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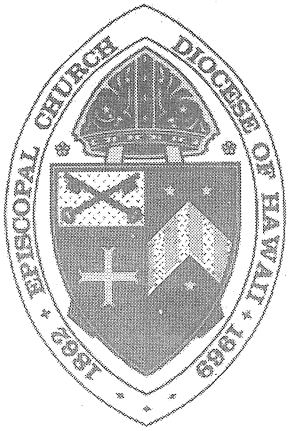
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Two priests retire. One church celebrates its 50th anniversary. Three churches begin receiving names for a new rector. Another church forms a search committee. A priest resigns from one position and takes another. Two mission congregations become preaching stations. It's been a pretty busy summer all across the Diocese of Hawai'i. Above, the Rev. Saimone Lino, Diocesan Outreach Minister serving at St. Elizabeth's, Palama, dances the haka with some of the children of the church at the retirement luau for the Rev. Jodene Hawkins. For more photos of Jodene's retirement, plus coverage of the Rev. Joe Carr's retirement from Calvary, St. Paul's 50th anniversary and other activities, go to page G.

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Signs of vitality in our congregations

Aloha i Akua,

I have been reflecting on the nature of congregational development and the amazing gifts for ministry I experience in our Diocese. I have had the opportunity recently to review the changes in average Sunday attendance in our congregations. If you consider one measure of the health of a congregation to be average Sunday attendance (ASA), an increase in average Sunday attendance of more than 20 percent over the course of four years is truly a sign of vitality and health, and several congregations in our Diocese have had such growth: St. Augustine's, Kapa'au, Big Island (154 percent); St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu (84 percent); Good Samaritan, Honolulu (68 percent); St. Michael and All Angels, Lihue, Kaua'i (42 percent); St. Peter's, Honolulu (30 percent); Holy Innocents, Lahaina, Maui (25 percent); and Holy Apostles, Hilo, Big Island, (21 percent.).

How are other congregations and, therefore, the Diocese as a whole doing? These congregations serve diverse communities with differing opportunities and pressures. Our congregations are situated in very different communities — some of which are experiencing population decline. We still have to look at how things are going in our own local context. The chart of each congregation average Sunday attendance over the past five years accompanies this article [see page F]. Attendance is an important mark of vitality and spiritual health in a congregation. Little or no growth is a concern. Declining attendance cannot be ignored.

Likewise, trends in pledged giving are an indicator of commitment in a congregation. Recognizing that the financial where-



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BISHOP OF HAWAII

withal of a church's members varies by congregation, we can look at the trends of giving rather than dollar amounts. The overall trends in giving in our Diocese are positive and some congregations have shown a remarkable increase in pledged giving: St. Philip's, Maili (275 percent); St. Peter's, Honolulu (320 percent); Holy Apostles, Hilo, Big Island (124 percent); St. Nicholas, Kapolei (79 percent); and St. Timothy's, Aiea (52 percent). Such numbers, of course, do not take into account the average size of pledges or whether the improvement in pledged giving can be attributed to better accounting and reporting. Overall, they can help us see signs of vitality and renewal. Published on page F are the reports of pledged giving over the past four years.

Numbers are, of course, not the only signs of congregational vitality. Let me share a few other activities and projects that are delightful indicators of the presence of the Spirit.

In April, the Parish of St. Clement's, Honolulu, was honored by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu for the parish's many contributions to the community. For more than 30 years, the congregation has had a monthly food distribution program, distributing a bag of food and a hot meal on premises to anyone in need. Church volunteers cook and serve lunch at the Vi and Paul Loo Parish House to any

BISHOP'S VISITATIONS

Oct. 4	St. Peter's, Honolulu
Oct. 7-12.....	Guam & Saipan
Oct. 18.....	St. Philip's, Wa'anae
Nov. 8	All Saint's, Kapa'a, Kaua'i
Nov.28	Royal Sovereigns Feast Day Celebration 10:30 a.m. Bishop's Luau, 12 p.m.
Nov. 29	St. Andrew's Cathedral (Feast day of St. Andrew)
Dec. 17.....	Grace, Moloka'i
Dec 24.-25	St. Andrews's Cathedral, for Christmas

homeless or other needy persons who, after their meal, are given a bag of food. The parish has become a keen supporter of YO! House, whose clients are homeless teenagers in Waikiki who frequent the YO! shelter for food, services, and support. In addition, the congregation has reached beyond its immediate neighborhood through a global ministry including support of Ahli Arab Hospital (a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem) and other ministries in Palestine. This outreach ministry sets at the center of an active congregation with some of the most engaged formation opportunities in the Diocese. Service to others and formation in the faith must go hand in hand.

Other congregations are involved in innovative ministries in their local communities. Good Shepherd, Wailuku, has a re-

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Changing how we communicate

This is likely the next-to-the-last issue of the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle* that you will receive, at least in this format. We will have a December issue, but we are still determining what kind of print publication we will have after that, including its format and frequency.

This is just one example of the changes taking place in the way we communicate as a Diocese. These changes are coming about because of economics and staffing changes, but also as a reflection of the change in our society at large in the way that people communicate.

First, the *Chronicle* (since that's what you're reading). We are a "printing partner" with Episcopal Life (EL) — meaning our newspaper is wrapped around EL, and the printing, mailing, and subscription updates are handled by EL's printer in New Jersey. In June, the printing partners, most of which are small dioceses like ourselves, were notified that The Episcopal Church would be eliminating Episcopal Life as a monthly paper devoted to news. Instead, it would be publishing a quarterly magazine, as yet unnamed. This plan was debated at General Convention, and the budget for communications in The Episcopal Church was completely changed and EL eliminated. However, I have since found out that



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Episcopal Life will be published as a monthly news tabloid for one more year, but additional options for disseminating Episcopal Church news are also being offered to the printing partners. We are investigating all the options.

In truth, we were considering other options anyway. You may have noticed (perhaps not!) that you have not received the *Chronicle*, nor *Episcopal Life*, since the May issue. When the Diocesan Council cut the 2009 budget in response to the economic downturn, we reduced the number of issues this year. The real cost is simply in sending *Episcopal Life*, whether or not we print a *Chronicle* issue with it. We also eliminated the Communications and Technology Officer position.

