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On August 17, Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick preached and celebrated at the Eucharist service celebrating the 50th anniversary of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Guam. Below: Bishop Fitzpatrick preaches at the service. Right: Bishop Fitzpatrick stands with (from left to right): Marielle Legaspi, Lisa Pang (worship leader at St. John's and a candidate for Holy Orders in Guam), Bishop Fitzpatrick, Ben Helmer, Archdeacon, Wendy Legaspi (Warden at St. John's) with son, Noah Helmer, who is a specialist in the Episcopal Church in small church ministry, has been in Guam for about 18 months as Archdeacon and Missioner, helping to lead the church there.

PHOTO BY JANE HELMER



Mass marks 50 years in Guam

Hawai'i bishop joins celebration

By Beau Hodai

PACIFIC DAILY NEWS

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August 17 marked the 50th anniversary of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Guam.

"It is an honor to be with you today to mark 50 years of ministry," said the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, bishop of the Episcopal Church's Hawai'i diocese.

The anniversary mass was attended by the congregations of St. John's and Guam's two other Episcopal churches — St. Andrew's on the Philippine Sea and St. Michael and All Angels.

Fitzpatrick likened the church's history over the past 50 years to being in a large, open family. "Our tradition is 'Come on in.' It doesn't matter how much money you have or don't have," Fitzpatrick said. "We're not going to leave you outside because of the color of your skin, or if you're gay or you're straight — this is a place where you can belong."

In addition to celebrating the legacy of St. John's, Fitzpatrick extended a challenge to the congregation to look to the future. "You and I have a challenge," he said. "A challenge not to come to church Sunday morning to be comfortable and

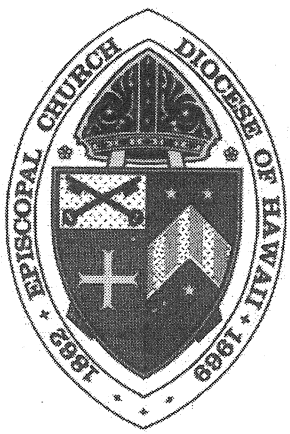
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Become filled with the love of Christ

Aloha i Akua,

I have set the theme for the 40th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i as "Filled with the Fullness of God" (taken from Ephesians 3:17-19). This theme offers the opportunity to reflect on the first point of our Diocesan Strategic Plan: "Convert our hearts to accept Jesus' Gospel message and to live in a deep relationship with God."

We will gather at the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Honolulu, and at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on October 24 and 25.

The phrase "Filled with the Fullness of God" is part of a longer prayer (Ephesians 3:14-20):

"...I kneel in prayer to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, that out of the treasures of his glory he may grant you inward strength and power through his Spirit, that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts in love. With deep roots and a firm foundation, be strong to grasp what is the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love, and to know it, though it is beyond knowing. So may you be filled with the fullness of God. Now to him who is able through the power which is at work among us to do immeasurably more than we can ask or conceive, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation for evermore! Amen."

That, too, is my prayer for the Diocese of Hawai'i!

As I travel around the Diocese, I am asked about programs that will help our congregations grow. The question is sometimes asked at this time of year as congregations work on annual giving campaigns and look to next year's budget. Unfortunately, there is no program or event that can "save" a congregation.

I think it begins with clarity of purpose and with inspired leadership. As the followers of Jesus Christ, our primary purpose is to share the love of God in Jesus Christ. We have to believe in the reality of Christ in our lives and to be passionate about that faith!



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

I am becoming most impatient with members of churches who have spent years in pews and still say they come to church on Sunday to be refreshed. If you're not refreshed, renewed, excited and joyful after years, leave and find the community that can provoke you to the love of God that changes the world.

Maybe, however, you need to pray and take some time with God to change you. Maybe you haven't been provoked because you really don't want to move. Being filled with such love that demands we do more than we can ask or even conceive is a pretty scary prospect. It might be easier to wait for refreshment to ooze its way to you over years, Sunday by Sunday.

Then again, that has nothing to do with Christ. The love of God shown through Christ explodes from an empty tomb and makes all creation new.

Such a delightful and demanding "inward strength and power through his Spirit" is encouraged by faithful and provoking teachers, preachers and pastors. I have always delighted in the proposition that the goal of the preacher is "to afflict the comfortable and to comfort the afflicted."

