

Hawaiian Church Chronicle

VOLUME 20

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF HAWAII

NUMBER 2

In the aftermath of Katrina

Mission trip to New Orleans
put 'face' on 2006 disaster

The Rev. Honey Becker

ST. MATTHEW'S

The first week of November, a small band of pilgrims left the islands to reach out to the people of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Maria Gerry and Peter Lee from the Church of Good Shepherd in Wailuku, Daphne Kennedy, a former member of the Cathedral, now living in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. and The Rev. Honey Becker, Deacon at the Cathedral (and now Deacon at St. Matthew's), formed this group.

Upon our arrival we were housed in up-town New Orleans by the Diocese of Louisiana and given an overview of the dis-

aster. We were assigned disaster relief personnel who would oversee our time there.

We were to work in the Upper Ninth Ward, one of the hardest hit areas in the city. The Lower Ninth, the adjacent community, had been completely flooded, water reaching over the roofs. Many of the reported deaths were from this area. We had been informed beforehand that our designated house had been under water; it had

since been gutted and we would be one of the last of many groups to work on this house, doing primarily finishing work.

On our first day, as we rode to our designated site in the Upper Ninth Ward, silence fell in the car as we drove through the neighborhoods trying to locate the house that had been assigned to us. What

Continued on Page D

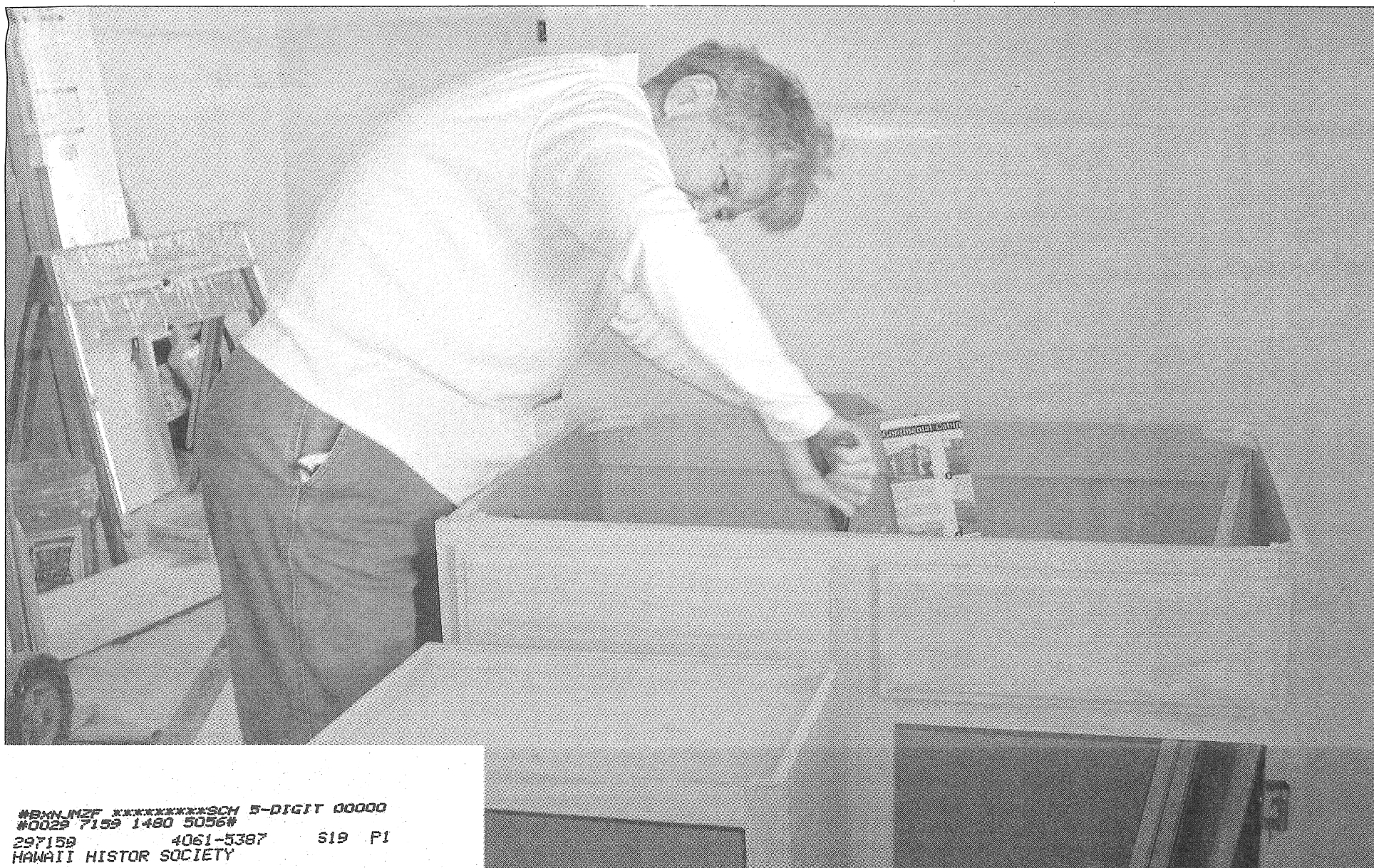
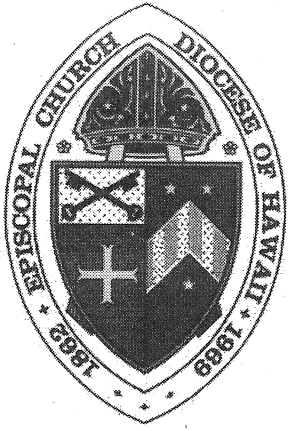