Perhaps you know from society at large that newspapers have fallen on hard times. People are moving to other, usually electronic, media for their news. With our particular publications, there also has been a debate over whether the purpose of diocesan newspapers is for news, public relations, spiritual reflection, or some other

purpose. This was one of the issues at the heart of the debate that took place at General Convention over whether or not to continue Episcopal Life, and in what format.

So what does this mean for the Diocese of Hawai'i? That brings us to the second point. We, too, will be using more electronic means of communications. While we are investigating possibilities for a print publication, that will likely be to "chronicle" what has been happening. The *Chronicle* is not good at alerting us to upcoming events, because the lead time is too great (the length of time between when you have to submit an item for publication and when the paper actually arrives in anyone's mailbox).

So for upcoming events, I encourage everyone to sign up for the diocesan E-News — and then to read it! We send out E-News about every other week, and it comes by e-mail. To sign up, go to the home page of our diocesan Web site (www.episcopalhawaii.org), go to the bottom of the page, enter your email address in the box, and click submit. There will be a few more steps, but just follow them and you will be signed up. Currently we have 370 subscribers to E-News; it would be

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Convention to convene for a single day in 2009

This year's diocesan Convention will break with long-standing practice and meet for one day only instead of two, in its 41st annual meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Sheraton Waikiki.

The move was made to reduce costs and to allow easier access for those who work on Fridays. In the past, some delegates have had to step down because they could not get off work on Friday. The meet-

ing is still being held at a hotel because of a previously made contract.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m., following registration from 8:00 to 9:00. After opening prayers, the business of the meeting will proceed.

The Convention will elect clergy and lay people to Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and Cathedral Chapter. Because of changes in The Episcopal

Church's Title IV canons — those church rules concerned with clergy discipline — there will be no election to an Ecclesiastical Trial Court, as in years past. The new Title IV revisions have eliminated the Court.

As of this writing, only three nominations have been received for ten open positions, all three for Diocesan Council: Lot Lau and Jasmine Locatelli as lay members, and the Rev. Michael

Barham as a clergy member.

Because of the one-day format, there will be fewer special orders of business than in years past, and there will be no Convention Eucharist or banquet.

In addition, there will be no clergy dinner the night before the Convention begins its meeting. This, as well as the one-day format, eliminates the need for those attending from Neighbor Islands to stay in hotels.

Go to:

For more information about the meeting of the Convention, as well as links to all necessary documents, including a link to the form for nomination to an elected diocesan position, go to episcopalhawaii.org/DisplayPage.php?PageName=Convention2009

Save the date for DJ'10!

Planning is underway for A Disciple's Journey 2010. In an experiment with different venues and formats, "DJ'10" will be held in town, thanks to our host Holy Nativity Church, Honolulu (Aina Haina). Holy Nativity is opening up their entire facility to the event, and Holy Nativity School will cancel classes on Friday to accommodate the event.

DJ'10 will again be two days, but this year on Friday and Saturday, April 16-17. During the day on Friday there will be optional intensive workshops. The main event will begin Friday evening and continue into Saturday, ending by about 5:00 p.m.

While the exact title and logo for the event are still being developed, DJ'10 will be the first part in a three-year plan for this annual "Disciple's Journey." An annual event devoted to formation and mission was called for by the diocesan Convention at its meeting in 2007.

This year will focus on personal formation, especially formation in the home and in one's daily life, so that one lives a life integrated with one's Christian faith. Next year will focus on helping congregations develop formation programs. In 2012, the focus is diocesan formation, and the event will take place as part of that year's sesquicentennial celebration (150th anniversary) of the Diocese at the time of the annual meeting of the Convention in October.

Our keynote speaker for DJ'10 will be the Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson, canon to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Other speakers and workshop leaders likely will be other staff of The Episcopal Church, and members of the Diocese and of CODE, the Conference of Diocesan Executives (i.e., people who work for bishops). CODE will be having their annual meeting in Honolulu from April 13-16. Diocesan Treasurer Peter Pereira is on the Board of CODE.

The exact cost for DJ'10 is still being finalized. It will, however, be much cheaper than last year, approximately \$150 per person total, or less. Airfare will be covered for those from Neighbor Islands. To promote sharing between congregations, O'ahu residents are encouraged to provide home hospitality for those attending from Neighbor Islands. We will likely also reserve a block of hotel rooms, if necessary.

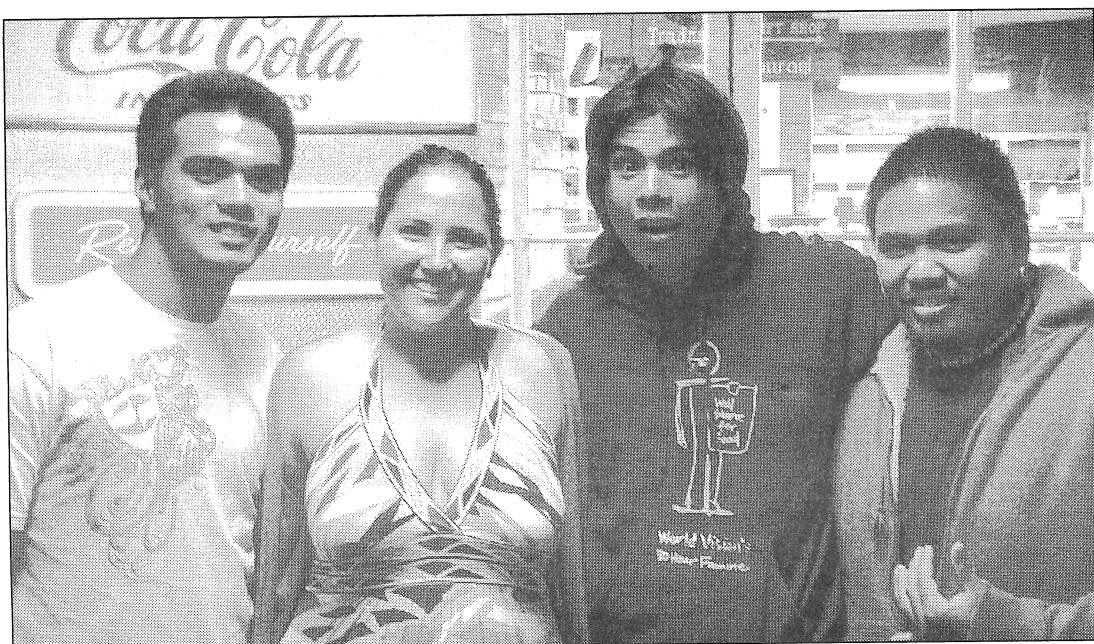


PHOTO BY KEANE AKAO

L-R: Nainoa Kaluhiwa, Jasmine Bostock, Danny Acidera and JR Pasalo were among the young adults who attended a vocational conference in Sewanee, Tenn.