When I pronounce the absolution following the confession, I usually use this form: "The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit." Those called to faith in Jesus Christ are called to action in the certainty that we are forgiven, that we can change and that we have the Spirit to support us. In other words, we are the beloved of God and

BISHOP'S VISITATIONS

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

October

Oct. 5 St. George's, Honolulu
Oct. 6-10 St. Philip's, Waianae
Oct. 12 St. Christopher's, Kailua
Oct. 13-17 Emmanuel, Kailua

November

Nov. 2 Episcopal Church on West Kaula'i
Nov. 3-7 St. Michael's, Kaula'i
Nov. 9 Trinity-by-the-Sea, Maui
Nov. 10-14 Good Shepherd, Maui
Nov. 16 Holy Apostles, Hilo
Nov. 17-21 Christ Church, Kealahou

December

Dec. 15-19 .. Resurrection & St. Columba's
Dec. 21 Grace Church, Moloka'i

every aspect of our lives is now measured by that love. We should expect our leaders to challenge us, to inspire us, to be living examples to us, to pray for us and to teach us the story of salvation. Each of us is then called to be such a leader in the world.

Keep the Diocese in your prayers as we prepare for the Annual Meeting of the Convention. Please pray that God will use those gathered as a means to provoke and cajole Christ's people throughout our Diocese to realize that we are already filled with the fullness of God and the world needs that love!

Aloha i Iesu Kristo ko makou Haku,

+Bob
+ Keali'ikoa Keakua

Guam

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refreshed, but to come to church to be renewed and excited. You and I belong to a God of love and that's what we need to share."

Fitzpatrick asked members of the congregation to look down at their hands and ask themselves: "Have your hands been the hands of God? Have your lips invited anyone to church in the past month? Have your lips cried out for love and justice in the past year?"

St. John's Vicar Ben Helmer said the church has come a long way from its humble beginnings.

"Originally, when the church was founded in 1958, there were no real buildings to occupy, because everything was destroyed during the liberation," Helmer said. "The church bought three Quonset huts from the Navy for one dollar."

Helmer said that it cost the church just \$10 to have the structures moved to the present site. In the early 1960s, he said, the church built a parish hall and began holding Mass there, at which point the church decided to use the old Quonset huts to establish the school, which was officially founded in 1963.

Diocese uses videoconference as means of communication

By the Rev. Liz Beasley

CANON FOR MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

On August 14, the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese moved into a new realm of communications: videoconferencing. The Commission interviewed two candidates for ordination in Guam using a webcam (a camera attached to a computer) and Skype, a free computer program, to meet with both of the candidates. Members of the Commission gathered around a computer in the Office of the Bishop, while the candidates in Guam sat at a computer screen in an office there. The conversation lasted an hour and was free. The Commission found it so much better than trying to interview someone via a conference call. Both parties could hear — and see — the other.

The Commission, which serves as a advisory board to the Bishop on matters related to forming and training people for ministry, both ordained and lay, had been

asked by church leaders in Guam to interview the candidates for ordination. The Bishop with oversight of Guam is the Suffragan Bishop for Chaplaincies, the Rt. Rev. George Packard, but Guam does not have a Commission on Ministry. Thus Bishop Packard and the Rev. Ben Helmer, who has been serving as Archdeacon in Guam for the past 18 months, enlisted the help of both Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick (see cover story) and the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Hawai'i.

This foray into videoconferencing should be the first of many. The Office of the Bishop is investigating different videoconferencing methods and resources so that in the not-too-distant future, the Diocese will have the capability of holding commission meetings, search committee interviews, and other gatherings via videoconference rather than flying people from island to island. This change should save the Diocese thousands of dollars in travel costs per year.

Hawai'i group plans travel to New Orleans

By the Rev. Honey Becker

DEACON, ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

A group from the Diocese of Hawai'i will travel to New Orleans Nov. 1-10 to participate in the ongoing rebuilding of New Orleans after the devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Three years later, there is still an enormous need to address the housing shortage by helping rebuild flooded homes with volunteer labor.

Bishop Charles E. Jenkins of Louisiana reflects: "It has been said that 'you can give without loving, but you can't love without giving,' and I understand that more deeply now than before Hurricane Katrina ripped through our lives and ministry in 2005.

