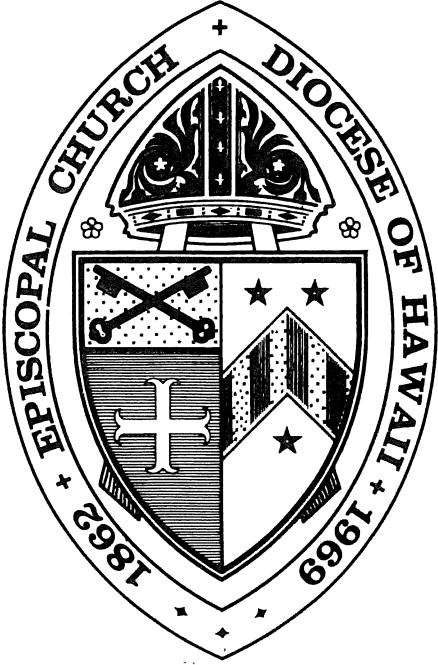


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Monday morning August 11, 1975. Our beloved bishop, The Rt. Rev. E. Lani Hanchett, died of cancer at the age of 55. The Diocesan Standing Committee assumed duties as the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, with the Rev. Eugene L. Harshman as President. Members of the Committee included:

Mr. Arthur Awai	
The Rev. William R. Grosh	Mrs. Richard (Jan) Bond, Jr.
The Rev. Fred G. Minuth	Mr. Euclid D. Y. Lee
The Rev. Thomas K. Yoshida	Mr. Paul Franklin Weaver

An "Interim Management Committee" for the Diocese was formed — a joint committee with 4 members from the Standing Committee (The Rev. Messrs. Harshman, Yoshida; Messrs. Awai who replaced Overstreet, and Weaver); 4 members from the Diocesan Board of Directors (The Rev. Messrs. David K. Kennedy, Herbert N. Conley; Messrs. Robert A. Merriam, Nathaniel R. Potter); and 2 members of the Diocesan Office Staff (The Rev. Canon James G. Long; Mr. Henry F. Budd, Treasurer).

The policy that the Diocese operate under a philosophy of "continuity of program" was adopted.

Later, an "Election Process Committee" was formed to begin searching for candidates, as well as screening those interested.

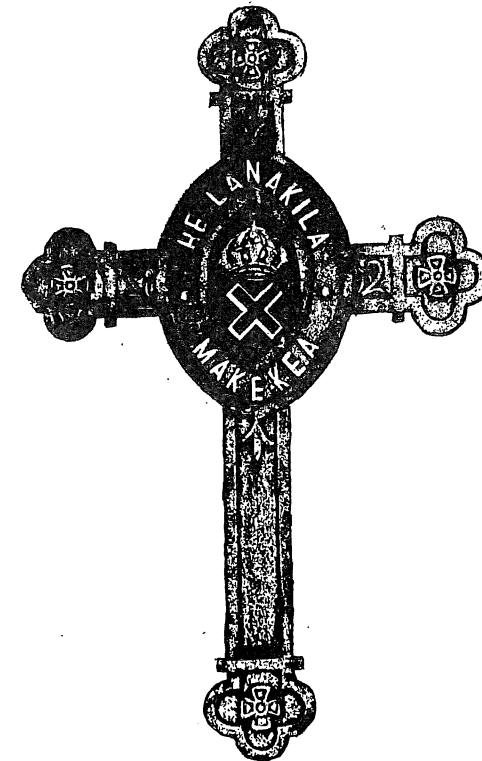
41 potential nominees consented to have their names considered by the Committee. Candidates from Hawaii included the Rev. Messrs. Covy E. Blackmon, Charles T. Crane, Gerald G. Gifford, Eugene L. Harshman, David K. Kennedy, James G. Long, and Roger M. Melrose.

In late January, each of the 41 nominees was evaluated by the E.P.C. The process measured the nominees against the results of a Diocesan Survey. Those from Hawaii who completed the so-called "Coarse Screen" were The Rev. Messrs. Harshman and Kennedy.