PHOTO BY THE REV. HONEY BECKER

Daphne Kennedy, a former member of St. Andrew's now living in New York, joined the mission trip to New Orleans. Here, she is staining cabinets, which she later hung, at a house destroyed during Hurricane Katrina that is being renovated and rebuilt. Kennedy was joined on the trip by Maria Gerry, Peter Lee and the Rev. Honey Becker.

#BXNLMZF *****SCH 5-DIGIT 00000
#0029 7159 1480 5056#
297159 4061-5387 S19 FI
HAWAII HISTOR SOCIETY
560 KAWAIIAN ST
HONOLULU HI 96813-5023

11 266-305
H 3/3



Hawaiian Church Chronicle

PUBLISHED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1901

The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop

229 Queen Emma Square
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813-2304
Telephone: (808) 536-7776
Fax: (808) 538-7194

Volume 20, Number 2

Episcopal Life ISSN 1050-0057
USPS# 177-940 is published monthly
by the Domestic and Foreign
Missionary Society, Inc., 815
Second Ave., New York, NY
10017. Periodicals postage paid
in New York, N.Y., and
additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Send change of
address to Episcopal Life, P.O. Box
2050, Voorhees, NJ 08043-8000.

READERS: To change subscription
address, contact:

Episcopal Life Circulation Department
P.O. Box 2050
Voorhees, NJ 08043-8000
email: elife@aflwebprinting.com
1-800-374-9510

Chico Wilson
Editor

Elizabeth House
Design/Layout

The Hawaiian Church Chronicle is the
official news publication of the Episcopal
Diocese of Hawai'i. All policy, editorial
and administrative decisions are under
the direction of the editor in consultation
with the Bishop.

The Chronicle welcomes suggestions, story
ideas, comments and opinions from its
readers. Send articles, letters, news and
photographs to:

Chico Wilson,
Editor, Hawaiian Church Chronicle,
229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI
96813-2304.
E-mail: chico@episcopalhawaii.org
Telephone: (808) 536-7776 ext. 310

The Chronicle does not assume responsibility for
the return of photographs or manuscripts.

www.episcopalhawaii.org

**April issue deadline:
February 27**

Temple's four basic Christian principles

Aloha i Akua,

One of the personal gifts to me of the Lambeth Conference this past summer was the opportunity to spend some time in the Diocese of Manchester. It is a northern industrial city of England with a strong sense of the age of Queen Victoria. It reminded me of Chicago or Cleveland. I was thankful to be there because one of my heroes had been Bishop of Manchester in the 1920s. William Temple (1881-1944) was Bishop of Manchester from 1921 to 1929 (and then Archbishop of York [1929-1942] and Archbishop of Canterbury [1942-1944]). As I often do, I have been recently rereading Temple in the wake of the economic downturn and the evidence of corporate greed that fills the news.