Five young adults ask if ordination is the right 'fit'

Editor's note: In June, five young adults from the Diocese of Hawai'i attended a conference entitled "Does It Fit?: Vocational Conference for Young People of Color" in Sewanee, Tenn. Intended for people aged 18 to 30, the conference was sponsored by the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PLSE) of the Young Adult and Campus Ministries and the Ethnic Staff Officers of the Episcopal Church. Attending from Hawai'i were Nainoa Kaluhiwa, Jasmine Bostock, Danny Acidera, JR Pasalo, and Keane Akao. Below are reflections from Jasmine Bostock.

By Jasmine Bostock

THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT

On the last day of the conference, two participants were asked to talk about their experiences at "Does it Fit?" Both speakers answered in mini-sermons, giving insight to what the conference had meant and would continue to mean to them personally and the communities they belong to.

Their comments left me thinking: What did "Does It Fit?" mean to me? What does my experience translate to in my life? And what about everyone else who was there? We all came together from different backgrounds, everyone in a different place of discernment. We were together for a short while, and then we all went back to our own communities, living our own lives. How will this conference impact us?

I came to the conference with a clear acceptance and realization that God has called me to ordained ministry. In the video we saw on the first night, a young woman talked about hearing the

call to ordained ministry at a young age. When she couldn't go to church, she would "play" church at home with her dolls.

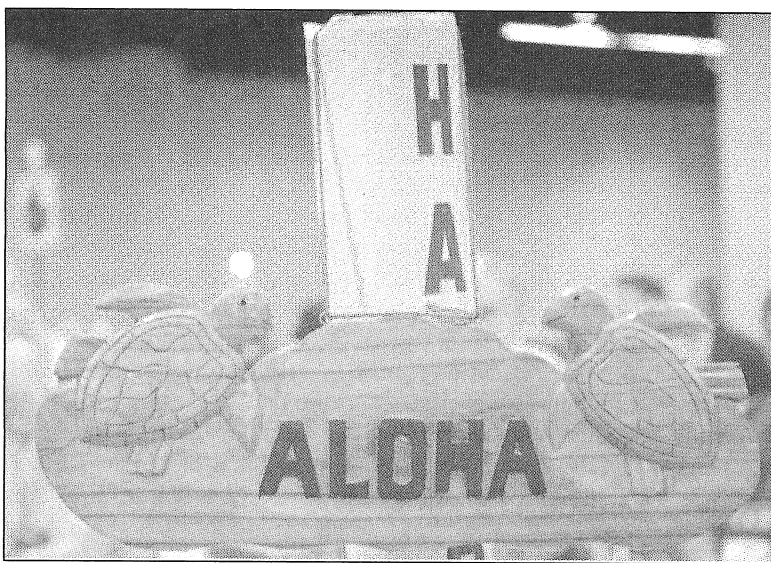
I related a lot to that story. My parents were Christmas/Easter church attendees at best, and when I heard the church bells I was intrigued. I begged to go to church, and my parents listened. Our church attendance was more regular. At about seven years old, I told my mom I wanted to be a priest. I just knew that was what I was going to do with my life.

I have never fought against the call, but, until the conference, I had a lot of unanswered questions. I didn't know what the actual ordination process was. While at "Does it Fit?" I attended a workshop about the ordination process. This was so helpful to me as it helped me to understand on a logistical level what steps I need to go through.

I also had questions about what ordained ministry looked like for a woman, a native Hawaiian, a young person, and a person wanting a family. What I heard most prominently from all of the leaders there was that all those things DO fit. You are entitled to the wiggle room in finding who you are with a collar. I was assured that everything can fit together, and that God isn't calling you to change and then be ordained, but that He has called us by name, just as we are.

The Does It Fit? Conference was invaluable to my formation — as an Episcopalian, a young person, a woman, a person of color, and a person considering ordained ministry. I will bring back the message to my community that God has called me as I am.

Many dioceses chose to decorate the pole naming their diocese in the House of Deputies. The Hawai'i deputation chose "Aloha" to express who we are.



@ General Convention

About 30 people from the Diocese of Hawai'i journeyed to Anaheim, Calif., in July, for the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. In addition to eight deputies and two alternates to the House of Deputies, Bishop Robert and Bea Fitzpatrick, and retired Bishop Richard and Dee Chang, there were three representatives to the Triennial of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and a number of members of the Diocese who attended as volunteers, observers, or members of commissions of The Episcopal Church.

The lay deputies were: Lot Lau, St. John's-by-the-Sea; Ryan Kusumoto, Epiphany; Louise

Aloy, Good Shepherd; and Chan Rowe, St. Peter's. The first lay alternate was John Decker, Good Shepherd.

Clerical deputies were: the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley, Office of the Bishop; the Rev. Moki Hino, Cathedral of St. Andrew; the Rev. Bill Allport, St. Peter's; and the Rev. Liz Zivanov, St. Clement's. The first clerical alternate was the Rev. Canon Darrow Aiona.

