

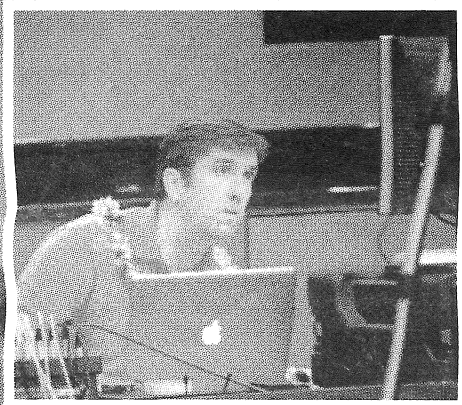
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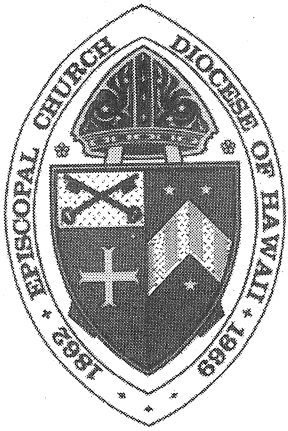


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The 41st Annual Meeting of Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i was a one-day affair this year, mostly because of budget constraints. But the delegates managed to get all the business done in that single day, including passing a budget for 2010, electing diocesan officers and passing eight resolutions. There were a few other differences in the event this year. For a more complete report, please see pages D and E.

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Was Meeting of Convention a success?

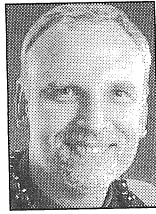
Aloha i Akua,

I write the week following the 41st Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i. I have received several e-mails and calls commending us for the one-day meeting. There have been various notes of concern or delight in the various resolutions of the Convention. I have been asked if I thought the meeting was a "success."

From a parliamentary point of view, all went well with only some minor glitches and a couple of items overlooked. We acted as we needed to on the business of the Church. Is that success? It is efficient and it may well be good. From the perspective of the Convention Plans Committee and of my staff, it was a success. The business of the Church was completed in a timely manner and we got the work done that needed to be done.

Set within the context of "the Kingdom of God" and the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ, was this Annual Meeting a "success"? Only time and God will tell.

In my Convention address, I asked the Standing Committee and the Chancellor to review the governance structures of our Diocese and make recommendations to next year's annual meeting of Convention. We have not had a serious review of our canons and governance in 40 years. Our Diocese and state have changed. With changes in the national canons, we will need to make changes in our diocesan disciplinary canons. This also will answer the call of Resolution 7S for a task force to look at the organization of the Diocese to use technology and emerging forms of communication to reduce costs of administration and enhance the governance of the



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

Diocese. More importantly, I want the Diocese to be structured for mission and to focus support on local congregations as mission outposts!

I also urged the Diocese to recognize that "[t]hese emerging times demand we find new models of ministry." My statement that has received the greatest reaction is: "The age of one building with one congregation, one worship service and with one full salaried priest is past. We just have to get over it. It's gone." We must do ministry together by island and region.

I will ask the Congregational Health and Growth Commission to examine the health of every congregation — parish and mission — to make suggestions of shared ministry and emerging possibilities for mission. We must evaluate the location of our current church sites. Are our churches in the best locations in relation to current population of our communities and in relation to other Episcopal Churches in the 21st century? Are there people around us that we are overlooking in the myopic family reality of our congregations?

We must recognize that having a designated church building may not always be the best focus for mission and worship in our times and in all places. We must rethink evangelism and congregational life for changing times. We must be prepared to take a hard look at our ministry and be will-

BISHOP'S VISITATIONS

Dec. 17	Grace, Moloka'i
Jan. 6	Epiphany Centennial Celebration
Jan. 10	St. Mary's, Honolulu
Jan. 13	St. Clement's, Honolulu (evening)
Jan. 17	St. Luke's, Honolulu
Week of Jan. 17	St. Paul's, Honolulu
Jan. 24	St. Nicholas, Kapolei
Jan. 31	St. Andrew's Cathedral
Feb. 7	Calvary, Kane'ohe
Week of Feb. 7	St. John's by-the-Sea, Kalaheo
Feb. 14	Christ Memorial, Kilauea
	and St. Thomas, Hanalei
Week of Feb. 14	All Saint's, Kapa'a (evening)

ing to change to meet changing needs. I hope that the Commission and Diocesan Council can present a plan for congregational mission and life for the next decade at next year's meeting of Convention.

As we look to the next decade, I suspect that our ministry and mission as a diocese will include more non-seminary trained clergy (deacons and priests) involved in secular employment, and providing sacramental services and teaching to our churches while sharing pastoral and administrative oversight with others. We will have to function on a regional basis supporting our various congregations. It may mean a return to regional Deans to support such ministry. It will have to mean more locally focused continuing education for clergy and lay leaders. We also will have to continue our move to local formation of lead-

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Chronicle to continue for a year

Last month I said that we were investigating different options for a print publication for the Diocese of Hawai'i.

I said that *Episcopal Life*, the publication of The Episcopal Church, around which we are a "wrap," is changing, and so therefore we would have to change also.

In addition, because of cuts in the diocesan budget for 2009 and the next several years, we would have to change the way we communicate anyway, as we would not have enough money in the budget to print 10 issues a year, as we have in the past.

Well, I now have an update.

I did investigate different options, and also spoke with the manager of Episcopal Life.

The end result is that we will continue publishing the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle* in its current format (as a tabloid "wrap") for



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Canon Liz
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the next year. It was the cheapest and easiest option, while we continue to pursue other possibilities for a diocesan print publication for succeeding years.

Like this past year, however, we will have only five issues instead of ten, as we have had before. In the months in which we do not publish an issue, you will not receive the *Episcopal Life* issue. We discovered that the primary cost of publishing the *Chronicle* is not the cost of the *Chronicle* itself, but the cost of subscribing to *Episcopal Life*, with its printing and mailing cost each month.

Right now, I can say that we will have issues in February, October, and December for sure. The other two issues will likely be April and July, but that will depend in part on need and content.

In the meantime, we will continue to publish E-News, which is a better way to advertise upcoming events in the Diocese. The E-News is e-mailed approximately every other week.

If you have an item you wish to include in the E-News or the *Chronicle*, please send it to News@episcopalhawaii.org.

If you would like to receive the E-News, go to the bottom of the home page of the diocesan Web site, www.episcopalhawaii.org, and enter your e-mail address in the sign-up box you find there. Follow several more steps that will then happen, and you will be signed up.

PICTURED ON THE COVER

Main picture: Delegates to the 41st Annual Meeting of the diocesan Convention sat ten to a table in the Kauai Ballroom at the Sheraton Waikiki to conduct the business of the Convention.

Top left: Mike Woods, Lay Associate at St. Peter's, Honolulu, was the computer and technical support person for the meeting of the Convention, making sure that resolutions, ballots, and

other information was showing on the two screens that the delegates could see.

Top center: The Rev. Dallas Decker, Vicar of St. Jude's, Ocean View, has a humorous moment with Judi Greer of St. Thomas, Hanalei, during registration on the morning of the meeting of the Convention.

Top right: Stuart Ching, Historiographer of the Diocese, on the right, sets up an exhibit in the foyer of the ballroom. It was a "Wheel of Fortune," in which contestants spun the wheel to

select an historical question among six categories. If they answered the question correctly, they were able to choose one of several possible prizes. Here, Taylor Skardon of St. George's, background, examines some of the historical material that Ching also included in the exhibit.

