtually empty, Aiona says, and the doors were falling off. But he built it back up and got involved in the community, which he already knew. He was also married there, to Teena Urban. He planted lots of trees: banana, avocado, breadfruit. St. John's parishioners remember his gardening capabilities, and also his Catholic sensibilities,

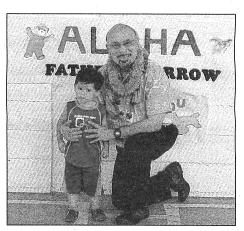


PHOTO BY TEENA URBAN Aiona with one of the children of St. Mark's preschool, during a farewell party the school had for him.

which Aiona himself mentions. He introduced the aumbry for holding the Reserved Sacrament, and a thurible for incense. One item he introduced was not a standard in high church services, however: a tambourine, for keeping time, because the organist tended to "drag" the music.

Aiona served St. John's for 14 years (its longest serving Vicar), until Bishop Ed Browning, on the last day of his tenure, assigned him to the Waikiki Chapel, a congregation that met in a hotel and served a resident population as well as a number of visitors each week. There he stayed, again part-time while he continued to teach, until 1996, when he was called as the full-time

And there he stayed until June 30, 2007, when he retired — not because he wanted to, but because the Episcopal Church has a rule that all bishops, priests, and deacons must retire at age 72.

Aiona is not done, however; he's looking for a new challenge to occupy his time. He isn't the senior active priest offering Courtesy Resolutions to this year's Convention, but no doubt he will show up soon, in church or community, in some other capacity!

# Stewardship Commission sponsors Oʻahu workshop

Are we having fun yet?

The Stewardship Commission of the Diocese will sponsor a workshop on Oʻahu on Saturday, November 17, with William E. (Bill) Wrenn, the Missioner for Congregational Development, Stewardship and Evangelism in the Diocese of North

This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for all of those involved in stewardship in their congregations as well as those who want to know more about the JOY of Stewardship. We all have an opportunity to become disciples through steward-

"Are we having fun yet?" That's the question
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"That's the question of his comments: "I read Bill Wrenn will ask. (One of his comments: "I read the end of the book. WE WIN!") As you may have guessed, there will be no lecturing or guilt- trips. Known for his "outrageous sense of humor," Bill brings the joy of his faith to life when he speaks of the Every Member Canvass as "the vehicle of my conversion experience."

Please join us as we "say a prayer, tell a story, sing a song, and uplift the community" together in hope of becoming "hilarious" (Bill says "Check the Greek word for "cheerful") people of a living and

Contact Chan Rowe at (808) 479-3522 for registration and to be approved for Neighbor Island airline tickets. If you do not reach him directly, please leave a message with a phone number; he will call back and confirm that he received your message.

# MDGs in action at St. Augustine's

St. Augustine, North Kohala Episcopal Mission, sponsored a booth at the annual North Kohala Country Fair in Hawi on the Big Island on October 6, 2007. It was a great opportunity to expose folks to the United Nations Millennium Goals (MDGs) and the participation of the Episcopal Church in support of those

Fair Trade products included South African co-op crafts and ERD Bishop's Blend Coffee by Pura Vida. Donations were accepted for white bracelets from millenniumcampaign.org to bring awareness to the #1 goal of the U.N. to eradicate world poverty by 2015. Organic Macnuts by Hui Mac, a small independent producer on the Big Island, were sold. Parishioners Howard and Carol Ann Olson, Susan Denman and Jean Buechele made and sold jellies, pickles, and mango chutney. Informational handouts about the MDGs were available along with information about recycling. Free reusable water bottles were available to remind folks not to purchase plastic bottled water as these bottles have become a major ecological problem throughout the world, with some 3 million bottles a day not recycled.

All proceeds from the day at the fair will be dedicated to outreach by way of micro-credit loans through Kiva. Kiva



Jean Buechele of St. Augustine's fills a bag with items that the church had in their booth at the North Kohala Country Fair in Hawi in October.

helps you "sponsor a business" with your micro-loan money in the developing world. By choosing a unique small business individual on Kiva.org, a person can help the world's working poor make great strides towards economic independence. Throughout the course of the loan (usually 6 to 12 months), the donor can receive email journal updates from

the sponsored business. Loans are repaid to the donor, who then can re-invest it to assist others.