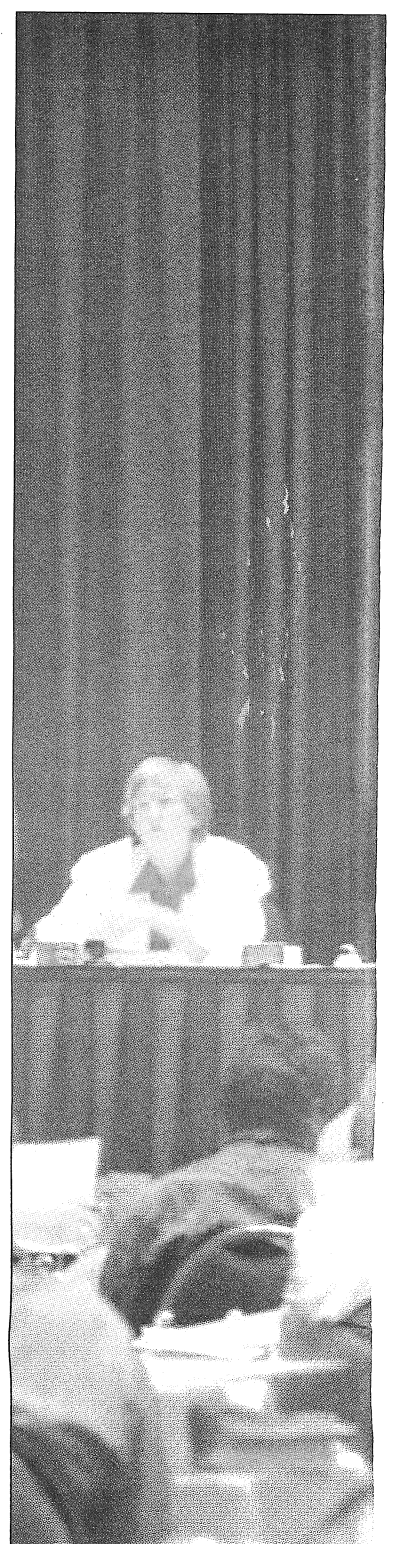
When the Chronicle went to press, the deputation was in the middle of conducting a series of gatherings on the different islands to give information and answer questions about the General Convention. It is also writing its re-

port to the Diocese, which can be found on the diocesan Web site at: episcopalhawaii.org/DisplayPage.php?PageName=Convention2009Reports

Several of the deputies have written personal reflections about their experience at General Convention. Excerpts from some of those reflections are below with the Web address for each piece.

For more information about General Convention: <http://gchub.episcopalchurch.org/>

For a listing of all legislation at General Convention: <http://gc2009.org/ViewLegislation/>



The head table in the House of Bis

"Ubuntu: The theme of the conference, interpreted to mean, 'I in You and You in Me,' an African belief that we are/should be in harmonious relationship with others, formed the background and base for our activities at the 76th General Convention."

— Lot Lau, lay deputy

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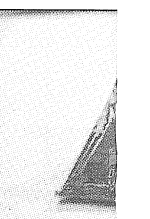


One night almost the entire Hawai'i contingent went to dinner together at a local restaurant. Here are about half of the approximately 30 people who attended the General Convention in Anaheim.

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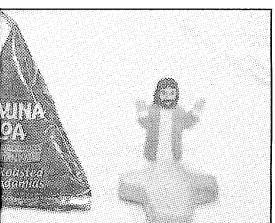
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hops, while in session. Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori is third from the right, and Bishop Richard Chang is on the right, as the Vice President of the House of Bishops.

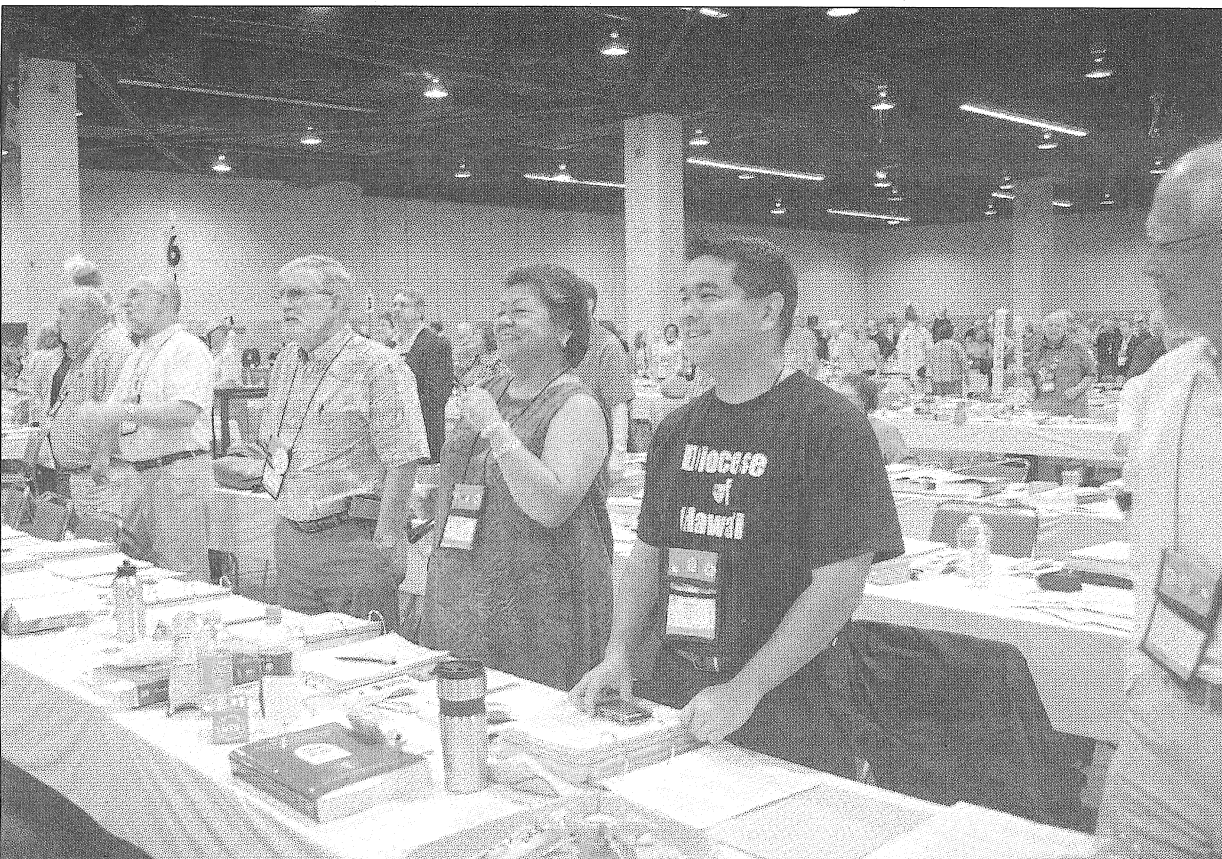
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The Hawai'i lay deputies standing on the floor of the House of Deputies, from R to L: Lot Lau, Ryan Kusumoto, Louise Aloy, and Chan Rowe.

“My major impression from General Convention is awe from being in the midst of The Church Gathered. The Episcopal Church is not just the national church of Anglicans in the United States: our 110 dioceses are located, if my memory is correct, in 13 nations, including South and Central America, the Pacific region, and Europe.”