In the early 1930s, Temple proposed that we can see four basic Christian principles in the Christian life that impact our understanding of mission, morality, and social and economic justice. They are: (1) the sacredness of personality, (2) the fact of fellowship, (3) the duty of service, and (4) the power of self-sacrifice. (William Temple, *Religious Experience and other Essays and Addresses*, The Lutterworth Press, 1958)

The sacredness of personality is the principle which affirms the value of each of us as individuals before God. The basis for this principle in our Christian life is the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. The Incarnational Principle affirms the sacredness of individual human persons as products of creation and the foci of redemption. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14). These words from John's Gospel graphically express the reality of a God who lived, laughed, suffered, and died within our human lives. All humanity — each of us individually — is sanctified by the mere fact of the Incarnation. We each are a sacred personality. This principle places Jesus Christ at the center of the integral relationship between the Trinity and all creation. "It follows from the thought that God is the Father of every soul; it is required by the fact that God is love, and desires the love of His children. The personality of the child of God whose love God Himself desires is certainly a sacred thing" (William Temple, *Christus Veritas*, Macmillan, 1924).

The second principle — the fact of fellowship — reminds us that we live in Com-



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

munity. This is the Pentecost Principle. There is no such thing as a natural human being: a lone wolf — especially a Christian lone wolf. One cannot be a Christian outside of the fellowship of believers. Our relationships do matter; the conduct of each of the individuals within the fellowship is the concern of the whole. We are not a collection of individuals, but a community created at Pentecost. We are responsible for one another. In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (13:34-35). The Holy Spirit is the vital presence of the Trinity creating the fellowship. The Spirit is the gift of love that unites the Father and the Son, the Creator and the Beloved. The Spirit is the gift of God that loves freely and absolutely. This love binds us and drives us as the Church and the individual believers. This is the life bound by the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). "The Christian conception of men as members in the family of God forbids the notion that Freedom may be used for self-interest" (William Temple, *Essays in Christian Politics and Citizenship and Kindred Subjects*, Longmans, 1927).

The third principle — the duty of service — reminds us of our collective responsibility for one another. This is the Apostleship Principle. The fact of fellowship is preserved by the duty of service. We are gathered for mutual support and the enhancement of our sacred personalities. We are also moved by God's love to serve others. This is the message of Matthew 25. In caring for the hungry, the rejected, and the homeless, we care for God. By sharing the story of our own salvation we invite others into the fellowship of God's love.

The fourth principle — the power of self-sacrifice — reminds us that in all aspects of our lives we are, as Christians, called beyond our egotistical beings to the service of others and God. We meet self-sacrifice as a divine imperative at the foot of the cross. God in Jesus Christ gives us the

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.

February

Feb 1:Calvary, Kane'ohe
Feb. 2-6:St. John by-the-Sea, Kahu'u
Feb 8:St. Matthew, Waimanalo
Feb 15:St. Augustine, Kapa'au
Feb 22:Epiphany, Honolulu
Feb. 23-27:Good Samaritan, Honolulu

March

Mar 1:Emmanuel, Kailua
Mar 2-6:St. Timothy, 'Aiea
Mar 29: St. Michael and All Angels, Lihu'e

living love of self-sacrifice. We are bonded to God in the sacrifice of His Son. "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave..." (Philippians 2:5-7). This is the Atonement Principle. Ministry must include the willingness to take risks and to turn the world upside down in order to share the message of salvation.