"The opportunities to live into God's transformation are great. We invite all Episcopalians to come and join with us in the ongoing Gulf Coast recovery efforts. Many meaningful work experiences exist, including opportunities with rebuilding homes, feeding ministries and health and pastoral care. Serving together has provided a rich context for spiritual growth for thousands of volunteers."

JOBS: While it is difficult to state exactly what the needs will be in advance, some typical jobs include sheet rocking, trimming windows, flooring, sanding and painting. If you are a skilled carpenter or builder, please indicate that. No one will be asked to do major framing unless they are skilled. There are jobs for everyone interested in volunteering, from assisting laborers to soup kitchens to pastoral care needs. The work week is typically Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LODGING: Our lodging during the most of the stay will be in one of the diocesan designated houses (I believe we will be in the one bought by the diocese and is adjacent to the Cathedral) and there is no charge for the housing. We will share the expenses for food, and meals will be pre-



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One of the houses along Scenic Drive, a beachfront road in Pass Christian, Miss. Before Hurricane Katrina, the drive was lined with dozens of beautiful homes and live oaks. After the hurricane passed through, most of the homes looked like this one.

pared in the house kitchen. Responsibilities for planning meals, shopping, cooking, cleaning up, etc. will also be divided. Additional shared aspects of our journey will include being designated drivers, worship facilitators and other possible roles as they become apparent. The worship facilitators will be responsible for scheduling the rotating leadership of Morning and Evening Prayer, which we will share each day, as well as a time to come together for sharing/debriefing of each day.

COSTS: Costs will involve airfare to and from New Orleans, food and the shared expense of rental vehicles. We will be responsible for getting ourselves from the airport to our housing as well as to our job assignments. There also will be a cost for hotel rooms after we check out of the diocesan house on Nov 8. For more information on airfare and traveling together, please con-

tact me at alohamagnolia@aol.com or (808) 753-6578.

TOURING: There will be an opportunity to see some of the sights of New Orleans on the weekends before and after our work week. On Nov 8, we will check out of the diocesan house and go to the French Quarter, where inexpensive hotels are available for around \$100 per night. If you would like to share a room, that would make it even more affordable. As soon as I know how many will be going, I will make the reservations. I have several places in mind, and I'm open to suggestions.

The Gulf Coast has been enriched by the thousands of volunteers who have come to share their gifts of time, talent, treasure and prayer in the recovery from the devastation of three years ago that has so deeply affected New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Episcopal Relief and

More information

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Development and supporters from across the country and from many dioceses have provided immense relief to the hundreds of thousands, and continue to serve tens of thousands still struggling to rebuild their lives.

We join the many servants who have come before us working together to honor all members of this community, striving to renew an area suffering from the slow healing wounds of an unprecedented disaster.

I invite you to join us in this mission. Please continue to pray for this mission and all affected in this region, especially in light of new weather issues currently at hand.

I believe this to be an opportunity to encounter the face of God in yet another profound way. I believe this is an opportunity for spiritual growth and I believe for all who make this journey, their lives will be changed forever.

My gratitude to Bishop Fitzpatrick, Canon Liz Beasley, Chico Wilson, Shawn Richards, Erin Hoff and especially Peter Lee and Ann Sylvester, all of whom have assisted this effort already. Please contact Peter, Ann or me with any of your questions and/or input. There are many opportunities to be a part of this mission besides picking up a hammer and nails. Please contact me as to how your gifts might be used in this effort.

Forming disciples? Attend Convocation 2009!

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? This is the theme behind the books on the Bishop's Reading List for this year. In some way, all these books focus on discipleship: how do we become more faithful and devoted followers of Christ? Some approached the topic from the perspective of Matthew's Gospel, which we are hearing in our Sunday services this year. Some approached it from the perspective of church leadership, or the perspective of our younger generations, or the qualities needed of leaders.

All of this comes together in the upcoming Convocation of our Diocese. This will be a three-day (but just 48 hours) event over the weekend of March 20-22, 2009, at Turtle Bay Resort on the North Shore of O'ahu. The theme is conversion — having our hearts ignited for God's kingdom, following Jesus as faithful disciples.

Our speaker will be Tex Sample, a Methodist pastor and famous speaker. He's a great storyteller with a sense of humor and fascinating to listen to, full of in-



The Rev. Canon Liz Beasley

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sight and knowledge.

I heard him several years ago at a "Start Up! Start Over!" conference, and those who were attending from Hawai'i were captivated by him.