Bottom right: L to R: The Rev. Moki Hino, St. Andrew's; the Rev. Kate Lewis, Emmanuel; and the Rev. Deacon Nancy Conley, St. Timothy's, prepare for the Convention Eucharist, which was held this year in place of Noonday Prayers.

Get ready now for DJ'10!

Getting spiritually fed is theme of 2010 event

"Hungry? Come to the Banquet" is the theme for A Disciple's Journey 2010, scheduled for April 16-17, 2010. DJ'10, as next year's installment of this annual formation event is called, will be held at Holy Nativity, Honolulu (Aiea Haina).

The two-day event, on Friday and Saturday, will present ways and practices for living a life integrated with our faith. The focus will be on personal formation, especially on the habits and practices in our individual lives and homes that can help us satisfy our spiritual hunger.

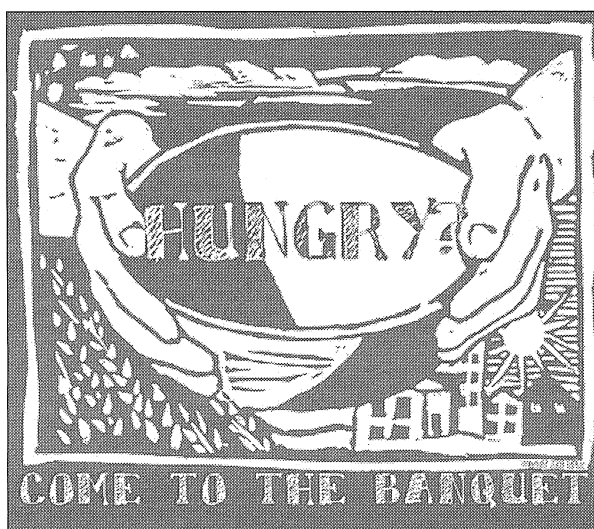
Friday will consist of a choice of four intensive workshops. For those

who cannot attend Friday during the day, the main event begins late Friday afternoon and continues into Saturday.

The event will conclude with a Eucharist and be finished by 5 p.m. so Neighbor Island attendees will have ample time to return home for church the next day. In contrast to the 2009 event, DJ'10 will not continue into Sunday.

The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson, Canon to the Presiding Bishop (see biography, below). Workshops will be offered by members of the Diocese and by representatives from The Episcopal Church Center, Church Publishing, and other Episcopal dioceses.

A "menu" of workshops for the weekend is printed at right.



The theme for A Disciple's Journey 2010 is "Hungry? Come to the Banquet." The two-day event will feature workshops that focus on habits and practices to help us satisfy our spiritual hunger.

Keynote speaker for DJ'10 is Canon to Presiding Bishop

The Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson will be the keynote speaker for DJ'10. Robertson has been Canon to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, since August 2007. Prior to this position, he served as the Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Arizona.

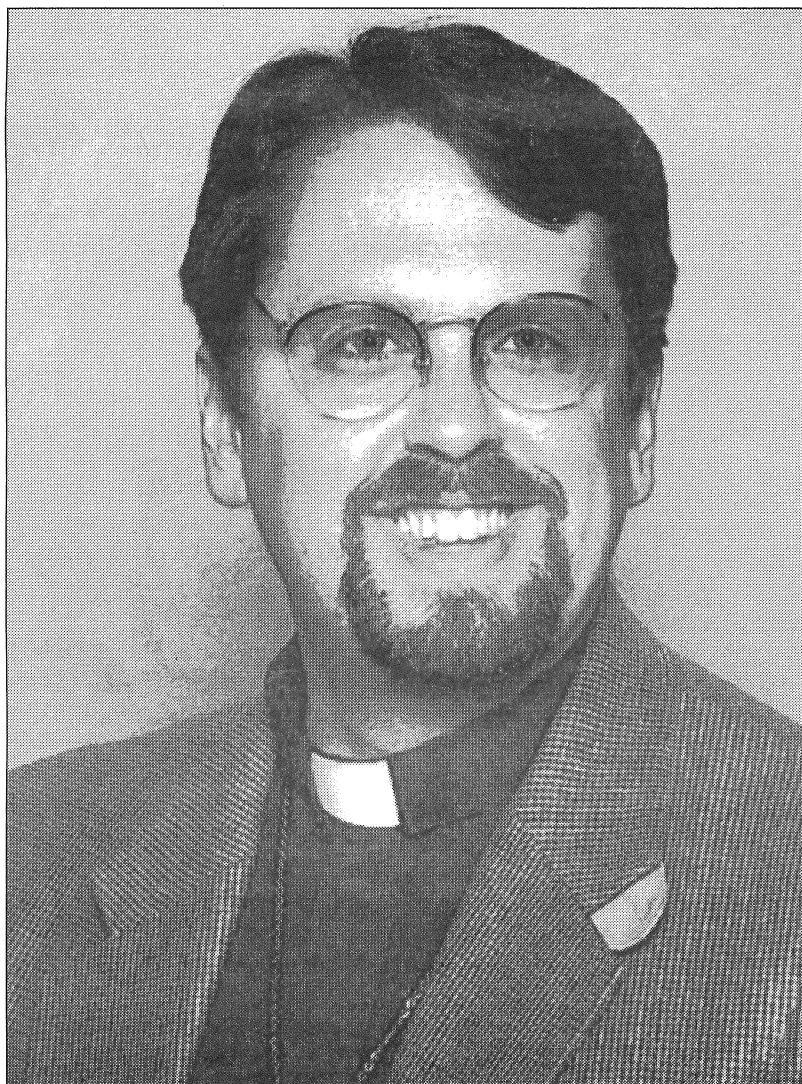
A Fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and former professor of ethics and communication, Robertson, 43, has served congregations in both Georgia and Florida and worked as a consultant in leadership development and conflict management in both the Church of England and the Episcopal Church. He is an honorary canon of the Diocese of Dar es Salaam.

Robertson is the author of several books including *Conflict in Corinth: Redefining the System*; *Religion as Entertainment*; *Religion and Alcohol: Sobering Thoughts*; *Religion and Sexuality: Passionate Debates*; *Barnabas: A Model for Holistic Stewardship*, and the upcoming *Exploring the Sacred Bundle*. He has also written various articles for journals including the Anglican Theological Review.

Robertson holds a bachelor of arts degree (cum laude) in communication from Virginia Tech, and a master of divinity degree (cum laude) from the Virginia Theological Seminary. While earning his doctorate in theology from England's Durham University, Robertson assisted at Durham Cathedral from 1996 to 1999.

He was rector of St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville, Georgia, from 1999 to 2004.

While there he was on the faculty of Georgia College and State



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University, teaching courses in communication and ethics. He was priest-in-charge of St. John's Church, Melbourne, Florida, from 1993 to 1996.

He has served on national boards for the Alliance for Christian Media and the Episcopal Network for Stew-

ardship, and in 2001 co-founded Film Clips Inc., a "creative synergy between education and entertainment."

A native of El Paso, Robertson has been married for 16 years to Debbie, and they have three children, David, Jonathan, and Abigail.

MENU OF WORKSHOPS

Friday, April 16

Full-day, intensive workshops:

Anglican Liturgy: How Does It Form Us?

Silence

Who Is Jesus?