With the inauguration of a new President in the United States, I found the words in a sermon Temple preached after the coronation of George VI in 1937 most insightful:

"The Kingdom of God is the Sovereignty of Love — since God is Love. That great proclamation brings comfort and courage to all whose hearts are attuned to it; for God is Love, then Love is the ultimate power of the universe, and every purpose or policy prompted by Love — by the desire to serve rather than to gain — will reach its fulfillment, whatever the sacrifice that may first be required of it, because it is allied with the supreme power. But the proclamation that God is Love is not only for consolation; it is a principle of judgment; for every purpose or policy that is alien from love and is based on selfishness or acquisitiveness is bound to end in disaster, because it is resisting the supreme power" (William Temple, *The Hope of the World*, Macmillan, 1942).

We live in difficult and anxious times — as did William Temple (serving as a bishop during the Great Depression and World War II) — and we are bound by the same principles and by Love. Our words will be different; but we are called to challenge the same forces of greed and selfishness, to battle similar systems of injustice and oppression, to care too for the hungry and the unemployed (or underemployed), to be the voice of justice and of peace. May God grant us the strength and courage to be Love in a world that still needs it!

Aloha i Iesu Kristo ko makou Haku,

+Bob
+ Keali'ikoa okeakua

Bishop's 2009 Reading List

Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick has announced his Reading List for 2009. Each quarter of the year features a different book. Below are the primary books for each quarter, with information on the publisher to help with ordering. The first book, on Mark's Gospel, will help us read and understand the Gospel book from which our Gospel lesson will come on most of the Sundays in this year (Year B) of the Revised Common Lectionary (the system of Sunday lessons that we follow).

January-March: *Mark for Everyone*, by N.T. Wright (Westminster John Knox Press, 2004).

April-June: *Reweaving the Sacred: A Practical Guide for Change and Growth for Challenged Congregations*, by Carol J. Gallagher (Church Publishing, 2008). (This book is also the basis for one of the workshops at DJ'09, where Bishop Carol will be the Chaplain.)

July-September: *Following Francis: The Franciscan Way for Everyone*, by Susan Pitchford (Morehouse Publishing, 2006).

October-December: *Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth*, Ilia Delio, Keith Douglass Warner, and Pamela Wood (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2008).

Disciple's Journey: Get ready to be ignited!

Register now for this unique March event

Register now to come to Turtle Bay on March 20-22 for "A Disciple's Journey 2009: Igniting Hearts for God's Mission" (DJ'09). This will be a chance to join with fellow Episcopalians from around the Diocese, and even possibly from Guam, to hear some great speakers, to learn and worship together, and to know one another in a different way, all in a beautiful setting.

The planning team has budgeted to cover the cost of travel for attendees from Neighbor Islands. Approval for travel will be sent to the diocesan travel agent after receipt of registration. If you make your own reservations, the Diocese covers the amount up to the cost that we would have paid through the diocesan travel agent.

And check out the public "wiki" devoted to DJ'09 to communicate information about the event and to foster comments and conversation. It includes informa-