Finally, the E.P.C. began the "Fine Screen" process -- a more in-depth and personalized process of information gathering, talking with the candidates themselves and the people who knew them. Those who passed this process included:

The Rev. Maurice M. Benitez, rector, St. John the Divine, Houston;  
The Very Rev. Robert T. Browne, dean & rector, St. Michael's, Boise;  
The Rt. Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Episcopal Church Center Staff, New York  
The Rev. Marion J. Hammond, rector, St. Thomas' Denver;  
The Rev. David K. Kennedy, rector, St. Timothy's, Aiea.

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of  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN HAWAII  
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April 30 - May 1, 1976

OFFICERS OF THE SPECIAL CONVENTION

THE REV. EUGENE L. HARSHMAN  
President, Standing Committee

THE VERY REV. HERBERT N. CONLEY  
President of the Convention

MR. JAMES H. TABOR  
Chancellor

MR. BURNHAM H. GREELEY  
Vice-Chancellor

THE REV. FRANKLIN S.H. CHUN  
Secretary

THE REV. CURTIS R. ZIMMERMAN  
Registrar

THE REV. DONN. H. BROWN  
Assistant Secretary

THE REV. VINCENT deP. O'NEILL  
Senior Teller

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Tellers:

The Rev. David M. Paisley  
The Rev. Theodore F. Sirotko

Mr. Arthur Awai  
Mrs. Beverly Beardsley  
Mrs. Patricia Black  
Miss Jean Chang  
Mrs. Dorothy Chu  
Mr. Samuel E. Chu  
Mrs. Dorothy Ellis  
Mr. Albert Go  
Mrs. Rose Go  
Mr. Stanley Ho  
Mr. Elmer R. Hutchison  
Mr. Thomas S. Jones  
Mr. Euclid Lee  
Mr. Paul Low  
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Mrs. Lily Park  
Miss Evelyn Pischel  
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Miss Angie Stanich  
Dr. Paul Weaver  
Mrs. Margery McKinney

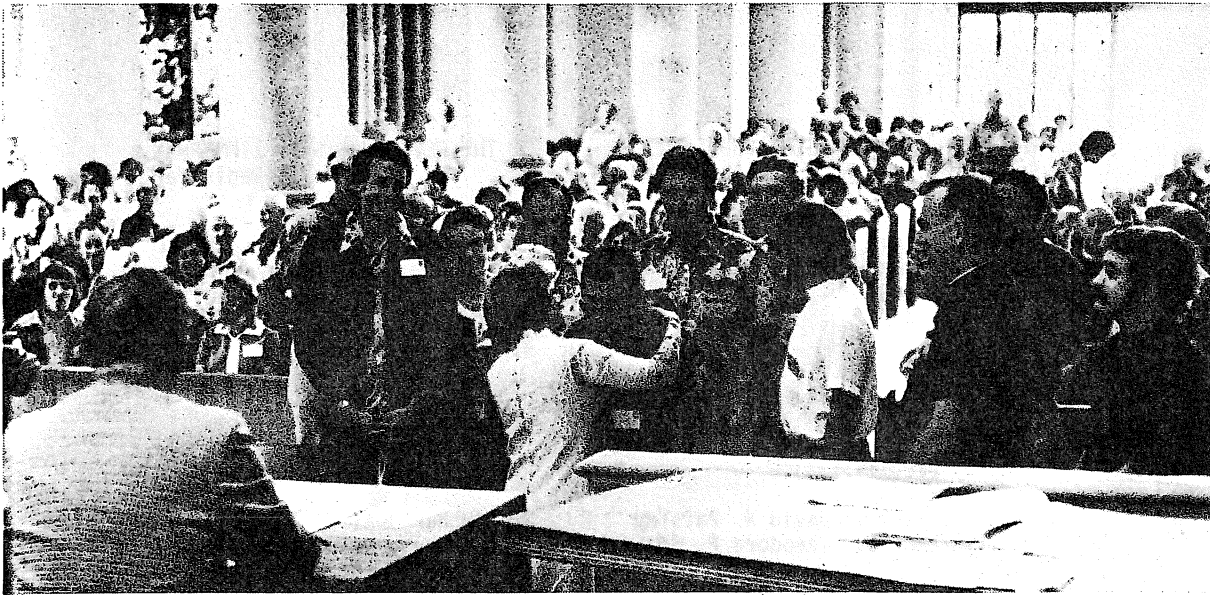
*This was the Cross used for the 59th General Convention of the Episcopal Church when it met in Honolulu in September 1955. The Hawaiian words, "He Lanakila Ma Ke Kea," symbolize the cross and crown, and mean "Victory through Suffering" or "Victory through the Cross." This motto was adopted by the first Anglican Bishop for the Church in Hawaii, The Rt. Rev. Thomas N. Staley.*