Classic/Contemplative Prayer Practice

Saturday, April 17

Discernment (Intensive workshop)

Bread-baking as Spiritual Activity (Intensive workshop)

Five Basic Practices of the Faith Stewardship

Family Table

Children's track – Faith Formation

Faith Formation in the Home (for parents)

Ministry to Military Families

Table for One

Only person at home who believes? (or goes to church)

How do I study the Bible on my own?

How do I pray on my own?

No Reservations

Use of technology in personal faith & practice

Life of faith in a world of busyness

Finding Christ in cultural activities

Good Eats

How do I live my faith in my work?

How do I make spiritually wise and righteous choices?

Living a "green" life

How does one person make a difference?

Take Out

Evangelism as a spiritual practice

Doing the works of Christ

How to start a small group

After Dinner Treat

Preparing myself for death

Preparing others for my death

Funeral practices: Why we do what we do

Go to:

For more information DJ'10, with a theme of "Hungry? Come to the Banquet," go to the diocesan Web site at www.episcopalhawaii.org. More information will also be distributed via e-mails and in upcoming issues of E-News.

Diocese accomplishes business in single day

More than 200 register for convention events

By the Rev. Canon Liz Beasley

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i met on October 31 at the Sheraton Waikiki. Just under 200 delegates attended, plus seven licensed clergy, who were given seat and voice, and a number of visitors.

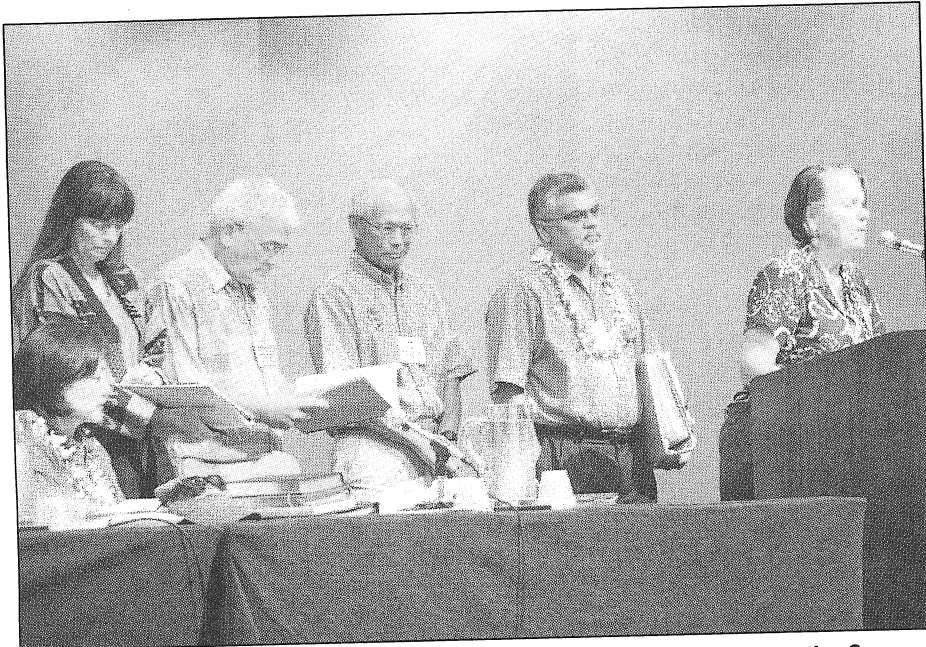
Altogether, 238 people registered to attend the meeting in some capacity. The meeting was chaired by Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick.

The most immediately distinctive characteristic of this meeting was that it lasted only one day. Whereas the meeting of the Convention has always been two days, at least in recent memory, the meeting was reduced to one day to save on costs to both the diocesan budget as well as to congregational budgets. Congregations have always borne the cost of their delegates attending the Convention banquet, which was not held this year, and for Neighbor Islands, the cost of a hotel stay. The meeting was still held in a hotel because the Diocese had entered into a contract with the hotel some time ago, and it was more expensive to cancel it than to honor it.

A few other changes were apparent this year also. Instead of preceding the opening of the meeting with a Eucharist, as has been done before, and then having noonday prayers with the reading or display of the necrology (those people who have died in the past year), the Eucharist was held in place of the noonday prayers, with the necrology chanted by Raymond Kaimi Ganotise as the assembled body received Communion.

Another difference was in the delivery of the Bishop's Address. The Bishop's Address, according to the diocesan Rules of Order, is the first item of business for Convention. This year, Bishop Fitzpatrick's address was prerecorded and played on DVD. The Bishop recorded his address so that it could be sent to all congregations and viewed by everyone in the Diocese. DVDs were sent the week before Convention met, and congregations were encouraged to watch them.

The primary text for the Bishop's Address was 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Bishop Fitzpatrick used key passages from the Gospel according to Matthew (the Great Commandment in Matthew 22:37-40; the story of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25:34-36, 40; and the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20) to describe some of the ministries in our congregations over the past year and to frame how we respond together to God's call.



Cecilia Fordham, at the microphone, presents the 2010-2012 budget to the Convention, as Chair of the Stewardship Department of Diocesan Council. Ready to answer questions are, L to R: Karen Sender, Mission Dept. Chair; the Rev. Bill Albinger, Discipleship Dept. Chair; Lot Lau, Chair of Congregational Health and Growth Commission; and Peter Pereira, Diocesan Treasurer.

He also repeated his call that we can no longer adhere to the "one building with one congregation, one worship service, and ... one full-salaried priest" way of conducting church. In this connection, he called on the Commission for Congregational Health and Growth and the Diocesan Council to "present a major plan for congregational mission and life for the next decade at next year's meeting of Convention."

Bishop Fitzpatrick also mentioned his accepting the Presiding Bishop's invitation to be the bishop with oversight of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia (Guam and Saipan). He had returned two weeks before from a visit to ECIM, and the three clergy who serve ECIM were present at the annual meeting: the Rev. Lisa Pang, Deacon; the Rev. James Moore, Deacon; and the Rev. Irene Maliaman, Priest.

The Response to the Bishop's Address also was different than in previous years. Usually one person serves as a spokesperson for a committee of about five delegates. This year, Bruce Fink of Calvary spoke personally, and then the Rev. Bill Allport of St. Peter's, and Chair of the Committee, asked delegates to switch tables according to a preset scheme that would pair congregations together. Representatives of each congregation were asked to introduce themselves, to share the names of their leaders, and to name prayer needs in their respective congregations. Delegates were asked to pray for the leaders and the congregation's needs for six months. Don't forget to pray!

Delegates were also asked to fill out a card for the Bishop naming how they would commit themselves "to respond to God as challenged by our bishop, by sharing [their] gifts, resources, time, talent,

and treasure." In other words, delegates were asked truly to "respond" to the Bishop, rather than just letting someone speak on their behalf.

All elections were accomplished on the first ballot (see Election Results on opposite page), and the clergy compensation policy (Resolution #1) and diocesan budget passed easily. The compensation policy calls for no increases in clergy compensation, after several years of significant increases, in response to the economic times.