Jean Buechele said, "It was great way to put into action at our local level the Millennium Development Goals and help people connect to the issues of worldwide poverty and the practice of eco-justice.'

# COMING SOON

www.episcopalhawaii.org/calendar/calendar.php

### **NOVEMBER**

Nov 10 **Episcopal Church Women** 

meeting, Good Samaritan, Honolulu, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Program: "High Tea"

Chocolate Extravaganza, Emmanuel Church, Kailua, 6:30-9 pm

Veterans Day, Nov 12

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

Commission on Diversity, 10 am

ECW Annual Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 - 2:30, place TBA

Dec 24-25 Christmas Holiday;

Office of the Bishop closed

Deadline for February issue of Dec 28 Hawaiian Church Chronicle

Dec 31 New Year's Holiday; Office of the Bishop closed

### <u>January 2008</u>

Jan 1

Dec 8

New Year's Holiday;

Jan 12

Office of the Bishop closed Discernment Day; details TBA

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.

# DIOCESE.COM News from around the Diocese

## **More Continuing Education honorees**

Several people were inadvertently omitted from the Continuing Education report in the September Chronicle. These persons also have completed at least the required 24 units ("contact hours") of continuing education in 2006 and submitted a report to the Continuing Education Commission. They have now received a \$100 gift certificate to Amazon.com to assist them in their continu-

The Rev. William Albinger, Priest-in-Charge, Holy Innocents, Lahaina; The Rev. Carol M. Arney, Rector, Christ Church, Kealakekua; The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawai'i; The Rev. Jana Johnsen, director of 'Ohana Ministries, St. James, Waimea; The Rev. Russell M. Johnson, Rector, Holy Apostles, Hilo; The Rev. Tony Litwinski, Rector, St. James, Waimea; The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch. Rector, St. John's, Kula.

# Mission Fund gives \$ to St. Augustine's

Members of the Diocese of Hawai'i gave more than \$42,000 to the Mission Fund for 2007, a fund to which all members of the Diocese are asked to contribute during the 50 days of the Easter

This year the proceeds of the Mission Fund were designated to go to St. Augustine's, Kapa'au, on the Big Island, to help them with repairs from the October 15, 2006, earthquake and to help with improvements to prevent further earthquake damage.

All but seven of the Diocese's 39 congregations contributed to the fund, in addition to contributions from other sources. Collections, minus expenses, were \$42,398.54. This was short of the goal of \$50,000, but the highest amount collected for the Mission Fund since it began in 2003.

## Save the date for **Discernment Day**

On Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, the Commission on Ministry will host a Discernment Day. The day is intended especially for members of discernment committees, and for anyone interested in learning more about the diaconate and the priesthood. More details to come, but for now, save the date! All are invited.

## **Senior High Retreat:** Where is the Love?

A retreat for 9th through 12th graders will be held at Camp Mokule'ia on Oʻahu on Dec. 7-9. The weekend will be to reflect on how Jesus can fill every nook, crack, and hole in our lives with his powerful redemptive love while finding opportunities to discover how we can be a "little Jesus" to others and PASS THE LOVE ON!

Scholarships are available. For information call Emily Fisher at 808-499-9611. More information and a registration form can be downloaded from the diocesan Web site: www.episcopal

hawaii.org/content/srhigh 2007 appli-

## 32 from 'lolani are award semifinalists

'Iolani School had 32 students who were National Merit semifinalists for 2008. This is one of the higher totals in the nation for a school, and it represents 47 percent of Hawaiʻi's total of 68 semifinalists. Throughout the country, there was a total of  $1\bar{6},\!000$  semi-finalists. Congratulations, 'Iolani students!

## St. Tim's invites all to honor Vince O'Neill

St. Timothy's, Aiea, invites the people of the Diocese to celebrate the retirement of the Rev. Vince O'Neill, Rector, on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008. The event will be held in St. Timothy's Parish Hall, with dinner to be served at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by December 21 by email to sttimsoffice@hawaiiantel.net or by calling 488-5747 (leave a message).

## **Priory School** presents Holiday Fair

St. Andrew's Priory School will share its Christmas aloha at the annual Holiday Fair at Queen Emma Square in downtown Honolulu. The Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to

Call 532-2407 or e-mail special events@priory.net for more information. Fair proceeds will benefit the school.