## ELECTION PROCESS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Thomas K. Yoshida, chm.

The Rev. Charles S. Burger  
The Rev. Rudolph A. Duncan  
The Rev. William R. Grosh  
The Rev. Eugene L. Harshman  
The Rev. Canon James G. Long  
The Rev. Fred G. Minuth  
The Rev. Jan C. Rudinoff

Mr. Arthur Awai  
Mrs. Richard (Jan) Bond, Jr.  
Mrs. Colin C. (Margaret) Cameron  
Mr. William Chillingworth  
Mr. Euclid Lee  
Mr. John Lockwood  
Mr. Fred Overstreet  
Mr. Nathaniel Potter, Jr.  
Dr. Paul Weaver



*Fr. Yoshida receives a lei on behalf of the Election Process Committee, gathered around him, for their outstanding work prior to Convention. (see p.6)*

## COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION PLANS

The Rev. Donn H. Brown  
The Rev. John P. Engelcke  
The Rev. Eugene L. Harshman

Mrs. William A. (Suzanne) Swartman

Mrs. Doris Fernandez and Miss Genevieve Wheeler, Convention recorders

## PROCEEDINGS of the Special Convention

Friday, April 30, 1976

### CALL TO ORDER

The Special Convention of the Diocese of Hawaii was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Cathedral, by the Rev. Eugene L. Harshman, President of the Standing Committee.

### WORSHIP

This was immediately followed by the Holy Eucharist (Authorized Services, Second Service), as celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Adrian Caceres, Bishop of Ecuador. A homily was given by the Very Rev. Herbert N. Conley, dean of the Cathedral.

### QUORUM REPORT

After the Eucharist, at 9:10 p.m., the Secretary of Convention, the Rev. Franklin S.H. Chun, reported that a quorum of 54 clergy and 166 lay delegates were present. In order to elect a Diocesan, 28 clergy votes and 86 lay votes would be needed.

### COURTESY OF FLOOR

The Rt. Rev. Adrian Caceres and his wife Betty, special guests to Convention, were introduced. The Bishop addressed Convention.

Mr. James H. Tabor, chancellor, then addressed Convention explaining Canon law and procedures under which this Convention would operate:

"This meeting, a special meeting, was duly called by the Standing Committee under the Constitution and Canons; notice was given as prescribed by the Constitutions and Canons. There is a quorum present as announced by the Secretary, who continues on in his office as secretary, having been elected such at the Annual Convention, who continues until the next Annual Convention.

"At the Annual Convention that was held last fall, Fr. Harshman called the meeting to order just as he has done tonight, and he was elected the presiding officer. Fr. Harshman has now let it be known that he is ineligible, by his own desire, to be your presiding officer. Thus you will have to elect a presiding officer.

"As in other Conventions which the Episcopal Church has had, 'Roberts' Rules of Order' will be the authority that will be referred to and will be the guiding light on motions, votes and so forth."



PRESIDENT  
OF  
CONVENTION

The first item of business was the election of the President. It was counseled that Convention needed to take a secret ballot if more than one person was nominated.