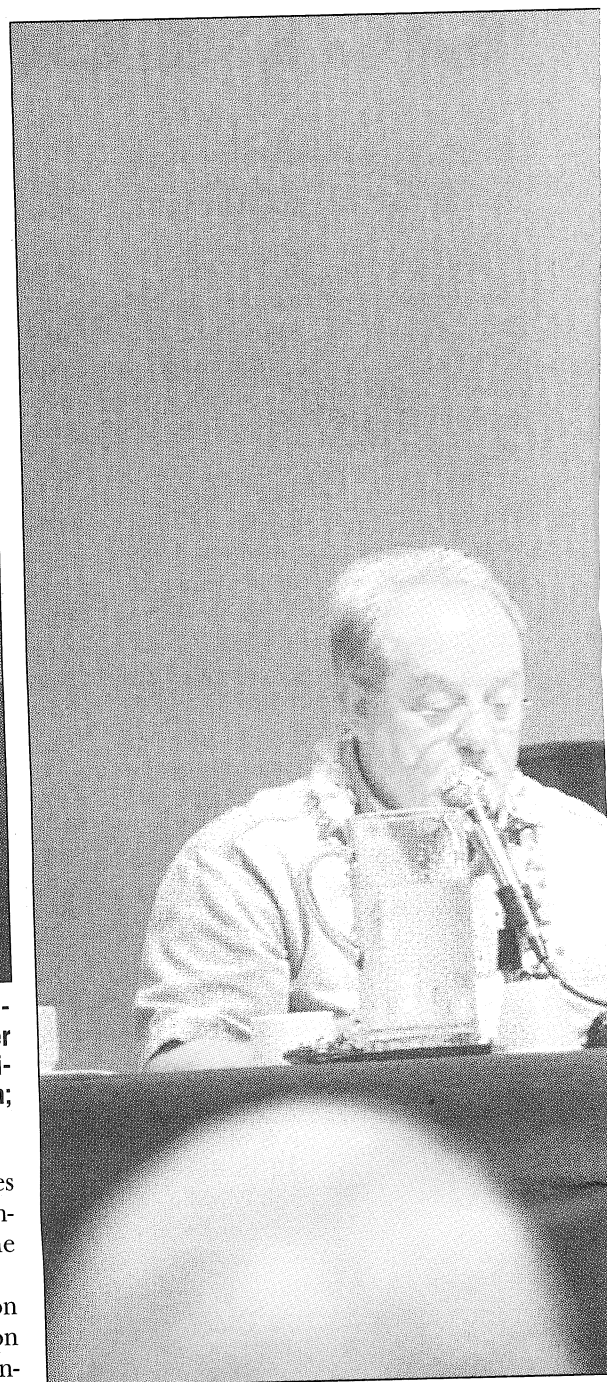
Other resolutions were more hotly debated. Three resolutions concerning human sexuality had been presented; two were discussed for some time before being voted on, one in a vote by orders (laity and clergy voting separately). Most speakers spoke in favor of them, and the resolutions passed with strong majorities.

The other resolution that engendered a fair amount of discussion was one on stewardship. At issue was the notion of publishing stewardship statements from vestries and bishop's committees each year in March.

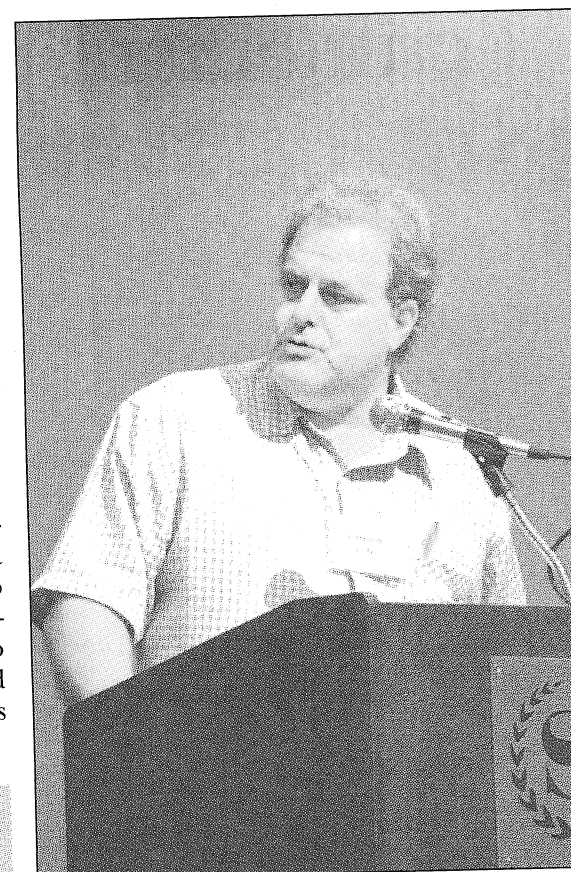
One of the issues underlying the debates over resolutions was how much a Diocese must reflect or pay attention to resolutions passed by General Convention. This question arose in response to the resolutions over both sexuality and stewardship. A chart showing the results of the resolution voting is on Page E.

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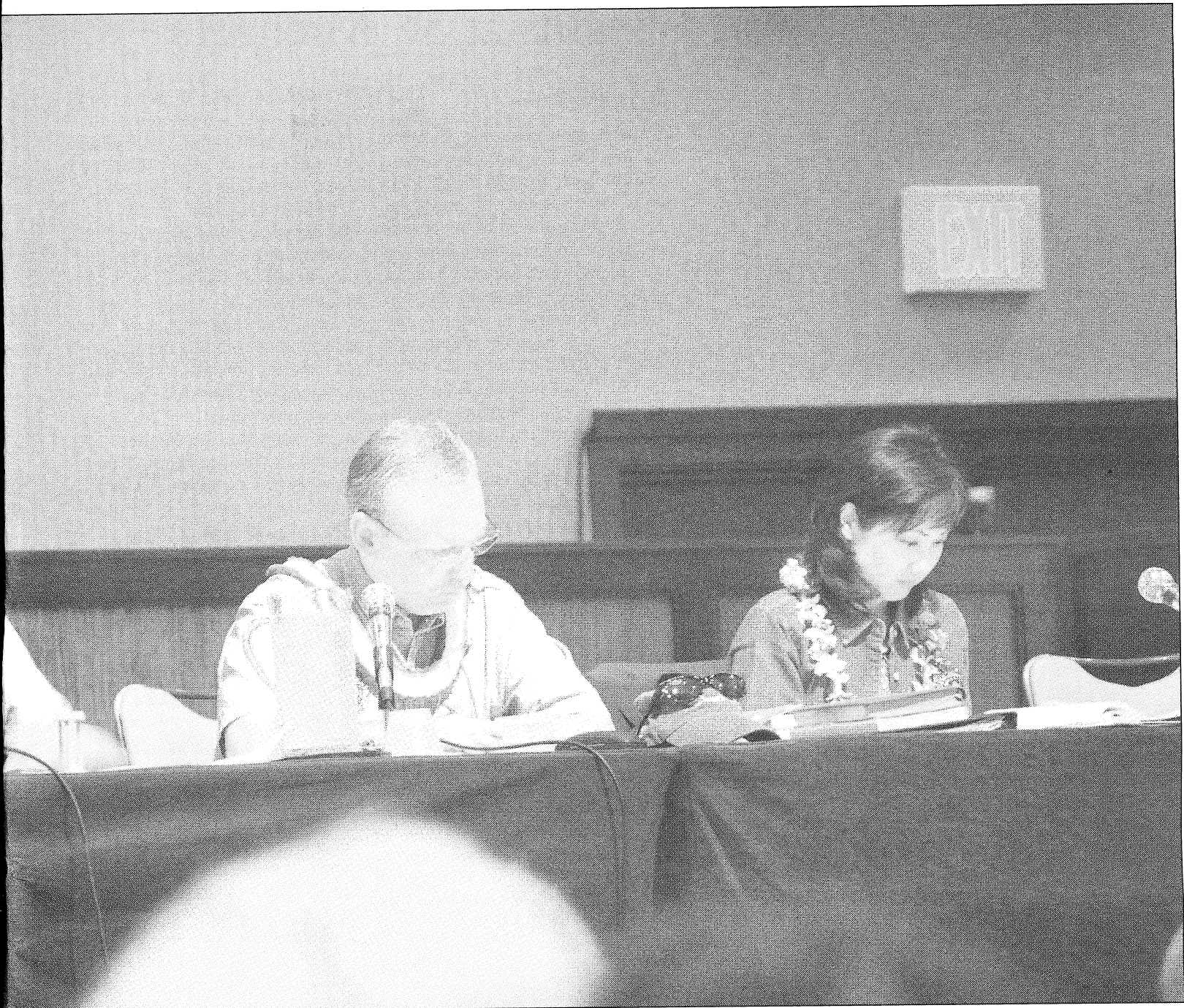
For more complete details of the resolutions, including the full text of each, go to www.episcopalhawaii.org/DisplayPage.php?PageName=Convention2009Resolutions



