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Group prepares for ordination

Goal is revitalization
of Diocesan diaconate

By the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley

CANON FOR MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

A group of eleven people from throughout the Diocese began meeting monthly in October 2008 in preparation

for being ordained, most of them as deacons, in the Diocese of Hawai'i. The group has arisen from an initiative that Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick named soon after taking office in March 2007.

In his Chronicle column in June 2007, Bishop Fitzpatrick wrote, "As Bishop, it is my hope that the diaconate will be revitalized in our Diocese....

"Specifically, I want us to call deacons

who embody the servant ministry of the Church in the world and within the Church. Who in your congregation serves all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely? Who has the gift to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world in a way that is meaningful and understandable? Is there someone in your congregation now that by their very example teaches you and

Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are in fact serving God? There are deacons in our midst right now and we must raise them up for ordination. Who in your congregation is called to servanthood as a deacon of the Church?"

Congregations throughout the Diocese responded to the Bishop's call. They began to identify people in their midst who

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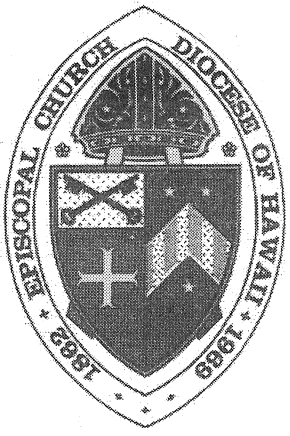


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Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick talks to the group *Na Imiloa*, meaning the Seekers. It is a group of 11 people from across the diocese who have been identified as possible nominees for Holy Orders. Five have already been nominated and accepted by the bishop as Postulants: the first stage in the formal ordination process.

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Bishop shares his reading list for 2009

Aloha i Akua,

As I have done for the previous two years, for 2009 I am sharing a list of suggested books for study by members of the Diocese during this year.

During the liturgical year (B), we will often be hearing lessons from the Gospel according to Mark at Sunday Eucharists. I invite you to read *Mark for Everyone*, by N. T. Wright (Westminster John Knox Press, 2004) as you prepare to hear the Gospel this year. Wright is the Bishop of Durham in the Church of England. Along with E.P. Sanders and James D.G. Dunn, Wright has been one of the New Testament scholars I have been reading the most in recent months. I am slowly working my way through Dunn's *Jesus Remembered: Christianity in the Making, Vol. 1* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2003) at this time. I think these authors offer some helpful insights and important correctives to some aspects of the Jesus Seminar and some popular authors connected with it who are writing about Jesus. In *Mark for Everyone*, Wright offers accessible translations of, and reflections on, passages of the Gospel that are both theologically grounded and practical. There is also a helpful glossary that explains important reoccurring terms in Mark. This book could be used for group or personal study.

Bishop Carol Gallagher is well known to our Diocese. She has served as a consultant with the Commission on Native Hawaiian Ministry and the chaplain to the annual meeting of our Diocesan Convention. She will be returning this month as the chaplain for and a presenter at Disciples Journey 2009. In her new book, *Reweaving the Sacred: A Practical Guide to Change and Growth for Challenged Congregations* (Church Publishing, 2008), she offers leaders of congrega-



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BISHOP OF HAWAII

tions helpful insights and practical exercises to explore a church's history and values, and to engage in mission that compliments its core identity. My hope is that every Bishop's Committee and Vestry will at least consider using this book as a group study. It can also be helpful for anyone seeking to encourage mission and ministry in their own congregation.

As many know, I have a keen interest in the practice and order of Benedictine spirituality. I daily read a section of Benedict's Rule and from the writing of the saints influenced by the Rule [such as Bernard of Clairvaux (or another Cistercian) and Gregory the Great]. I am aware that there are some for whom the spiritual path of settled community and structured prayer embodied in the Benedictine tradition may not be the best way to the holy. This has been particularly brought home to me in conversations with our deacons. Susan Pitchford offers a delightful personal introduction to Franciscan spirituality in her *Following Francis: The Franciscan Way for Everyone*, by Susan Pitchford (Morehouse Publishing, 2006). She gives questions and prayer exercises to help in group and individual study. She suggests that the Franciscan way might be most helpful for the 21st-century Christian.