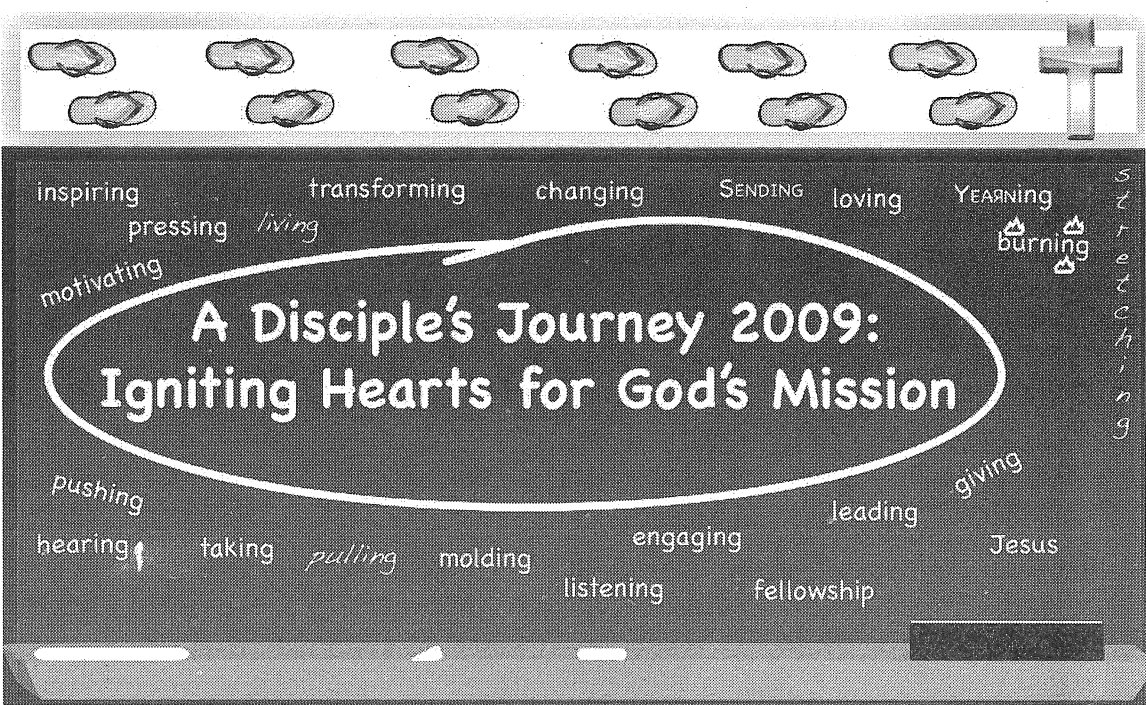
tion available so far on registration and fees, workshops, and our speakers. To see the site and to join, go to <http://disciples-journey2009.wetpaint.com>.

(The Diocese has begun using "wikis" in several areas. These are web sites that allow for groups to interact and exchange ideas and information. They can be public or private. The online encyclopedia, "Wikipedia," is the best-known example. And yes, the word "wiki" is from the Hawaiian word meaning "fast.")

Below is the schedule for DJ'09. One explanation about meals: To keep the costs down, we elected to eat in the main dining room, using the restaurant's delicious buffet. This means that we will eat at staggered times. On Saturday evening, we will all eat together.

FRIDAY

3-7 pm: Registration
4-5 pm: Opening Eucharist
5-7 pm: Dinner
7-7:15 pm: Break
7:15-8:45 pm: Keynote #1 — "The Craft of Discipleship," with Tex Sample
8:45-9 pm: Break
9-9:30 pm: Compline



SATURDAY

6:00 am: Chapel opens for silent prayer
6:30-9 am: Breakfast times
8-8:45 am: Morning Prayer
8:45-10 am: Keynote 2 — "Electronic Culture," with Tex Sample
10-10:15 am: Break
10:15-11:25 am: Workshops I
11:30-11:50 am: Noonday Prayer
Noon-1:10 pm: Workshops II

1:20-2:30 pm: Workshops III
11 am-2:30 pm: Lunch times (Each person takes two workshops and eats lunch during the alternate workshop time.)
2:30-2:45 pm: Break
2:45-4:15 pm: Keynote 3 — "Oral Culture," with Tex Sample
4:15-4:30 pm: Break
4:30-5:15 pm: Evening Prayer
5:30-7:30 pm: Dinner
7:30-8:45 pm: Talk Story &

Fellowship OR "Talk Story with Tex" (an opportunity to talk with Tex Sample about what he has said in his keynotes)
9-9:30 pm: Compline

SUNDAY

6 am: Chapel opens for silent prayer
6-9:30 am: Breakfast
9:30-10:30 am: Preparing to Return
11 am-Noon: Closing Eucharist
Noon-1:30 pm: Lunch & departures

St. Michael's Jazz Festival is Feb. 6-8

By the Rev. Bill Miller

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Jazz singer Greta Matassa and the Hot Club of Hulaville are the headline performers for the third annual All Angels Jazz Festival at St. Michael and All Angels in Lihue, Kaua'i, Feb. 6-8. Concerts are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings, with a Jazz Mass set for Sunday morning.