Seated at the head table for the meeting of the Convention was the Rev. Marvin Foltz, Chancellor of the Diocese.



The Rev. Marvin Foltz responds to the Bishop as he presents a resolution to the Convention. Foltz was Chair of the Resolutions Committee of Convention which reviewed the ten resolutions brought to the Convention.



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Participants are, L to R: the Very Rev. Tim Sexton, Chair of Dispatch of Business; Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick, who as Bishop chairs the meeting; and Martha Im,

Election results

- Diocesan Council, Lay
Keane Akao, St. Clement's, Honolulu
Cynthia Carson, St. Andrew's, Honolulu
Lot Lau, St. John's by-the-Sea, Kahalu'u
Amy Null, St. Michael & All Angels, Lihue
- Diocesan Council, Clergy
The Rev. David Jackson, Rector, Epiphany, Honolulu
The Rev. Ben Nelson, Rector, All Saints, Kapa'a
- Diocesan Council, Kaua'i County Member
Mary Schulz, All Saints
- Standing Committee, Lay
Dot Shigemura, St. Nicholas, Kapolei
- Standing Committee, Clergy
The Rev. Liz Zivanov, Rector, St. Clement's
- Cathedral Chapter, Lay
Ruth Merz, St. Peter's, Honolulu
- Cathedral Chapter, Clergy
The Rev. Richard Shields
- Ecclesiastical Trial Court, Lay
Don Botsai, Epiphany, Honolulu
- Secretary of the Convention
Nancy Rowe, St. Peter's

Bishop's Appointments

- Confirmed by the Convention
- Commission on Ministry:
Lay, 4-year term: Laurie Luczak, St. Timothy's, Aiea
Lay, 3-year term: Myron Chang, St. Peter's
- Clergy: 4-year term: The Rev. Cass Bailey, Rector, St. Christopher's, Kailua
- Compensation Review Commission (both 3-year terms):
Lay: Donna Oba, St. Augustine's, Kapa'au
Clergy: The Rev. Kate Lewis, Vicar, Emmanuel, Kailua
- Chancellor: Martha Im, St. Luke's, Honolulu
- Vice Chancellor: Ray Kamikawa, St. Clement's
- Registrar: Jan Horimoto, St. Mary's, Honolulu
- Historiographer: Stuart Ching, St. Elizabeth's

Voting results of resolutions

Res. #	Resolution title	Voting results	Synopsis of Resolution
No. 1	2010 Minimum Clergy Compensation and Benefits Policy	Adopted	Establishes the minimum compensation packages and benefits for clergy in 2010. The amounts have remained unchanged from the 2009 policy.
No. 2	Establish the First Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday	Substitute resolution presented and adopted	Encourages the Bishop to designate the First Sunday in Lent as ERD Sunday and encourages churches and individuals to support ERD. Following the meeting of Convention, the Bishop did so designate.
No. 3	Commitment and Witness to the Anglican Communion	Adopted	Calls on the Diocese of Hawai'i to honor its membership in the Anglican Communion and to affirm Resolution D025 of the 76th General Convention, recognizing that "the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships" and that "God has called and may call such individuals, to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church."
No. 4	Equal Rights for Same-Sex Relationships in Hawai'i	Adopted. The vote was by orders, with 96 lay and 37 clergy voting Yes, and 39 lay and 8 clergy voting No.	Calls on the State of Hawai'i and the Governor to support legislation that provides same-sex couples with the same rights that are given to married heterosexual couples.
No. 5	Honoring Theological Diversity	Adopted	Calls on the Diocese of Hawai'i to affirm Resolution C056 of the 76th General Convention, which acknowledges changing circumstances surrounding marriage, civil unions, and domestic partnerships for gay and lesbian persons, and encourages the Bishop to "provide generous pastoral response" to those in same-sex relationships in the Diocese.
No. 6	Internet Evangelism Pilot Project	Adopted as amended	Calls for a task force to study the use of the Internet for ministry and evangelism and to develop and implement a pilot project in this area. Following the meeting of Convention, the Bishop wrote in an email to clergy, wardens, members of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, and all delegates, "I am willing to appoint such a Task Force if appropriate and eager members can be found to populate it."
No. 7S*	Mission Together in the 21st Century	Adopted	Requests that the Bishop establish a task force to suggest changes in the governance of the Diocese, and asks that travel for diocesan meetings be reduced in favor of using technological means of interaction and clustering on a regional level. Following the meeting of Convention, the Bishop wrote that he has assigned the task of suggesting governance changes to the Standing Committee — something that he had called for in his address to the Convention.
No. 10	Commitment to Stewardship	Adopted as amended	Affirms our lives and possessions as God's gifts; charges the Diocesan Council with annually declaring an invitation to all to strive toward the tithe; and calls on each congregation to annually adopt a stewardship statement affirming the tithe as the minimum standing of giving.
*Resolution No. 7S was presented as a substitute resolution that combined three original resolutions. It was adopted as a substitute for No. 7 (Examination of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i Governance Structure), and Resolutions No. 8 (Installation of Video-Based System for Diocesan Meetings) and No. 9 (Commitment to Life Together as the Diocese in the 21st Century) were discharged.			

Good Sam youth an ECW special



PHOTO BY THE REV. CANON LIZ BEASLEY

On Sept. 12, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) held its annual meeting in the Von Holt Room at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. In addition to holding its business meeting, the ECW also pledged support to three efforts chosen by the ECW leadership as this year's "Specials." Those selected were the Bishop's Pastoral Fund, which is a Special each year; the Sabeel Conference being held at St. Andrew's on February 26-27; and the youth group at Good Samaritan Church, Honolulu, for their outreach efforts. Here, youth from Good Samaritan show some of the quilts they have made for others as part of these efforts.

Bishop

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ership — lay and ordained. We must work to rethink theological education looking to new partnerships and distance learning looking to North America, New Zealand, and Asia (as well as adapting for local use). We must plant new congregations in existing church sites and with no buildings at all. We must seek new vehicles of evangelism and sharing Christ (as called for, for example, in the adopted Resolution 6: The Internet Evangelism Pilot Project).