The Convocation also will have workshops, worship, and time for fellowship and relaxation. A team of about 15 people from around the Diocese is working on the planning for this event.

Last month's *Chronicle* had a story telling how the Convocation came to be, and advising everyone to save the date. Here are some of the questions people might have:

Who should attend? Anyone! Everyone! This event is open to anyone in the Diocese who wants to attend — anyone who

seriously wants to make the commitment to being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to making their congregation a place where discipleship is welcomed and encouraged.

So it's not just for Vestry members? No. This is not a repeat of the old "Leaders' Training Day" that used to be held in the Diocese each spring for newly elected vestry members. However, this is especially intended for leaders, new or old — those people who are willing to take what they learn back to their congregations so that the churches can grow from the experience also.

What will be expected of those who attend? Participants will be asked to do some pre-Convocation work in preparation for the event. The 48 hours or so we will have together is a relatively short time, so the pre-event preparation will enable those who attend to get the most from the event, and reap the most benefit for their congregations.

Turtle Bay? Isn't that expensive? We are working with Turtle Bay and being creative to keep the costs down to a reasonable

price, even for a couple or a family. This includes personal donations from those who are able to make them. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to help defray the expenses, in the interest of promoting Christian formation, discipleship, and leadership in the Diocese, should contact Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick or Diocesan Treasurer Peter Pereira.

I see the Convocation goes into a Sunday. What about Sunday worship? This was discussed quite a bit by the planning team. Continuing into Sunday makes it easier and less expensive to get hotel space, and we liked the idea of being together on a Sunday morning. We are investigating the possibilities of making the service available via videoconference, and creating a service that all can join in, even those remaining at home in their congregations.

How can I learn more? Keep watching the *Chronicle* and the diocesan Web site. The Convocation planning team will also have a display at the annual meeting of the Convention (October 24-25), with more information.

COMING SOON

www.episcopalhawaii.org/calendar/calendar.php

OCTOBER

- Oct. 4 Safeguarding God's Children Training 8:30-11:30 am, St. Clement's, Honolulu
- Oct. 9 Commission on Ministry, 2:00 pm
- Oct. 9 Resource Development Dept., 11:30 am
- Oct. 11 ECW monthly meeting, 9:30am-1:00 pm
- Oct. 18 Council Dept. Meetings, 9:00 am
- Oct. 24-25 40th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 8 ECW monthly meeting
- Nov. 13 Commission on Ministry, 2:00 pm
- Nov. 15 Council Dept. Meetings, 9:00 am
- Nov. 15 Sixth Annual Chocolate Extravaganza
- Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday; Office of the Bishop closed

DECEMBER

- Dec. 6 St. Andrew's Holiday Fair 9 am-2 pm
- Dec. 11 Commission on Ministry, 2:00 pm
- Dec. 13 ECW Holiday Luncheon 9:30 am-1 pm
- Dec. 20 Council Dept. Meetings, 9:00 am

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.



These delicious chocolate cupcakes were just one of many offerings during last year's Chocolate Extravaganza, sponsored by Emmanuel Church in Kailua.

Emmanuel sets date for annual chocolate event

Put this on your calendar now, because you don't want to miss it! The sixth annual Chocolate Extravaganza, sponsored by Emmanuel Church in Kailua, is set for Nov. 15 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets are available now for \$20; tickets purchased at the door will be \$25. Children six and under will not be charged admission.

Family Promise of Hawai'i and the Institute for Human Services are partners for this year's event, which will feature a fabulous chocolate buffet and a silent auction.

Also, 50 "golden tickets" to a VIP reception will be available for purchase at \$30 each.

Attendees to this special reception have the opportunity to sample the top chocolate confections in an elegant garden setting. This VIP reception begins at 5 p.m.

Jane Tonokawa and Carolyn Remedios are the co-chairs of this event. Contact them at the Emmanuel Church office at 262-4548 or via e-mail at office@emmanuelkailua.com. The Church Web site, www.emmanuelkailua.com, will be updated with information as it becomes available.

By supporting this event, you will also support programs which aid the homeless in Honolulu.

Delegation from Maori to visit Honolulu

Bishop of New Zealand John Gray, Archdeacon Hirini Kaa and ten young adults (five wahine and five kane) will visit Honolulu from Oct. 22 to Nov. 3. The meeting between Bishop Gray and Bishop Fitzpatrick is to explore the possibility of developing a companion diocese relationship between Hawai'i and New Zealand.