The Rev. Canon James G. Long nominated the Very Rev. Herbert N. Conley. The motion was seconded. Mr. William R. Chillingworth (Holy Apostles', Hilo) moved that the nominations be closed and asked that a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion carried.

Dean Conley spoke to Convention:

"...we have had a very wonderful and beautiful time together in the whole election process. My only hope is that (and this is extremely personal) having reached this state, we don't blow it in the next few hours. It is necessary to recognize that the method of election is almost as important to you as a Diocese as the person to be elected. This is your Convention. You will make the decisions, but always recognizing that in democratic rules, the majority rules but always with full protection of rights of the minority.

"There are points that will be very helpful as we proceed:

- 1) Absolutely no one during this Convention is allowed on the floor in the seating area unless a duly constituted delegate;
- 2) If you feel the call of the Holy Spirit to exercise voice as well as vote, identify yourself with your name and parish in order to be recognized;
- 3) If you will be somewhat gentle and tolerant with the presiding officer you will discover it is a reciprocal relationship."

ADOPTION  
AGENDA

Mrs. Jan Bond (Holy Nativity) moved the adoption of the rules as suggested by the Standing Committee for the Special Convention. The motion was seconded.

The Hon. Ike Sutton (Holy Cross Mission) moved an amendment to the agenda as presented. His amendment called for an election ballot to be inserted as V.B. of the agenda and addition of a V.C.: that if no election occurs by a majority of the clergy and lay by 12:00 o'clock midnight, then adjournment to 9:30 a.m. The rest of the agenda would not then require a time certain.

The Chancellor pointed out that should this motion be passed, it in effect amended the recommendation from the Standing Committee -- i.e., on this night, the nominating ballot will take place, and the electing ballot on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Sutton spoke on his amendment, saying that Convention delegates had come from as far away as the other neighbor islands and the South Seas. At some expense, these people had come to the Special Convention with the specific intention of electing a bishop. It was only fair to give them the opportunity to do this expeditiously in order to cut down their expenses. His admendment was offered in their interest.

The Rev. Joseph H. Pummill (St. Clement's) spoke against the amendment. He felt that we had taken a long time to get this far, and that he would appreciate having the rest of the evening to study the actual nominations, and then take part in the Eucharist before voting.

The Rev. Eugene L. Harshman (Calvary) said that Fr. Pummill had precisely the view of the Standing Committee. Since we are electing a bishop to serve perhaps for 10-20 years, we needed time to do it decently and in order. He felt that we needed the prayers of the evening.

The admendment to the motion was overwhelmingly defeated in a standing vote. The main motion passed overwhelmingly by voice vote.

NOMINATING  
BALLOT

Regarding voting, the presiding officer made the following announcement:

"The majority to elect is a simple majority of the legal ballots cast. On the first (nominating) ballot, this will be by writing in one name, and one name only. In succeeding ballots, it will be by marking 'X', and only 'X', in the proper place, in order to be a legal ballot."

Prior to 10:00 p.m., the Nominating Ballot was taken. The following were announced as nominees:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| DAVID BABIN      | * RUDOLPH DUNCAN   |
| MAURICE BENITEZ  | GERALD GIFFORD     |
| * COVY BLACKMON  | MARION HAMMOND     |
| ROBERT BROWNE    | EUGENE HARSHMAN    |
| EDMOND BROWNING  | * CHARLES HOPKINS  |
| * CHARLES BURGER | DAVID KENNEDY      |
| * HERBERT CONLEY | HOWARD KISHPAUGH   |
| * DAVID COON     | DONIS PATTERSON    |
| CHARLES CRANE    | * TIMOTEO QUINTERO |

\* indicates those withdrawing from the nomination.

Convention was adjourned for the evening at 10:52 p.m., following the blessing by the Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, retired Bishop of Hawaii.

Saturday, May 1, 1976

Convention was declared in session at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Imo Tiapula from American Samoa, led the prayers.