As we ponder the ecological devastation of the earth, we are compelled as Christians to ask the theological questions in the face of crisis. For some years, I have enjoyed books by Ilia Delio dealing with the spiritu-

Bishop's 2009 Reading List

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).

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.

March

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

April

April 5St. Andrew's Cathedral
April 12 (Easter)St. Andrew's Cathedral

Regional confirmations

During April, May and June, the Bishop will be conducting Regional Confirmation services. These dates are approximate:

April 19Big Island
April 26East O'ahu
May 3Kaua'i
May 10Maui
May 24Windward O'ahu
June 14Central O'ahu
June 21West O'ahu

ality and theology of the medieval Franciscan, St. Bonaventure. She and two other authors (Keith Douglass Warner and Pamela Wood) have written *Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth* (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2008). Theologically grounded and spiritually insightful, they offer a way to integrate science, practical application, and faith. The authors are Roman Catholic (two being members of Franciscan religious orders) seeking to articulate a theology of creation in a time of crisis. It can be used for individual or group study with suggestions for reflection, prayer, and action. I hope our Diocese will consider how we as a Diocese — as individual disciples and in our congregations — can both teach and act for the good of God's creation.

I pray that these books will help our congregations raise up informed and spiritually centered disciples prepared to lead the Diocese into the future.

Aloha i Iesu Kristo ko makou Haku,

+Bob

The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick

+ Keali'ikoaoeakua

Learning about planned giving

If you are of a certain age, you probably know a lot about planned gifts. Surely your college, local hospital, charitable organizations you have supported, and possibly even your church have contacted you to extol the benefits of making a life-income gift such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. Yes, you can receive income for the rest of your life and realize income tax benefits. But what exactly does planned giving mean?

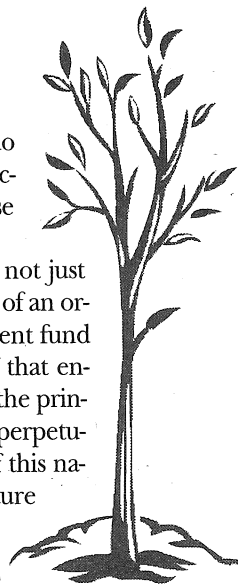
Planned giving describes charitable giving that takes place in the future. It is a method of giving, and takes its place alongside other methods, normally annual or capital giving. Planned giving is the "how" of giving.

But planned giving is not just about how you do it, it's about why you do it and what it means to both you and your beneficiary. When you plan a gift of this sort, you are making a statement. A statement that you believe the organization you are planning a gift for is important. That the work they do is meaningful to you. Not only do you see the value in supporting the future of that work, but also you

trust that the organization will continue to do that work well. This means they have an effective impact on their constituency and they use their available resources efficiently.

Generally speaking, a planned gift does not just get applied to the general operating budget of an organization, but it is directed to an endowment fund with a specific mission for the proceeds of that endowment. Policies are in place that protect the principal of the fund, ensuring its existence in perpetuity. This means that when you plan a gift of this nature you really are leaving a legacy for future generations.

You can obtain a copy of the free booklet, *Making a Planned Gift*, by contacting Peter Pereira at the Office of the Bishop, at 808-536-7776 x307 or by email at PCPereira@episcopalhawaii.org



46 attend diversity workshop on Big Island

Listening a key part of understanding all

By the Rev. Tom Buechele

VICAR, ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Forty-six parishioners from Big Island congregations participated in an all-day diversity training workshop in January.

The Diocesan Commission on Diversity presented the training. Emily Hawkins (St. Christopher's, Kailua), Joan Bring (Emmanuel, Kailua), and John Tomoso (Good Shepherd, Wailuku) were the facilitators.

The diversity training is based on the principles of the work of the Rev. Eric H. F. Law, an Episcopal priest internationally known in the area of multicultural leadership and organizational development.