We will only be assured that this Convention was a success if we make new disciples, if our move to reorganize welcomes new folk into ministry (lay and ordained) and provides new opportunities for mission, if we reduce the number of meetings to make time to evangelize those without faith and to care for the rejected, if we replace parochialism with mutual ministry and interdependence, and if we reduce costs to have more resources to plant new congregations — not just to save money. Time and God will tell.

NATIONAL, LOCAL

The Convention also addressed some actions of General Convention in our local context. As I have often shared, I am not a great fan of doing theology by resolution. I find teaching and practice within the context of conversation and worship to be more

helpful. That does require, however, active engagement and a willingness to respectfully disagree on the part of God's people. I also suggest that unless a local diocesan Convention disavows the actions of General Convention, the actions of General Convention speak to and for The Episcopal Church. Individually, we might disagree, but the General Convention is the means by which our Church speaks to our members and to the world. Resolutions of the General Convention and our local Diocesan Convention address the will and sentiment of the Church as expressed in those elected bodies.

Resolutions, however, are not law (canon) and, therefore, have meaning only in the context of local (diocesan, congregational or individual) practice and teaching.

Two resolutions (3 and 5) looked to affirm actions of the General Convention recognizing the full inclusion of lesbian and gay baptized members in committed and monogamous relationships in the life of our Church, and that such persons may be called to all orders of ordained ministry, and an action allowing a pastoral response of bishops regarding the "blessing" of gay and lesbian partnerships especially in civil jurisdictions wherein such relationships are legally recognized.

I do not foresee these resolutions will have any impact on my current practice or policy, or on that of the Diocese. I trust my clergy to be in conversation with me regarding local pastoral needs. I appreciate that these resolutions reflect the intention of General

Convention, and I hope that they will be a helpful conversation point and teaching tool in local congregations.

The key is their use for purposes of teaching and conversation; otherwise, they will have little impact. Do they reflect the reality in our communities of faith? I am committed to all Episcopalians in my Diocese and to every congregation. I do honor the theological diversity of this Diocese in regard to matters of human sexuality, and trust that we can continue in conversation and Table fellowship with one another.

TITHING, POLITICS

Likewise, Resolution 10 (Commitment to Stewardship) takes up the long-standing commitment of The Episcopal Church through action of the General Convention to tithing as the standard of giving for all Episcopalians. This resolution calls for practical local (congregational and individual) action to embody that commitment. This, too, will only have meaning if taught and practiced at the congregational level and in our personal practice. Tithing is the standard of giving of The Episcopal Church, but do we teach it and practice it?

Resolution 4 (Equal rights for same-sex relationships in Hawai'i) is unusual in the recent history of our Diocese. In it the Convention addressed the elected leaders of our State: "call[ing] upon the State of Hawai'i to support equal rights for all of its citizens; and calls upon each representative and senator to vote in favor of legislation that provides to same-sex couples

All Angels Legacy Society begins at St. Michael's

By Lindsay Kamm

Begin with gratitude. That was the Rev. Tony Litwinski's opening remark to more than 20 parishioners of St. Michael and All Angels on Kaua'i who gathered at the rectory on June 15 to learn more about the All Angels Legacy Society. Litwinski, who chairs the Diocesan Planned Giving Commission, offered Bill Gates as an example of someone who is grateful for the many blessings and opportunities he has received and who, therefore, is committed to giving away much of his wealth.

St. Michael's has established The All Angels Legacy Society to recognize donors and encourage parishioners to leave funds to the church that will support its mission and ministries in the future. "Making a will is such an important part of Christian stewardship, yet over half of Americans die without making a will. Imagine what could be accomplished if each of us took the simple

first step of planned giving and made a will, remembering the church in some way," says Nelson Secretario, Chair of the Planned Giving Committee at St. Michael's.

Several parishioners at St. Michael's have already established endowment funds that support the church and will continue to do so into the future.

The All Angels Legacy Society will honor them and encourage people with even modest wealth — an apartment, a life insurance policy — to leave a portion of their resources to the church. The Stewardship Committee hopes to enroll 20 people as charter members of The All Angels Legacy Society by June of 2010.

A wealth of planned giving information is available from the Diocese web site at episcopalhawaii.org. Nelson Secretario is well-versed in these opportunities and can provide helpful information to potential donors in Hawai'i. He can be reached at 808-822-7324.

CONVENTION A BEGINNING

Was this the 41st Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i a success? Time and God will tell. We are together moving into the Kingdom of God — present among us, but yet not fulfilled. It was a success only in so far as the following prayer is being fulfilled in our time:

"O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

Was this the 41st Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i a success? It was a beginning! As Paul writes to the Corinthians in his first letter: "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (15:58).

Aloha i Iesu Kristo ko makou Haku,

+Bob

+ Keali'ikoaokakua

Seeds of Godly Play

Godly Play is sprouting out around the Diocese as congregations seek ways to nurture the spiritual lives of their youngest members.

Some churches have established programs with trained teachers and wonderful spaces prepared for the children. Others are committed to establishing programs and preparing spaces. Still others are finding ways to integrate Godly Play into the life of their congregations in new and innovative ways.

In the past year, Good Shepherd, Epiphany, and St. Timothy's have sponsored introductory workshops for their own congregations and guests. Thanks to St. Peter's, the materials from the Cathedral have found their way to fledgling Godly Play programs to help them prepare their own spaces.

There are plans to provide a full Godly Play core training in early March 2010. If you or your congregation are interested in participating in this flourishing movement, please contact Jenny Wallace at jennywallace@hawaii.rr.com or the Office of the Bishop.

Advent Bible study at St. Mark's

All are invited to attend an Advent Bible study on the birth narratives of Jesus Christ on Tuesday nights at St. Mark's in Honolulu starting Dec. 1. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with confession, a low mass at 6:15, followed by a light potluck supper and the Bible study, and concludes with Compline at 8 p.m. For more info: www.stmarkshonolulu.org/advent-bible-study/

Foltz blesses Maui buses

In late October, the Rev. Marvin Foltz, rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wailuku, blessed two new Maui County buses at the Binhi At Ani Maui Filipino Com-



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The Rev. Marvin Lee Foltz, Rector of Good Shepherd, Wailuku, on the right, blesses two new Maui County buses, which will be used throughout the island.

munity Center.

The buses, which together cost \$788,598, provide four wheelchair stations per bus and will be used on all Maui Bus commuter and connector routes, as needed.

Chuns appointed as chaplains

The Rev. Canon Franklin Chun and his wife, Norma, have been appointed by Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick to be the new team of "Diocesan Chaplains" to the retired clergy and their spouses.

This ministry is part of a national group of Chaplains as well. The Chuns join Deacon Nancy Conley, who is Chaplain for retired deacons and those homebound or in nursing homes.

Statistically, there are 35 retired priests and deacons and their 30 spouses living in the Islands; 22 retired priests and deacons and their 18 spouses live away from the Islands; six

additional retired priests and their three spouses are canonically registered with other dioceses, but have chosen to live in the Islands; and six clergy widows live in the Islands, and nine live away from the Islands.

Thoughts may be shared with the Chuns at revfchun@hawaii.rr.com, or with Nancy Conley at spirlife@lava.net, or may be mailed to the Office of the Bishop.