— **John Decker,**
alternate lay deputy

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Average Sunday Attendance by County

Church	Island	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
CHRIST CHURCH	Hawai'i	78	88	90	79	73
HOLY APOSTLES'	Hawai'i	87	105	105	105	106
ST. AUGUSTINE'S	Hawai'i	31	31	41	87	79
ST. COLUMBA'S	Hawai'i	16	18	21	12	12
ST. JAMES'	Hawai'i	76	93	79	76	80
ST. JUDE'S	Hawai'i	19	24	21	18	21
TOTAL		307	359	357	377	371
ALL SAINTS	Kaua'i	115	115	111	93	98
CHRIST MEMORIAL	Kaua'i	67	58	31	42	37
ST. MICHAEL'S	Kaua'i	110	120	131	140	156
ST. THOMAS	Kaua'i	12	12	12	10	7
WEST KAUA'I	Kaua'i	61	66	63	58	59
TOTAL		365	371	348	343	357
GOOD SHEPHERD	Maui	167	167	158	149	154
HOLY INNOCENTS'	Maui	64	58	74	78	80
ST. JOHN'S, KULA	Maui	123	129	125	118	122
TRINITY BY/SEA	Maui	90	85	90	65	65
GRACE	Moloka'i	92	87	82	95	79
TOTAL		536	526	529	505	500
CALVARY	O'ahu	155	140	138	108	104
EMMANUEL	O'ahu	69	77	75	57	61
EPIPHANY	O'ahu	151	130	128	135	147
GOOD SAMARITAN	O'ahu	28	45	56	65	47
HOLY CROSS	O'ahu	16	12	12	12	10
HOLY NATIVITY	O'ahu	178	134	139	141	135
ST. ANDREW'S	O'ahu	267	261	235	241	232
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S	O'ahu	146	160	145	142	117
ST. CLEMENT'S	O'ahu	162	174	168	163	162
ST. ELIZABETH'S	O'ahu	75	105	113	114	138
ST. GEORGE'S	O'ahu	56	46	45	52	50
ST. JOHN'S BY/SEA	O'ahu	66	61	52	55	72
ST. LUKE'S	O'ahu	32	26	26	24	27
ST. MARK'S	O'ahu	83	73	81	74	74
ST. MARY'S	O'ahu	70	68	62	53	59
ST. MATTHEW'S	O'ahu	27	29	24	24	34
ST. NICHOLAS	O'ahu	90	86	86	87	95
ST. PAUL'S	O'ahu	223	228	242	241	238
ST. PETER'S	O'ahu	94	116	129	134	122
ST. PHILIP'S	O'ahu	22	24	22	22	26
ST. STEPHEN'S	O'ahu	44	36	22	22	35
ST. TIMOTHY	O'ahu	125	112	128	100	148
TOTAL		2,179	2,143	2,128	2,066	2,133
ALL COUNTIES		3,387	3,399	3,362	3,291	3,361

Beasley

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great if we had at least two thousand.

And third, speaking of our Web site: That is changing, too. We have long wanted to redesign, reformat, and add to our diocesan Web site, and also use a local company to design and host it. That is now being accomplished. (The Web address will still be the same.)

With the elimination of a technology position on the Bishop's staff (and with the purchase of a new computer server in the Bishop's Office), we have hired an Information Technology (IT) consultant company — in other words, people whose expertise is computers and technology, unlike us. Two of their employees happen to be members of St. Paul's, Honolulu, and they are re-designing our Web site for us. As of this writing, they have completed a basic design, and we are already thrilled with what they have

done. The site should be ready for an initial launch by the time that Convention meets at the end of October. We plan to show it then.

The responsibilities for communications will also be spread among the Bishop's staff, instead of restricted to one person. (I actually do other things.) The new Web site should be easier to update, and each staff person will have responsibility for his or her own pages.

In the meantime, a number of churches in the Diocese are on Facebook, have their own E-News, and are discovering that it is cheaper and easier to e-mail their newsletters than to print and mail them.

So, in summary, there will be a December Chronicle (deadline: Nov. 3). I hope to tell you then what form our next print publication will take. In the meantime, sign up for E-News! And you can always get Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion news online:

For E-News: www.episcopalhawaii.org, and sign up at the bottom of the page. This is for local and regional news.

Amount Pledge by Church

CHURCH	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ALL SAINTS	\$64,118	74,898	43,696	64,420	57,618
CALVARY	\$282,106	245,336	278,441	260,177	246,402
CHRIST CHURCH	\$89,984	86,424	97,170	108,302	91,146
CHRIST MEMORIAL	\$24,132	13,770	13,560	21,790	15,034
EMMANUEL	\$91,400	107,000	100,988	85,096	98,900
EPIPHANY	\$129,898	125,856	133,284	145,302	145,302
GOOD SAMARITAN	\$38,426	43,287	44,799	52,754	56,314
GOOD SHEPHERD	\$77,840	95,621	100,699	96,810	96,447
GRACE	\$56,900	65,179	59,612	73,441	76,534
HOLY APOSTLES'	\$84,854	125,636	183,297	188,906	190,470
HOLY CROSS	\$5,550	5,890	6,210	8,320	7,000
HOLY INNOCENTS'	\$66,339	49,215	41,134	47,900	79,197
HOLY NATIVITY	\$225,112	187,675	171,620	209,249	209,249
ST. ANDREW'S	\$262,402	230,996	251,180	206,977	250,444
ST. AUGUSTINE'S	\$35,876	42,721	56,990	50,312	53,125
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S	\$255,302	256,694	250,251	284,000	270,000
ST. CLEMENT'S	\$243,721	277,229	261,113	357,331	345,748
ST. COLUMBA'S	\$3,233	3,471	4,145	2,375	2,500
ST. ELIZABETH'S	\$54,792	54,792	60,127	73,276	66,581
ST. GEORGE'S	\$18,080	24,360	31,460	4,100	15,460
ST. JAMES'	\$94,058	112,890	116,246	114,089	121,448
ST. JOHN'S BY/SEA	\$72,990	72,818	67,627	82,400	73,078
ST. JOHN'S, KULA	\$128,847	138,510	145,967	151,481	151,246
ST. JUDE'S	\$12,860	18,390	17,885	17,400	8,795
ST. LUKE'S	\$18,180	21,471	19,806	18,460	16,835
ST. MARK'S	\$117,648	119,533	123,360	125,585	122,963
ST. MARY'S	\$64,024	70,376	72,096	64,360	59,560
ST. MATTHEW'S	\$23,750	22,160	14,329	12,408	24,637
ST. MICHAEL'S	\$193,660	222,645	219,524	248,183	237,752
ST. NICHOLAS	\$58,970	68,682	71,000	71,000	105,600
ST. PAUL'S	\$44,568	56,875	47,978	51,418	61,861
ST. PETER'S	\$26,408	61,518	61,518	102,578	111,016
ST. PHILIP'S	\$2,400	2,500	3,919	9,000	9,000
ST. STEPHEN'S	\$48,664	112,819	28,000	17,420	31,880
ST. THOMAS	\$5,720	43,500	4,400	3,000	3,000
ST. TIMOTHY'S	\$106,247	5,400	108,511	87,378	161,664
TRINITY BY/SEA	\$125,000	110,000	106,500	80,500	104,564
WEST KAUI	\$21,204	32,380	46,410	44,855	38,452
TOTAL	3,275,263	3,408,517	3,464,852	3,642,353	3,816,822