ELECTING  
BALLOT  
# 1

The distribution of the first electing ballot was at 9:40 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. the vote was in, and Fr. O'Neill, senior teller, read the results:

	Clergy votes	Lay votes
BABIN	0	1
BENITEZ	10	39
BROWNE	0	2
BROWNING	19	52
* CRANE	1	9
GIFFORD	3	6
HAMMOND	10	16
HARSHMAN	1	3
KENNEDY	11	39
KISHPAUGH	0	1
PATTERSON	0	3

\*withdrawing, following the results

ELECTING  
BALLOT  
# 2

BABIN	0	0
BENITEZ	8	45
BROWNE	0	0
BROWNING	30	69
* GIFFORD	2	2
HAMMOND	5	15
* HARSHMAN	0	1
KENNEDY	10	39
KISHPAUGH	0	0
PATTERSON	0	0

Convention recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:32 p.m. for the results of ballot #3.

ELECTING  
BALLOT  
# 3

DAVID BABIN	0	0
MAURICE BENITEZ	6	34
ROBERT BROWNE	0	0
EDMOND BROWNING	39	103
MARION HAMMOND	0	3
DAVID KENNEDY	10	31
HOWARD KISHPAUGH	0	0
DONIS PATTERSON	0	0

ELECTION  
ANNOUNCE-  
MENT

By Convention law of simple majority, the Rt. Rev. Edmond Lee Browning was chosen Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Hawaii. There followed a standing and resounding ovation.

The floor recognized the Rev. David K. Kennedy, who made the following motion:

"It has been a long eight months with a wonderful conclusion. We have elected ourselves a great man of God, and I move that the Convention unite behind this man and cast a unanimous written ballot."

The floor recognized the Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, for the official second to the motion:

"Mr. Chairman, this is indeed a happy and fortunate day for the Diocese. I do not believe that anyone here knows Edmond Browning better than I do. He was my missionary for seven years in Okinawa. When it came time for the return of the Church to Japan, I had the pleasure of nominating him for Bishop of Okinawa, and he was elected on the first ballot. I can assure you that he is well consecrated. He was consecrated by Bishop Hines, Bishop Michael Yashiro (the late Presiding Bishop of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai), and myself. So it is with great joy that I share with you in welcoming as your next Bishop, Edmond Lee Browning."

The motion carried by action of Convention.



The Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, retired Bishop of Hawaii, stands at the microphone, giving the "official second" to the election of Bishop Browning.

The Presiding Officer noted a problem. Chancellor Tabor was asked to clarify:

"One of the greatest challenges is to protect the rights of the individual. According to Roberts' Rules of Order, if there is a written ballot for the election of any office, the motion as Fr. Kennedy gave it, is for a unanimous written ballot. Should anyone not wish to make it a unanimous ballot, that is his voting privilege. It is thus impossible under these conditions to have the voice acclamation vote. Therefore, it will be necessary for ballots to be handed out, to vote as you choose, and if that ballot contains no votes other than for Bishop Browning, he will then have been unanimously elected."

Ballots were then distributed as done previously.

**SIGNING** Dean Conley informed Convention that by national canons, the Convention now moved to an extremely important action, the signing of the testimonial which has to be done by a constitutional majority. With Convention's permission, while concluding other portions of the business, the testimonial itself was read by Dean Conley, and the signature pages passed to the rows of delegates for their signature.

**MAHALU** Dean Conley asked the Election Process Committee under the chairmanship of the Rev. Thomas K. Yoshida to come forward. This they did, to the applause from the delegates. Dean Conley reported:

"There was no way Convention could know the untold hours spent by this Committee in the last eight months unless you had worked with them or kept abreast of their reports. It has been almost full-time. The attitudes and the spirit we are experiencing today can be directly traced to their labor of love to the Diocese."