Epiphany celebrates new rector

On Oct. 4, the Church of the Epiphany in Kaimuki, held a Celebration of New Ministry with their new Rector, the Rev. David Hilton Jackson.

To add to the festivities, Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick also blessed the newly completed parish hall, part of a building project that also included reorganization of the church's offices.

Julian reading group at St. Mark's

St. Mark's is fortunate to have a group who currently gather to study the writings of the English mystic, Julian of Norwich. This group was an outgrowth of a Julian of Norwich study, held in October 2009. Anyone is welcome to join the group as long as they have an interest in studying Julian's "showings."

The group will meet for the first time on Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. at the parish. The basis of the discussions will be the *Complete Julian of Norwich* by Father John-Julian. Participants should have read chapters 4-9 in advance.

For more information on the reading group, go to: <http://www.stmarkshonolulu.org/julian-reading-group/>

For more information on the Order of Julian of Norwich, go to: <http://www.orderofjulian.org/home.html>

For information on the book, go to: <http://www.amazon.com/Complete-Julian-Norwich-Paraclete-Giants/dp/155725639X>

Missionary in Africa teaches about health, hygiene

By Janine LeGrand

In April of 2008, I left Hawai'i as a missionary to Masindi, Uganda, in eastern Africa. Sent with the blessing of Calvary Episcopal Church, Kane'ohe, my home church for many years, with the blessing of the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawai'i, and with help from the Hawai'i Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and various churches and Christians around Hawai'i, I moved to Africa by myself save for God's presence. I was welcomed there by the Diocese of Masindi-Kitara, where I have found a home and place of ministry.

Masindi is beautifully lush and green, with good soil and open spaces, and the people are wonderfully hospitable and friendly, and very open to learning new things. The level of faith in the Christian community is high, with many people believing in and indeed relying on God. There is also a large Muslim community here, plus some witchdoctors.

In this diocese, most people still live in traditional thatched mud homes, though in the towns more durable housing is common. Most people do not have a sewer system, trash collection, electricity, or even running water. Roads are poor, and electricity, where available, is unreliable. Poverty is a serious problem — you'll hear people make comments like "I'm going to save my money and buy some flour" or "Now I can buy some toothpaste."

Most people are peasant-farmers, and money for such items as school fees and

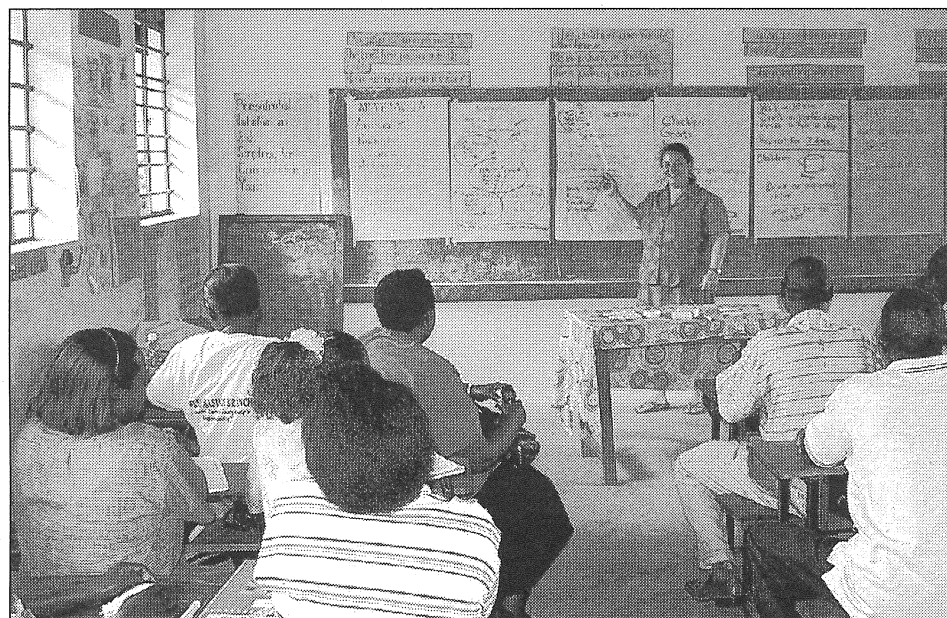


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Janine LeGrand, a medical missionary to Uganda, here is teaching nutrition, how to make a homemade rehydration solution, and some basic first aide to facilitators in the church's Family Life Program. They then take health information back to their groups around the diocese.

medical expenses can be a real challenge.

My ministry is focused on showing the love of God through helping the people of Masindi improve their health. A scripture I favor is Matthew 5:16: "...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Working with the Church of Uganda, I show God's love through meeting real and practical health needs in order to help people see God and draw closer to Him.

The government of Uganda spends

about \$7 per person per year to provide healthcare. Even then, health spending is uneven, with the vast majority of funds utilized in the capital city Kampala, leaving little for the many other towns and villages, such as those of Masindi diocese.

My ministry focuses on the very basics of health. Much of my work focuses on prevention: nutrition, clean water, sanitation (e.g. latrine and handwashing), and malaria prevention. It is very common to see the signs of mild malnutrition among children,

and a malnourished child is more likely to get seriously ill or die and will take longer to recover than a well-nourished child. Poorly nourished pregnant women, such as those not getting enough iron, are more likely to die in childbirth or from malaria.

Water is often unsafe. Water collected from open sources is contaminated by animal waste, urine, worms, or even human waste. Even many of the wells and spring-boxes do not give clean water. Failing to treat water can bring lots of diseases, and diarrheal illness may increase malnutrition — even kill by causing dehydration. I teach a variety of methods for improving drinking water, including chlorination using bleach and a simple method of solar disinfection (SODIS), as well as a simple home rehydration drink.

While rinsing the hands with water before eating is common, soap is not usually used, and very few latrines have places to wash. Only about 60 percent of the homes in the country have latrines — in the Masindi town area there are homes with no latrines at all. Many illnesses spread through poor sanitation. I teach the importance of good sanitation and how to make a very low-cost handwashing station with local materials.

The biggest killer disease is malaria, and I educate about mosquito control, use of treated bednets, and the importance of prompt treatment. I also help provide affordable long-term insecticide-treated bednets — the biggest weapon in the fight to

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control malaria. I teach church members in their churches; at the Diocesan Training Center I train future church leaders in health and sanitation. Local community groups get training such as nutrition and clean water also. I have a regular nutrition education program at the local hospital, and I also train leaders and facilitators of church programs.

In addition to teaching on disease prevention and improving home-based care, I help facilitate providing quality medical care. I work with visiting medical teams so that they can effectively run short-term clinics in various needy places in the diocese. The diocese is blessed to receive regular medical outreaches from Palmetto Medical Initiative, with teams of up to 75 medical personnel at a time.

Life in Masindi is in many ways like one to two hundred years ago in the United States. I keep chickens for eggs (and occasionally for meat) plus have a few goats and ducks. I grow maize, beans, soybeans, spinach, lettuce, tomatoes, and other vegetables. Even something as simple as feeding my dog is not so simple — I grind dried maize collected from my garden, gather eggs, and cook these to make his food — no dried dog food here! My house is connected to electric power, but it may go out for days or be so weak it will only light one light bulb. I greatly enjoy cooking in my newly made outdoor wood-fired oven — a mud and brick oven that wouldn't look out of place in the old days of Rome. Life is much like the frontier days of homesteaders and creativity and patience are essential.