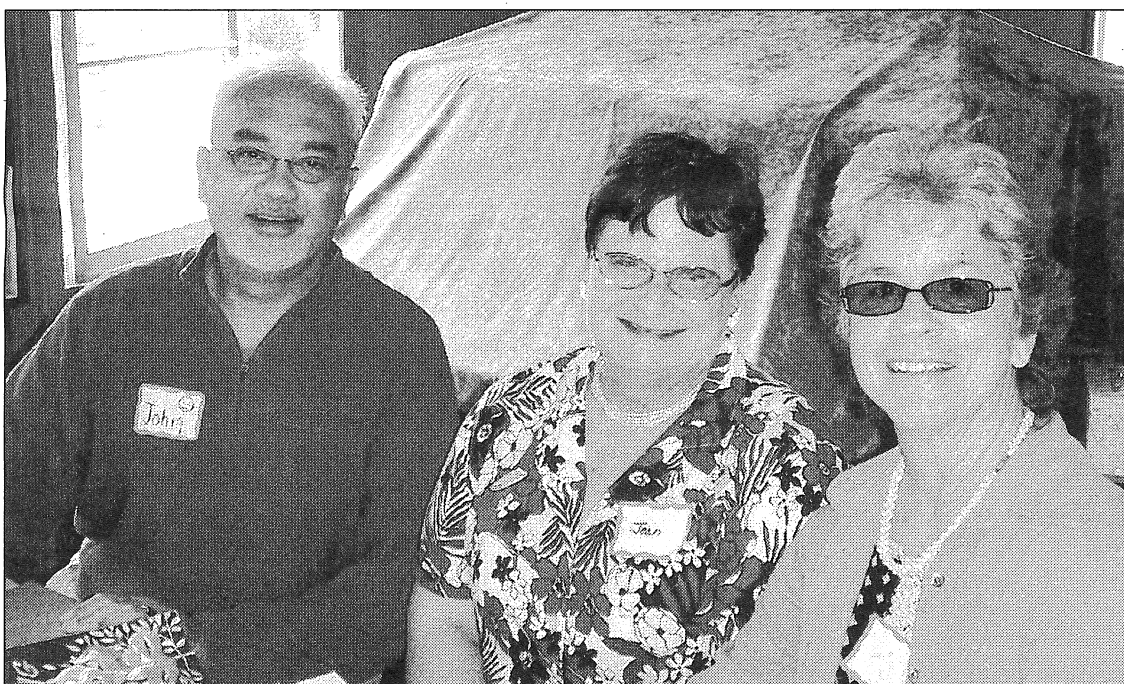
Held at St. James, Kamuela (Waimea), Vestry members, Bishop's committee members, church employees, and just interested parishioners came together to pray and reflect on their own and their congregations' attitudes, beliefs, values, patterns, and myths about race, culture, ethnicity, gender, age, and disability.

Malia de La Cruz, an administrative assistant at St. Augustine's in North Kohala, said, "I really enjoyed the day. I found myself sorting out my various racial and ethnic backgrounds. I'm like one-quarter Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, and Caucasian. And my kids are like one-eighth everything. The important thing is that God asks me to respect every part of my heritage and those of others."

Others commented how important it is to understand cultural ways of listening and communication.

"We are like an iceberg," facilitator Joan Bring said. "The biggest part of our beliefs and myths about other cultures and races is under the surface, many times unconscious and implicitly learned."

The Diversity Commission hopes that other island congregations will come together to have diversity training. If members of your congregation are interested in attending such a workshop, please contact Emily Hawkins at emilyh@hawaii.rr.com.



Above: Chinese New Year flags in the background welcome Big Island Episcopalians to a diversity training workshop at St. James in Waimea. Nearly 50 people gathered for the daylong workshop in January.

Left: Facilitators for the workshop were, left to right: John Tomoso of Good Shepherd, Wailuku, Joan Bring of Emmanuel, Kailua and Emily Hawkins of St. Christopher's, Kailua.

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DIOCESE.COM NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Office of the Bishop cuts staff

The staff of the Office of the Bishop has been reduced by one, as the position of Communications and Technology Officer has been eliminated. The position was held by Chico Wilson, as a combination of two previous part-time positions.

The cut in staff was caused by a need to cut the diocesan budget following a shortfall in investment income from projected amounts.

On February 12, Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick sent a memo to all clergy who are canonically resident and living in Hawai'i in which he said the following: "By Peter's [Peter Pereira, Diocesan Treasurer] estimates, the impact of the market on our investment income for 2009 will mean the loss of \$276,500. This includes the complete loss of Von Holt Fund income because it has fallen in value below the origi-

nal gift and cannot be touched. Though there might be a minor shifting of funds to improve the income side, we must plan on a sizable loss in the investment income lines of our budget." Bishop Fitzpatrick also indicated that he would like for us to consider "some relief to churches" because of the impact on them of the economic downturn.