Acclaimed jazz vocalist Matassa from Seattle will headline the concert for Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. Matassa will be accompanied by Paul English on piano, Abe Lagrimas Jr. on drums and Darryl Miyasoto on bass. Opening for Matassa will be Kaua'i favorites Sistah' SHE and Picante with a Latin horn section.

On Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., The Hot Club of Hulaville from Honolulu will be the headline performer. The Hot Club features Sonny Silva on guitar, Duane Padilla on violin, David Chiorini on bass, Pierre Grill on accordion, and Ginai on vocals. Drummer Lagrimas, who will also perform on vibraphone and ukulele. He will be joined by Paul English.

Briefly appearing at both concerts will be two of the top tap dancers in the world: Ayodele Casel from New York City, and Sarah Savelli from Cleveland.

The Friday and Saturday night concerts are \$30 advance and \$35 at the door (if tick-



ets remain). Last year's concerts were virtual sellouts. Tickets are available at St. Michael's Church in Lihue and on the web at www.stmichaels-kauai.org

The Sunday Jazz Masses at 8 and 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 8 feature "A Tribute to Duke Ellington." Music from Ellington's First Sacred Concert will be performed by a choir of Kaua'i's finest singers, soloists Arnold Meister, Karen Dickinson, and Alan Van Zee, an all-star jazz band featuring Paul English on piano, Denny Morouse on saxophone, David Braun and Steve Dubey on trumpet, David Yukimura on reeds, "Slyde" Hyde on trombone, and Lagrimas on drums. Dancers Casel and Savelli will perform the grand finale "David Danced."

The Jazz Mass is conceived, directed, and produced by Paul English in collaboration with the Rev. William Miller, rector at St. Michael's. This year's festival marks their 8th musical collaboration. Last year's Jazz Masses were standing-room only. The Jazz Masses are free and open to the public.

For more information call 245-3796 or go to www.stmichaels-kauai.org.

Chapter confirms Bishop as Dean

On December 23, 2008, Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick sent a letter to the congregation of St. Andrew's Cathedral announcing that the Chapter had confirmed him as Dean of the Cathedral. The letter is excerpted below:

"At my request and following several weeks to consider the proposal, I formally nominated myself to the Chapter as 'Dean' with all the rights and authority of that office. The Chapter confirmed me. I then named Father Tim Sexton to the office of 'Provost' as my 'vicar' (with the duties of Canon Administrator). Further, that in the 'permanent' office of Provost, the Chapter confirmed his performing the duties of the Dean (Vice President of Chapter) when I am not present at the Cathedral or with the Chapter. This was done in keeping with the Diocesan Canons and the By-Laws of the Cathedral. ...

"In secular terms, I might be viewed as the Chief Executive Officer and Father Tim as the Chief Operating Officer. I have asked him to take special responsibility for stewardship, including the administration of the Cathedral and Evangelism including marketing and new member incorporation.

"I also asked and the Chapter consented to my naming of Father Moki Hino as Canon Pastor and Mr. John Renke as Canon Precentor. As Canons, I

expect them to be part of a core team shaping the ministry and mission of the Cathedral. The Canon Pastor is responsible for outreach to the community and the world, and for the pastoral care of the Cathedral congregation. He works closely with the clergy, especially me, and the lay people who serve in ministries of care for those in need and those who suffer. The Canon Precentor is responsible for the planning and direction of Cathedral liturgies and special services. He works closely with the clergy, especially me, and the lay people who serve in the liturgical ministry of my Cathedral.

"I expect my Provost and Canons to provide spiritual guidance and practical support for the myriad programs that nurture, educate, and enrich this community. I am particularly keen that we work together to provide solid Christian Education for the adults of this Cathedral, especially in the study of the Bible as the core of our faith and in formation for ministry. ...

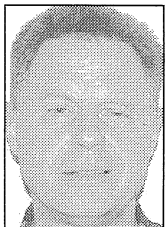
"My personal goal is to function as 'One Team' — Bishop, Cathedral congregation, staff and Diocese — for the mission of the Jesus Christ!"