Before leaving, I raised funds for my first year in Africa, and I have gotten some ongoing support. Most of the people assist-

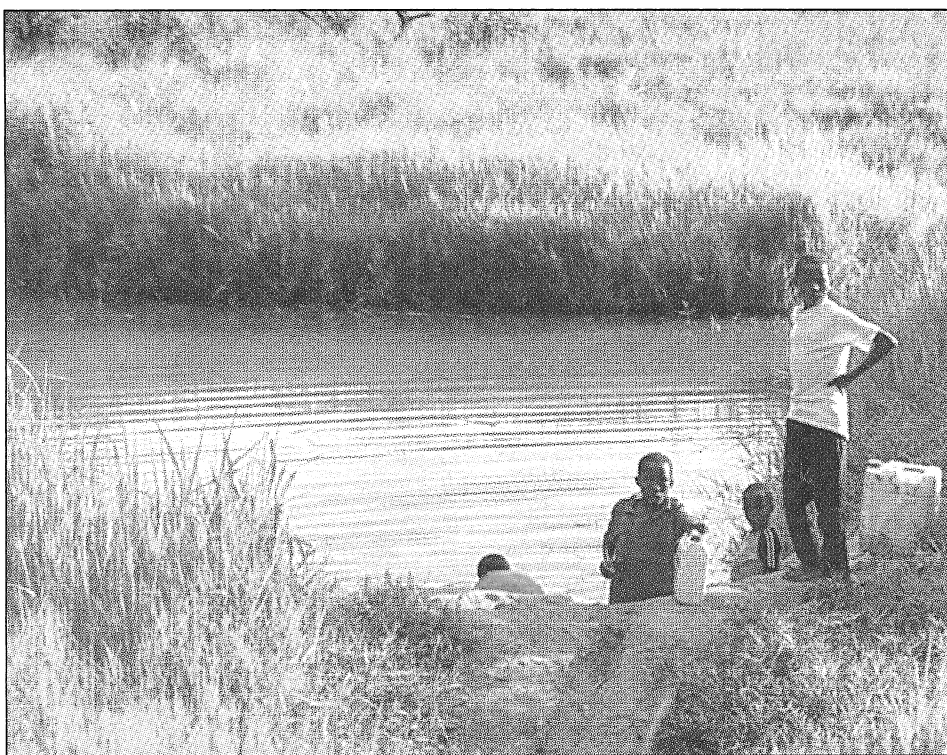


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Many people in Uganda still collect unprotected, open-source water and drink it untreated, which causes many diseases. The water is contaminated by animal waste, urine, worms, and even human waste.

ing me are individuals who give a small amount monthly, and I receive some support from churches. However, this ministry is now facing real financial need despite personal sacrifice and many efforts to keep costs down. I have stretched that first year's funding and now have been serving for over a year and a half. I feel that God is clearly calling me to continue to serve where I am. I appeal to the Christians of Hawai'i to join with me in this ministry to help the people of Masindi.

Donations can be made safely and quickly online at www.sams-usa.org (select "missionaries" then "LeGrand, Janine") through The South American Missionary Society (SAMS), or contact SAMS at P.O. Box 399, Ambridge, PA, 15003; phone 724-

266-0669. Automatic monthly donations can be easily set up from a credit card or checking account (specify for LeGrand). Checks should be made payable to SAMS and marked "LeGrand." You can read my blog with stories of everyday life and ministry in Africa at <http://janinelegrand.blogspot.com>. You can also make a donation at my blog site. I greatly appreciate any assistance, as will the people of Masindi.

To request a free e-mail subscription to my newsletter, "Janine's Jottings," e-mail me at janinemlegrand@hotmail.com. You can also e-mail me personally at that e-mail address if you have comments or questions. In Hawai'i, you can contact the head of my sending team, Laura Fink, at 808-941-1722 for more information.

St. John's youth group plan service trip to Mainland

By Marilyn Hirashima

ST. JOHN'S, KULA

The youth group at St. John's, Kula, is stepping forth in faith to fulfill a long-held dream of doing a service trip to the mainland, which we are calling our "Reaching Out" trip. The trip is planned for late June 2010. At this point 12 people have signed up to go. The intention is to deepen faith and broaden understanding of self and other cultures.

We will be joining the Group Workcamps organization, which has many years of experience at conducting these projects and constructs them so that the young people grow spiritually as they reach out to touch the lives of those who were previously strangers. We will be doing some home repair and some community service in a disadvantaged area in Maryland.

The town, Worton, is a two-hour drive from Washington D.C., so we plan to take the young people to D.C. for the Fourth of July celebrations.

This is a first for St. John's and we know that it will be a challenge to raise enough money in this difficult economic time but we have given ourselves a year to accomplish it. Many fundraising projects are planned, so please keep a look out for these projects and help as you can!

For questions about this project, contact Marilyn Hirashima on Maui at 808-878-1866.

Church of the Holy Apostles in Hilo celebrate new organ with grand concert

Some 200 Hilo residents enjoyed an afternoon of magnificent sacred music on Nov. 7, at the Church of the Holy Apostles. The occasion was the dedication and celebration of the new Allen organ, given in memory of Thomas (Lofty) Cook and May Cook. Four Cook daughters were present for this inaugural performance.

The Allen organ is the newest on the Big Island to combine an existing set of pipes with state-of-the-art digital technology. The result is a beautiful balance of electronic pipe samples and real winded organ pipes, which can produce whispering chords as well as fanfares of impressive majesty. Present to inaugurate the organ and to demonstrate its extensive capabilities was organist Rick Mazurowski from Christ Lutheran Church, joined by four Hilo soloists and Holy Apostles' own organist, Glenn Matthews.

Prior to the concert, the Rev. Russell Johnson, Rector of Holy Apostles, led the assembled musicians and audience in the dedication of the organ, beginning with "All things come of you, O Lord," moving to a prayer of Commemoration and concluding with the prayer for Benefactors.

Mazurowski opened the concert with Bach's Toccata in D minor, one of the best-known of all organ pieces and one that is often associated with Halloween. Other selections showcasing the new instrument's dynamic and stylistic range included such favorites as Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, and the

Allegro Maestoso from Handel's Water Music, as a recognition of 2009, Handel's 350th anniversary.

Mazurowski concluded his solo organ performance with his own lovely composition, Before the Daystar.

Four well-known and admired Hilo musicians also performed: trumpeter Armando Mendoza, mezzo soprano Gerdine Markus, violinist Dr. Ray Broggini, and soprano Julianne Cross. Following the solo performances, the first half of the program concluded with a sing-along of The Hawaiian Wedding Song by Charles King.

Holy Apostles organist Glenn Matthews played for the second section of the concert, performing three compositions by Bach and the Solfeggietto in C minor by C.P.E. Bach. Matthews' enthusiasm for the new instrument was evident throughout his performance.

The Kamehameha Alumni Choir conducted by Clarence Waipa brought the performance to a lovely and appropriate conclusion with a series of Hawaiian language hymns. The choir sang to honor May Cook, of the 1930 graduating class, and her singing with the choir as its oldest member at the same time that her daughter Keone was its youngest one.

Now everyone at Holy Apostles will remember the Cook family and their generosity whenever this magnificent organ sounds forth.



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Rick Mazurowski, organist at Christ Lutheran Church in Hilo, performs at the concert dedicating the new organ at Holy Apostles Church, Hilo, given in memory of Thomas (Lofty) Cook and May Cook.