The communication and technology tasks in the Office of the Bishop will be shared among the remaining staff.

Ellingboe serving on Kaua'i

The Rev. Shirley Ellingboe has been appointed Interim Vicar of Christ Memorial Church, Kilauea, Kaua'i. She will also be serving St. Thomas Church, Hanalei.

Ellingboe moved to Kaua'i with her husband, Jack, after retiring from active ministry in the Diocese of Rio Grande.

She was ordained in 1993 and served for about 11 years before retiring as rector of St. James, Taos, New Mexico. She has also served in Michigan and Kansas.

Easter at Camp Mokule'ia

St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, will host an Easter sunrise service for the Diocese on April 12 at Camp Mokule'ia on O'ahu's North Shore. The service will begin at 6:30 a.m. All are invited.

Clergy change at St. George's

The Rev. Clayton Ingalls has been appointed as Interim Vicar of St. George's, Pearl Harbor, effective March 1. Ingalls moved to Hawai'i at the beginning of January from the Diocese of Tennessee so that his wife, Teresa, could complete a master's degree in archaeology at the University of Hawai'i.

The Rev. Walt Harris, who has been serving St. George's for the past year, ended his tenure there as of February 28.

Kitchen appliances sought

St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu, is expanding its ministry with its Palama neighborhood. They need one non-rusted, well-working microwave and one non-rusted, well-working electric clothes dryer.

If you have items you can contribute, please contact the church at 845-2112.

Submit Continuing Ed reports

Clergy and lay professionals need to submit their Continuing Ed reports for 2008 as soon as possible. E-mail reports to continuinged@episcopalhawaii.org. You can download the report form at www.episcopalhawaii.org/DisplayPage.php?PageName=GuidelinesPolicies

Diaconate

showed exactly those characteristics that the Bishop had named — characteristics of service and servanthood. And they began the process of examining whether God has perhaps called these people to be ordained as Deacons in the Episcopal Church.

The first step in the process was to form discernment groups in the local congregation. These groups would meet with the person or persons, and together they would look at a person's gifts for ministry and listen for how God has been acting in a person's life. Does the person exhibit characteristics of leadership in the ministry of service and servanthood? This is one of the essential questions that must be answered in discerning whether someone is called to the Diaconate. Many of the discernment groups got their start at a diocesan Discernment Day held in January 2008 at St. Andrew's Cathedral, attended by more than 50 people from around the Diocese.

Discernment groups sometimes found that by listening for how God has been working in one person's life, and paying attention to the gifts that God gives to people, that they themselves learned about how they were called to ministry as lay people. The convener of one of two groups meeting at Good Shepherd, Wailuku, reported that the group "has been an experience we would recommend for ALL Christians. Opening oneself in an intentional way to what God has in mind for one's life is an awesome experience!" In fact, the ultimate aim is for each congregation to have an ongoing discernment group that can help anyone in the congregation learn how God calls him or her to ministry, whether lay or ordained.

From these initial discernment groups, eleven people have so far been identified as



PHOTO BY PORTIA OKAMATO

Members of the Na Imiloa group gather at Epiphany church for their monthly meeting. First row: William Tubz Kalipi, Tori-Lee Tualatamalelagi, Mahi Beimes. Second row: Mary McFarland, the Rev. Liz Beasley, Kalani Holokai, Raymond Kaimi Ganotise. Third row: Leo Loyola, Peter Wu, Lani Kaaihue, the Rev. Tom Yoshida. Fourth row: Paul Nahoa Lucas, Richard Wirtz.

possible nominees for Holy Orders. So far, five of them have been officially nominated and accepted by Bishop Fitzpatrick as Postulants: the first stage in the formal ordination process.

Four of them, all nominated for the Diaconate, are: Raymond Kaimi Ganotise, Epiphany; Lani Kaaihue, St. Elizabeth's; Mary McFarland, West Kaua'i and Richard Wirtz, Good Shepherd.

The fifth, a Postulant for the priesthood, is Leo Loyola, from St. John's By-the-Sea.