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markable ministry in The Queen Emma Athletic Club, a weightlifting program for boys and girls ages 13-18. Good Shepherd's 'Ohana Kitchen serves a meal every Sunday for the hungry and individuals and families in need in Central Maui. This parish is nationally recognized by the Episcopal Church as a Jubilee Center. The congregation also has dozens of children involved as acolytes — the procession when the Bishop visits is most impressive.

St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, has an active food bank and thrift shop serving central O'ahu, while reaching to the North Shore with worship opportunities at the Camp and in Haleiwa. Service and evangelism go hand in hand. Other new projects include the development of a community band for neighborhood children at St. Jude's, Ocean View, Big Island (additional band instruments are always needed!) and the planting of a community garden on the grounds of St. Paul's, Kekaha, Kaua'i. Meeting the needs of God's people where they are is a mark of vitality and faithfulness.

As we prepare for the annual meeting of

the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i, I ask the people and congregations of this Diocese to take stock of our shared mission and ministry. The Diocese is the primary unit of The Episcopal Church, but the Diocese is the gathering of congregations taken together. We are not congregationalists, and the congregations collectively are the Episcopal Church and exist only through the Diocese. Likewise the Diocese of Hawai'i has its existence in relationship with the other dioceses that are The Episcopal Church. The Diocese is the gathering of congregations as embodied in the Convention and through a relationship with the Bishop (Episcopos = Bishop). It is essential that we understand that the health of a congregation on another island is important to the life of the congregations on our own island. The vitality of the congregation nearest is a triumph for mission in our congregation. We must learn to share our successes and support one another in difficult times. We can call upon one another and pray for one another. Please keep the Diocese — the congregations, the clergy, all God's people, and me — in your prayers as we prepare for the annual meeting of Convention!

Aloha i Iesu Kristo ko makou Haku,
+Bob
+ Keali'ikoaoheakua

A busy summer for the Diocese of Hawai'i

By the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley

CANON FOR MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

The Rev. Jodene Hawkins and the Rev. Joe Carr, who together have 19 years of service in the Diocese of Hawai'i, both retired this summer, along with numerous other position changes in the diocese.

Hawkins retired after five years at St. Elizabeth's, Honolulu and three at Seabury Hall, Makawao, Maui, and Carr left Calvary in Kane'ohe after 12 years.

Hawkins, who came to St. Elizabeth's as Priest-in-Charge in 2004, became the full-time rector in 2006. During her time at St. Elizabeth's, the church experienced extensive change: opening up to the neighborhood and starting an after-school program in reading and music for the children in Palama. Three other priests serve St. Elizabeth's as assistants: the Rev. Peter Fan, for a Cantonese ministry; the Rev. Imelda Padasdao, for an Ilocano ministry; and the Rev. Saimone Lino. Lino, a Tongan priest who served for 15 years in Fiji, is the Diocesan Outreach Minister. He previously served at St. John's by-the-Sea, Kahlua'u, and now is at St. Elizabeth's.

After Hawkins's retirement, complete with a luau celebration in August, the Vestry of St. Elizabeth's called the Rev. David Gierlach as Rector. Gierlach had been serving as Vicar of St. John's by-the-Sea since his ordination to the priesthood in 2007. Prior to that, he served as a deacon at St. Elizabeth's for nine months. Gierlach will begin at St. Elizabeth's part-time on October 11 and will become full-time in January 2010.

Meanwhile, on the other side of O'ahu, the Rev. Joe Carr left Calvary after a very active 12 years, and after 30 years of ordained ministry. Carr was very involved in ministry on the Windward side of O'ahu and also in mission work in various places in the world, including Calvary's ongoing mission with an orphanage in Juarez, Mexico. He and his wife, Celeste, have moved to Maine.

Carr's last service was July 26, and a retirement party, attended by more than 200 people, was held in July. While it undergoes a search for a Priest-in-Charge, Calvary is being served by several supply clergy. The Rev. Robert Walden, a retired priest of the Diocese, is priest-in-residence, taking on some teaching and pastoral duties, in addition to supplying on some Sundays.

In addition, as of this writing at the beginning of September, St. Nicholas, Kapolei, is receiving and reviewing applications for its Vicar position, and Christ Church, Kealakekua, is reviewing applications for Rector. St. Timothy's, Aiea, is forming a search committee for a new Rector, to replace the Rev. Greg Johnson, who will step down as Priest-in-Charge by the end of November 2010. The Bishop's Office is reviewing possibilities with St. John's by-the-Sea for the oversight of this congregation.

In the meantime, two mission congregations have become preaching stations. St. Columba's, Paauilo, is now affiliated with St. James, Waimea. Holy Cross, Kahuku, is under the oversight of the Rev. Walter Stevens, the Vicar of St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, as part of St. Stephen's growing North Shore Ministry.