Sexton



Hino



Renke

Mission trip to Honduras

Interested in experiencing life on the ground in Honduras? The Rev. Richard Shields, a member of St. Clement's, is looking for three people who would like to join an educational/medical mission to Honduras in July. The mission, sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery, Ala., and hosted by the Church of the Holy Spirit in Honduras, is in its seventh year.

The mission trip is divided into two periods, July 10-20, and/or July 18-27. The first period is devoted to education and young people, along with some construction work done by the youth and adults. The second week is medically oriented, and includes healthcare professionals from across North America who conduct daily clinics. Most people choose to attend one session or the other; a few stay for the entire experience. At the end of each period, a time of recreation is planned for participants before heading back to the U.S.

For more information about this ministry, which will also provide more insight to Spanish-speaking people who come to Hawai'i seeking employment, contact Richard at 372-1149 or reshields@yahoo.com.

Richard is available to give a presentation and slideshow to all interested congregations.

Happening in February

Happening 21, an event for senior high youth, will take place February 13-15, at St. John's in Kula, Maui. This will be an outdoor event, with camping under the stars. (If the weather gets too wet, the "camp" will be moved into the parish house.) Items required include a sleeping bag, pillow and warm clothes for both daytime and sleeping. Also needed will be closed shoes, towels and personal items, but no electronic equipment (iPods, cell phones, etc.) will be allowed. Each youth is requested to bring only one piece of luggage. For more information, contact Rheena Campbell at candchawaii@gmail.com.

Disaster plan presented

A Disaster Preparedness Plan has been developed as requested by the Bishop. One copy has been distributed to all congregations, schools and to Camp Mokule'ia. Trainings for all Response Teams and instructions on the plan will be held on each island. For more information, contact Judi Greer at 808-826-6430.

St. Augustine's 125th!

Come celebrate 125 years with the congregation of St. Augustine. The event entitled "Celebrating the past as we move into the future" will take place the weekend of Feb. 13-15. There will be a lu'au the last day and tickets are \$7. For more information contact Iris at 889-6789.

Saying 'aloha' with aloha!



PHOTO BY FRANK LANGE

Honey Becker, who had been a deacon at St. Andrew's Cathedral since her ordination in 2001, was recently reassigned by the Bishop to St. Matthew's parish in Waimanalo, presenting a unique opportunity for kokua by cathedral parishioners and friends. At Honey's request, the usual cathedral departure celebration (lei and a party) was replaced by an ingathering of canned goods for one of her new parish's ministries, the Kokua Food Basket. Since August 1984, the Kokua Food Basket, a ministry of St. Matthew's has provided food distribution in Waimanalo. The response was overwhelming: On Dec. 28, a delegation from St. Andrew's delivered more than 550 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishables to St. Matthew's. Also presented were \$225 in monetary donations to Kokua Food Basket. Pictured here are: front row: Jim McIntosh, M'Liss Moore, Joe Oba, Linda Oba, Moana Ho DeMello (member of St. Matthew's), Tiny Chang, Back row: Devin Alford, Paul Reeser, Kilani Ventura, Fran Lucier, Melvia Kawashima.

Katrina

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

we saw — even three years after Katrina hit — was awesome to us. The water had long since subsided, although the water line could still be seen on some houses, the mud and debris had been cleared, electrical wires were back in place and neighborhoods, although somewhat sporadic, showed signs of life.

One of most the unsettling things that we kept encountering was the symbols spray-painted on the houses. We were told that the first responders who came by boat had spray-painted on the houses what they had found, so that other rescuers would have important information as they attempted to rescue people who had been trapped in their houses when the levees broke and the water rose so very quickly.

The symbols indicated whether or not there was a person inside — alive or dead, pets, children and people who were handicapped. The responders found people in second story windows, floating through the neighborhood on doors or ice chests or holding on to trees that had been uprooted, but mostly on the roofs, after they had gone into the attics and with hatchets had broken through and were stranded on top of the houses. Over and over again there were messages indicating people who were found dead, mostly in the attics as they were not able to break through the roof. This happened apparently more than a thousand times, and was the reason that Chris Rose, a columnist for the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* titled his book *I Dead in Attic*. The

one symbol we saw everywhere and on every house in the Upper Ninth Ward was TFW — Toxic Flood Water.