The young adults, who range in age from 17-29, are up-and-coming leaders and are active in ministry to young and native communities in their homeland. Their visit will coincide with the 40th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i.

If you and/or your congregation are interested in getting involved in activities for the young adults, send an e-mail to bishops.office@episcopalhawaii.org with your full contact information and "ENZ 2008" in the subject line.

Positions open for election at Annual Meeting of Convention

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

FUNCTION: 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, Young Adults, and Youth.

COMMITMENTS: If elected, Council members are expected to: Attend a working retreat weekend in November. Attend all department meetings unless excused by the department Chairperson. Attend all Diocesan Council meetings except when excused by the President. If you miss three (3) consecutive meetings (unexcused), the Council may declare that your lack of attendance has created a vacancy.

COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS: Six (6) clergy and (12) laypersons for three-year terms, one third being elected each year. Also each of the three (3) counties Hawai'i, Kaua'i, and Maui within the Diocese nominate one member for election to the Council. The Council meets monthly at St. Andrew's Cathedral from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Most departments meet at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Council meeting. The Diocese pays travel expenses for Neighbor Island members.

TO BE ELECTED IN 2008: Two (2) clergy (three-year term), one (1) clergy (two-year

term), four (4) lay (three-year term) and one (1) Hawai'i County lay or clergy (three-year term)

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS: Clergy must be canonically resident in the Diocese of Hawai'i. Laypersons must be 18 years or older and communicants. No member having just completed two (2) full three-year terms is eligible for reelection for one year. No member of the Standing Committee may serve simultaneously on the Diocesan Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: 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. The Standing Committee meets on the second Friday of each month, and at other times as necessary.

COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS: Four (4) clergy and four (4) lay persons for four-year terms, one of each elected each year. Committee meets at St. Andrew's Cathedral on the second Friday of each month. Travel expenses for Neighbor Island members are paid by the Diocese.

TO BE ELECTED IN 2008: One (1) clergy (four-year term) and one (1) lay (four-year term)

QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS: Clergy must be canonically resident in the Diocese of Hawai'i. Lay persons must be communicants. No member having just completed a full term on the Committee is eligible for reelection for one year. No member of the Diocesan Council may

serve simultaneously on the Standing Committee.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

FUNCTION: Serve as the Vestry for St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish.

COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS: The Bishop, the Dean of the Cathedral, and ten (10) lay persons elected by the Cathedral Congregation. Two (2) clergy and two (2) lay persons for two-year terms, one of each, each year, elected by the Convention from the Diocese at large. The Chapter meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Travel expenses for Neighbor Island members are provided.

TO BE ELECTED IN 2008: One (1) clergy (two-year term) and one (1) lay (two-year term).

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS: Must be a communicant.

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT

FUNCTION: Presides over the trial of any priest or deacon under diocesan jurisdiction after a presentation 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.

COMMITMENTS: The Court will meet upon the call of the President after a presentment has been made. Members should be prepared to meet as frequently as necessary until the court has come to a final determination. The Court will meet no later than two (2) months following the adjournment of each Annual Convention to

elect one of their number to be the Presiding Judge of the Court until the next annual Convention, and to elect a Church Attorney, as defined by Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church, for a term of one year until a successor is elected and qualified.

COMPOSITION: The Court shall be composed of three (3) clergy and two (2) lay persons, each being elected for five (5) years on staggered terms.

TO BE ELECTED IN 2008: One (1) clergy (five-year term).

QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS: Clergy members must be canonically resident in the Diocese of Hawai'i. Lay members must be communicants in good standing and regularly active in a parish or mission of the Diocese. No member having just completed a five (5) year term is eligible for reelection for one year.

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

FUNCTION: Records minutes, enters them in the Journal, and, under the supervision of the Bishop, attends to the publication and distribution of the journal, and performs other duties as prescribed in the diocesan Constitution and Canons. Chairs the Committee on Convention Plans for planning the agenda and making physical arrangements for the Convention. Maintains various directories of Diocesan officers, commissions, departments, etc.

TO BE ELECTED IN 2008: One (1) clergy or lay (one-year term)

QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE: The Secretary elected by this Convention (2008) will serve through the annual meeting of the Convention of 2009.