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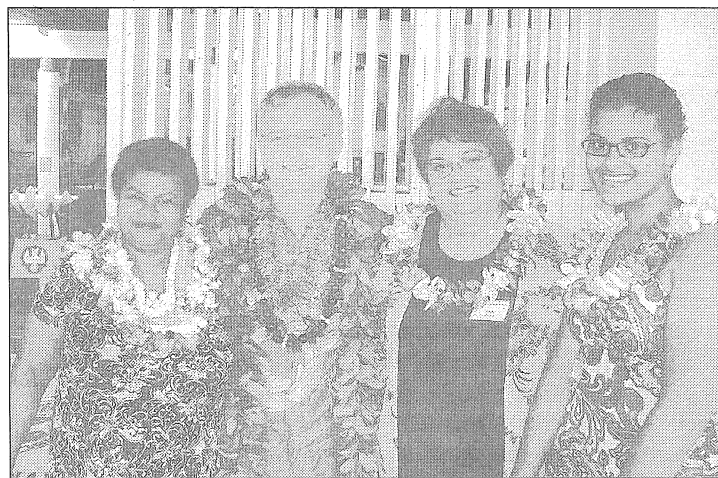


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Left, the Rev. Jodene Hawkins and the Rev. Canon Frank Chun enjoy a moment at her retirement party. Above, Calvary sends Joe Carr, second from left, on his way in style. Also pictured are Joe's wife Celeste, left, the Calvary secretary Nella Sword, and Esther Carr, Celeste and Joe's daughter, at far right.

St. Paul's celebrates 50 years

Adapted from an article by the Rev. Fred Vergara, of the Episcopal Church Center.

The Most Rev. Godofredo David, Obispo Maximo of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente; the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i; the Rev. Dr. Winfred Vergara, national officer for Asiamerica Ministries; and the Rev. Canon Randolph Albano, vicar of St. Paul's Church in Honolulu joined in a celebration on Saturday, August 23, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Filipino Ministry in the United States and of St. Paul's, Honolulu. The celebration took place at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

St. Paul's is the first Filipino congregation established as a result of the vision of then-missionary bishop of The Episcopal Church (TEC), the Rt. Rev. Harry Kennedy, and the Obispo Maximo of the Philippine Independent Church (IFI), The Most Rev. Isabelo De Los Reyes, Jr., when they met at The Episcopal Church's General Convention in 1955. At that particular time in Hawai'i, there was an influx of Filipino migrant workers, coming from the Ilocos Region of the Philippines. Bishop Kennedy needed three Ilocano-speaking clergy to minister to their spiritual needs. The ones who were chosen were IFI priests, the Rev. Canon Timoteo Quintero, the Rev. Jacinto Tabili, and the Rev. Justo Andres.

The Rev. Canon Quintero received the Bishop's Cross from Bishop Fitzpatrick, and the Rev. Imelda Padasdao was honored with a special award for her ministry to St. Paul's in acknowledgment of her being the first Filipina priest in The Episcopal Church.

According to Fr. Albano, it was on August 12, 1959 when the first Filipino priest, the Rev. Timoteo Quintero, arrived in Honolulu to begin the first Filipino mission in the United States. The first Filipino-American Eucharist was held a week later at St. Paul's, coinciding with Hawai'i achieving its statehood. It was also the tenth year of the TEC's "bestowal of apostolic succession" given to the IFI in April 7, 1948.

Two years after the formation of St.

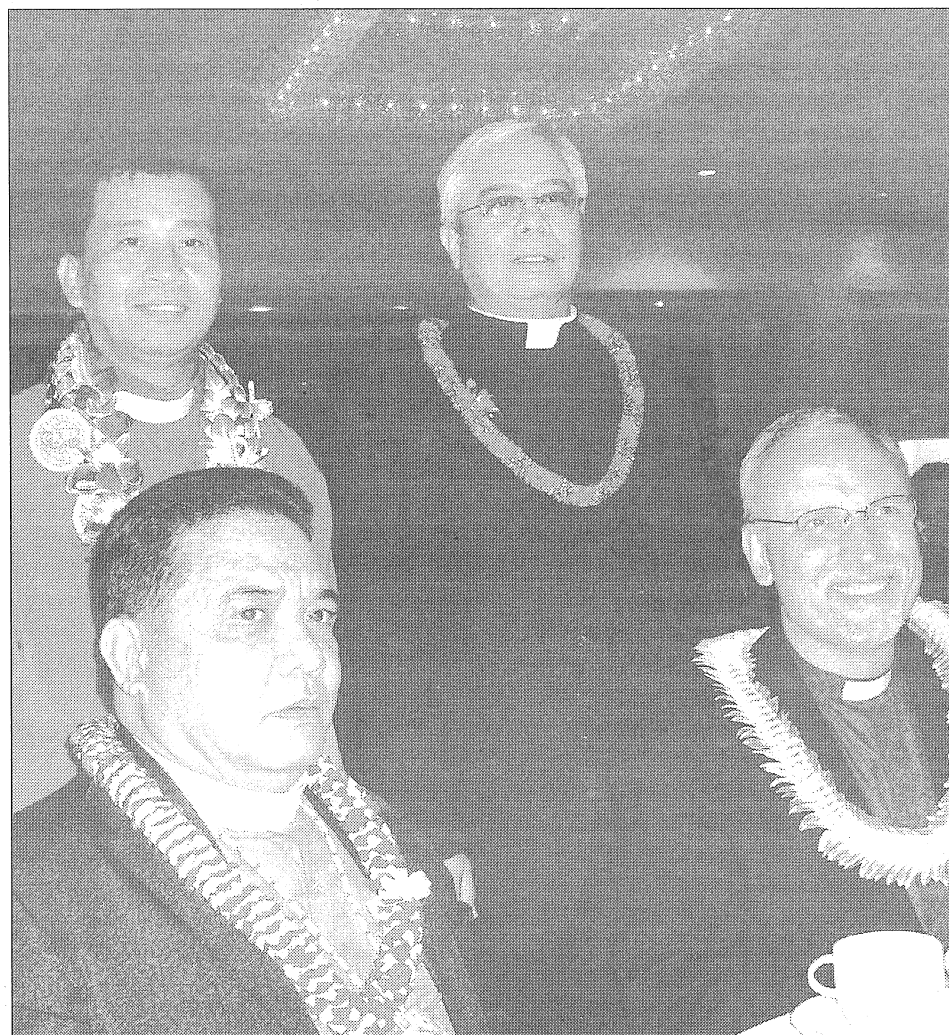


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Taking part in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of St. Paul's, Honolulu, were: standing, L to R: Bishop Rosario S. Acoba, Philippines; the Rev. Canon Randy Albano, Vicar of St. Paul's. Seated, L to R: His Eminence Godofredo J. David, Obispo Maximo of the Philippine Independent Church; Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick of Hawai'i.