The remaining six are in various stages of submitting the required documentation and recommendations; some are still in discernment but have been part of the group meetings. Those six are:

For the Diaconate: Priscilla Kalani Holokai, Good Shepherd; William Tubz Kalipi, Grace Church; Tori-Lee Tualatamalelagi, St. John's By-the-Sea and Peter

Wu, St. Peter's.

For the Priesthood: Mahi Beimes and Paul Nahoa Lucas, both of St. John's By-the-Sea.

The Commission on Ministry and I have been putting together a course of preparation. It includes meeting monthly as a group. In fact, gathering as a group and learning together is one of the essential features of the program. People in many dioceses have found it is crucial when preparing for ordination that formation — the learning and preparation required — take place in community. Seminaries provide this benefit, as everyone lives, worships, and learns together. For those not going to seminary, it is essential — the Commission on Ministry realized — that people be part of some kind of local formation group.

The group has been meeting on Sundays: the easiest day for people to gather, and one that allows us to see different churches in the Diocese "in operation." So far all the gatherings have been on O'ahu, but we have discussed visiting churches on

other islands, partly so that the group can see the local settings for ministry in which each person in the group lives and serves. We have met so far at St. Elizabeth's, St. Mark's, and St. John's By-the-Sea and Epiphany. In March, the group plans to attend DJ'09, a Disciple's Journey, 2009 at the Turtle Bay.

Some have asked about the length of the program. Bishop Fitzpatrick has said that the length of time in formation for the Diaconate would be about two years, though he has not ruled out the possibility of someone being ordained before the two years are completed. Those in preparation for the Priesthood, however, would need additional and more extensive formation.

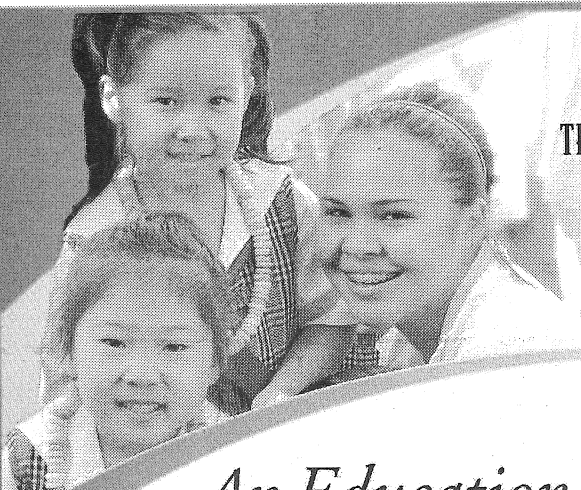
The group has been and will be using a variety of ways of learning — online classes, curricula that they work on individually and as a group, presentations in person, and practicum learning.

Further into the program, they will likely be assigned to different congregations as a type of "field education." All in all, the learning falls under three main categories: academic-type ("content" that they need to know), practical learning (how to do things), and discovering what it means to be ordained, including preparation spiritually.

Other regular participants in the program have been Archdeacon Patricia Reynolds and the Rev. Frank Chun, representing the Commission on Ministry. Other members of the commission will join in at various points over time. One real benefit the group has already discovered from Archdeacon Pat's involvement is seeing her serve as the Deacon in a worship service when visiting a church that does not ordinarily have a Deacon assigned to it.

The group has named itself *Na Imiloa*, meaning the Seekers. Please keep us in your prayers. And look for us to maybe show up at your church some Sunday!

For more information about this formation group, please contact Canon Liz Beasley at lbeasley@episcopalhawaii.org; Archdeacon Pat Reynolds at dcnpatricia@hawaiiintel.net; or the Rev. Frank Chun, Chair of the Commission on Ministry, at revfchun@hawaii.rr.com.



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March 17 Commission on Ministry, 4:30 pm
March 20–22 Disciple's Journey 2009, Turtle Bay Resort, O'ahu

APRIL

April 5 Palm Sunday
April 9 Maundy Thursday
April 10 Good Friday
April 12 Easter
April 14 Commission on Ministry, 4:30 pm
April 18 Diocesan Council Dept. meetings, 9 am
Standing Committee, 9 am
Diocesan Council meeting, 12:30 pm

MAY

May 4 *Na Imiloa*/The Seekers formation group, St. Andrew's, 10 am
May 17 Diocesan Council Dept. meetings, 9 am
Standing Committee, 9 am
Diocesan Council meeting, 12:30 pm

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