We were all stretched in many ways during our time: staining and hanging kitchen cabinets, hanging sheet rock, hanging doors, sanding, stripping paint and painting. These were only part of our daily duties.

When addressing his congregation in Wailuku after his return, Peter said that one of the most touching aspects for him of the mission was the opportunity to get to know one of the people whose house we helped to restore. She lived in a FEMA trailer in the backyard of her house. We visited with her during our work day, had lunch with her some days and generally created a relationship, "putting a face on the disaster," Lee told his congregation.

On the day we presented her with lei that Peter and Maria had made and brought, there were many smiles and many tears. On our last day there was prayer and best wishes for her future in her new home, which we now somehow shared with her.

We were clearly blessed by our time there, making life better for one sweet soul, who had no other resources to assist in reclaiming her house.

We also were able to make a presentation of a check from the Diocese of Hawai'i to the Diocese of Louisiana/Office of Disaster Response for \$1,500 that will help to continue the work. We presented the check in the courtyard of the Cathedral, with members of the Bishop's staff present. To make it really festive and representative of our diocese, Maria blew the pu and chanted an oli of presentation, and Peter chanted an oli in English. Peter and Maria then gave lei to the

Lino goes to St. Elizabeth's

The Rev. Saimone Lino, a priest from Tonga who moved to Hawai'i in 2007 after serving for about 15 years in Fiji, has been moved to St. Elizabeth's in Honolulu. Lino has been assisting at St. John's By-the-Sea in Kahalu'u for the past year. Lino began work at St. Elizabeth in early January.

Becker assigned to St. Matthew's

The Rev. Honey Becker, who has been a Deacon at the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew's since she was ordained in 2001, began ministry in mid-January as the Deacon assigned by Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick to St. Matthew's, Waimanalo. (See photo at left).

Honnold transferred to St. Jude's

The Rev. Sandy Honnold has been assigned by the Bishop to serve as the Deacon at St. Jude's, Ocean View, on the Big Island. She will work with the Rev. Dallas Decker, who began at St. Jude's in mid-September.

Lillie called to St. Mark's

The Vestry of St. Mark's in Honolulu has called the Rev. Paul Lillie to be its next Rector. Lillie began his ministry at St. Mark's on Jan. 1, with his first Sunday service on Jan. 11. Lillie was previously Canon for Congregational Life at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Buffalo, N.Y.

Jackson called to Epiphany

The Vestry of the Church of the Epiphany in Honolulu has called the Rev. David Jackson to be its next Rector. Jackson is the Dean and President of Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont in California. He will begin on March 1.

staff members.

Before returning home, we were able to spend a few days in the French Quarter, where we visited Café du Monde, St. Louis Cathedral, Jackson Square, Pat O'Brien's, The Riverwalk and some wonderful restaurants, where we ate some incredible food. We listened to great jazz, rode the streetcar and shopped throughout the Quarter. One of the highlights for us was dinner at the home of The Rev. Mary Koppel, former priest on Kaua'i and New Orleans native and her husband and great cook, Mark Vicknair.

Peter said that approximately 20 people have already asked about being a part of next year's mission, which is tentatively set for the first weekend in November, which is the weekend after the Annual Meeting of Convention. Peter will be one of the leaders for that mission. If you are interested in participating, contact him at 808-244-4638.

Some of the books that we have read about Katrina that might be of interest to those considering joining us next year are: *I Dead in Attic*, *Breach of Faith* and *Not Just the Levees Broke*.

Shortly after Katrina hit, it was estimated that the recovery would take 10 years. After having been in and out of the city many times over the last three years, and this week spent actually in the heart of the disaster, I believe that estimate is accurate.

Many thanks to those who kept us in prayer while we were away. And also thanks to those who blessed us with monetary gifts: Grace Memorial Church, Moloka'i, Beadie Dawson, Pat Newlin, Myong Kato Lee. We are grateful to all who supported us on this mission and we look forward to hearing from those who are able to join us next year.