Paul's Filipino Congregation, on September 22, 1961, the Concordat of Full Communion was signed between the two churches, The Episcopal Church and the IFI, or Philippine Independent Church.

Today, St. Paul is one of the largest congregations in the Diocese of Hawai'i and has spawned other Filipino congregations in the Diocese. It is a jewel in the crown of Filipino-American ministries in the United States which now numbers over fifty con-

gregations in the United States including Guam and Saipan.

At the celebration, Bishop Fitzpatrick and Supreme Bishop David discussed a Partner Diocese agreement between the Diocese of Hawai'i and the IFI Diocese of Laoag (Northern Luzon, Philippines), where most of the original members of St. Paul's came from. The theme of the celebration was appropriately named "Lift High the Cross!"

Palestinian group to hold Sabeel meeting in Honolulu

The Hawai'i chapter of FOSNA (Friends of Sabeel North America) is hosting a regional Sabeel conference in February 2010, at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Sabeel, meaning "the way" in Arabic, is an ecumenical grass roots liberation movement founded by Palestinian Episcopal priest, Naim Ateek, in Jerusalem in 1996 to promote accurate international awareness regarding the situation in Palestine/Israel. Its goal is reconciliation and an enduring, comprehensive, and just peace for Palestinians and Israelis.

The international patron of Sabeel is Archbishop Desmond Tutu; the president of the American chapter is former Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning.

Founder Ateek is among the speakers scheduled to attend the event, along with Jeff Halper, author, Israeli peace activist, professor and Founder of Israeli Committee Against House Demolition; Cindy and Craig Corrie, parents of Rachel Corrie, the peace activist killed by a bulldozer during Gaza house demolition; and Laila Al-Marayati, a former presidential appointee to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

For more information about this event, contact Beverly Davis-Amjadi at amjadid@aol.com. The diocesan Web site will be updated with registration forms & more details in the next few months.

Ascension at St. Andrews' Priory



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The Priory celebrated Ascension Day with the service of Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew; the presentation of the Coral Cross, beautifully decorated by the junior class; and the singing by the junior and senior classes, a Priory tradition representing the seniors' passage to the next stage of their lives and the juniors passing into their role as next year's seniors. Seven thousand white carnations covered the cross, which was accented by giant, golden yellow artificial lilies and orange larger-than-life 'ilima garlands. The white flowers symbolized the light, joy and pure love that Jesus has for his children, and the yellow flowers symbolized the optimism and happiness that surround the senior class.

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Pidgin Bible now online

The Hawaii Pidgin Bible — "Da Jesus Book" (N.T.), and portions of "Da Befo' Jesus Book" (O.T.) — are now available online!

Go to <http://www.pidginbible.org> and click "Read Da Bible" for access to the entire New Testament (published in 2001), and the recently translated 13 books of the Old Testament.

At first glance, it may be difficult to read, because Pidgin is more a spoken language.

This project had been undertaken to provide those whose primary language is Pidgin with their own translation. It was never intended to be a "put-down" on the Hawaiian culture or the Hawaiian community. Furthermore, reading this translation out loud is highly encouraged, and is meant to be enjoyed with smiles, laughter, or outbursts of delight.

Details of "Da Jesus Book" may be found in *Episcopal Life*, December 2001, pp. 10-11.

Mission trip to New Orleans

A group from the Diocese of Hawai'i will be heading to New Orleans for our second mission trip to help the ongoing recovery four years after the city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. We join almost 10,000

volunteers to date who have worked through the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese.

The trip is planned for Friday, November 6 to Monday, November 16. The group is scheduled to continue with rebuilding houses as this is still a primary focus. And, there are other opportunities for ministry.

For more info, go to episcopalhawaii.org/ViewArticle.php?key=986

St. Clement's schedules lectures by Tickle, Borg

Two big events in the next eight months to put on your calendars:

Phyllis Tickle, author of the best selling *The Great Emergence*, will be at St. Clement's over the weekend of November 27-29. More information to follow.

Marcus Borg, world-renown New Testament scholar, will be at St. Clement's from March 12-14, 2010. More information to follow.

Annual chocolate feast expands with VIP reception

It's CHOCOLATE time again! The date for this year's annual fundraiser at Emmanuel Church, Kailua, is Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 6:30-9 pm. Presale tickets are available for \$20. Tickets pur-

chased at the door will be \$25. Children age six and under are free. This year, Emmanuel's partner is Family Promise of Hawai'i.

Fifty "Golden Tickets" to the VIP reception will be available for purchase at \$30 each.

Attendees to this special reception will be served and given the opportunity to sample the top chocolate confections in an elegant garden setting. This VIP reception begins at 5 p.m. before the general public arrives for the buffet.

For more information, go to Emmanuel Church's web site at www.emmanuelkailua.com.

St. Peter's knits for Institute

Members of St. Peter's, Honolulu, have been knitting items for the Seamen's Church Institute. The ministry grew out of a visit with representatives of the SCI booth at General Convention, and members have recently sent their first shipment of 27 hats, five scarves and a pair of socks.

Knitters are familiar with K2P2 (knit two, purl two). To this crew it means knit 2, pray 2. They gather the third Wednesday and the fourth Saturday for fellowship, support, prayer, and laughter. They welcome all who knit, crochet, or who would like to learn. Patterns and yarn available.

Operation Backpack seeks donations, shepherds

Operation Backpack, a joint ministry of Episcopal and Lutheran congregations in Hawai'i, is once again seeking donations to fill 2,000 tote bags with items desperately needed by those who are often forgotten or overlooked by other outreach agencies. Congregations are asked to collect items between now and the ingathering day of November 8. Also, "Shepherds" are sought to help coordinate activities.

For more info, contact Pastor Ruth Peterson at Joy of Christ Lutheran Church at 455-1138, or joynews@hawaii.rr.com, or go to: episcopalhawaii.org/ViewArticle.php?key=987

A study series on saints

St. Mark's, Honolulu (Kapahulu), invites all to join in their study series on several saints, held Tuesday evenings. All sessions will begin with Low Mass in the church at 6:15 pm, followed by a light potluck supper and group discussion in the Parish Hall. We will end with a form of candlelight Compline, concluding the evening by 8:15 pm. These are wonderful opportunities to explore one's faith as well as build community at St. Mark's. October's topic will be Julian of Norwich.