A lei was presented to Fr. Yoshida. Dean Conley continued, saying that there was no way to adequately thank this Committee:

"They will have the good knowledge that the work they have done will continue forward in the years ahead. God Bless You!"

The Convention Committee was also asked to stand and be recognized.

Dean Conley spoke to Convention about expectations in the months ahead:

"The Standing Committee will continue to be the ecclesiastical authority of our Diocese, and the organization and committees that are standing will continue with your help and cooperation.

"The testimonial and credentials will be sent, after notification of the Presiding Bishop, to the Standing Committees of each diocese. We will need to receive back a majority vote of the

Standing Committees. Standing Committees by canon law are given 6 months to respond; it usually takes 3 to 4 weeks. Notification of the recorder of the Presiding Bishop's office that the Standing Committees' consents is next. Then bishops are solicited in regards to Bishop Browning becoming our Diocesan; they are allowed 3 months, though it usually is a matter of about 2 weeks. If all consents are returned and we have a majority, a letter of accession as Diocesan of the Diocese of Hawaii is received by us from the Presiding Bishop, and the time of enthronement is set."

Dean Conley took a moment of personal privilege to say that he wanted Convention to know what they had done:

"You have held for the election of a bishop, an open Convention... you have. And I am so proud to be a part of you and a part of this Diocese. And we are starting, in fact already deep in the process now, of a whole new day and a whole new chapter in the life of our beloved Church in these Islands."

The Rev. Charles T. Crane took a moment of personal privilege to commend the chair for kind thoughts and pastoral manner in which he had conducted these proceedings. There was applause from the floor.

The Rev. Eugene L. Harshman announced a meeting of the Standing Committee in the Diocesan Office, immediately upon adjournment.

Mr. Sutton, took a moment of personal privilege to commend his brother attorney, who had been chancellor; and asked for a rising ovation for him as a parliamentarian, running a "beautiful" Convention. Applause was given.

**BALLOT**  
# 4

A unanimous ballot was lacking. Results were:

	Clergy votes	Lay votes
EDMOND BROWNING	54	163
DAVID KENNEDY	0	2
MAURICE BENITEZ	0	1

In spite of not having a unanimous ballot, Dean Conley, President of Convention, declared officially the election of the Rt. Rev. Edmond Lee Browning as Bishop-elect of Hawaii.

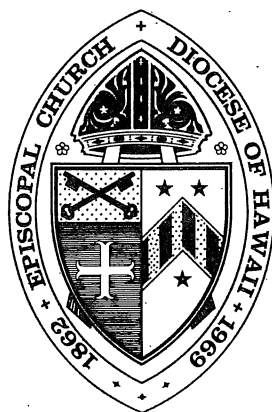
Convention then stood and joyously sang the Doxology.

The Rev. Eugene L. Harshman as President of the Standing Committee gave the benediction.

There being no further business, the Special Convention was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Thanks be to God!  
*Franklin S.H. Chun*  
The Rev. Franklin Seu Hook Chun,  
Secretary

*the order for  
the induction and enthronement  
of  
the right reverend  
edmond lee Browning, D.D.  
as  
the second Bishop of hawaii  
and  
the eighth Bishop  
in the hawaiian islands*



*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 1, 1976 4:00 p.m.*

*The Cathedral Church of St. Andrew  
Honolulu Hawaii*





THE ENTRANCE OF THE BISHOP

"Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them..."

Saying these words, Bishop Browning (right), standing outside the Doors of the Cathedral, knocks three times.

An acolyte, holding a kahili; and The Rev. John P. Engelcke, chaplain, await with the Bishop.



...the doors are opened for the bishop...

...Bishop Browning enters, making his petition:

"I, Edmond Lee Browning, whom God has ordained to be a Shepherd and Servant...desire to be Inducted as Bishop of Hawaii, and to be Enthroned...."



(left) The Rev. Franklin S.H. Chun, secretary of Diocesan Convention, reads the Bishop's "Certificate of Ordination & Consecration."



The Most Rev. John M. Allin  
Presiding Bishop

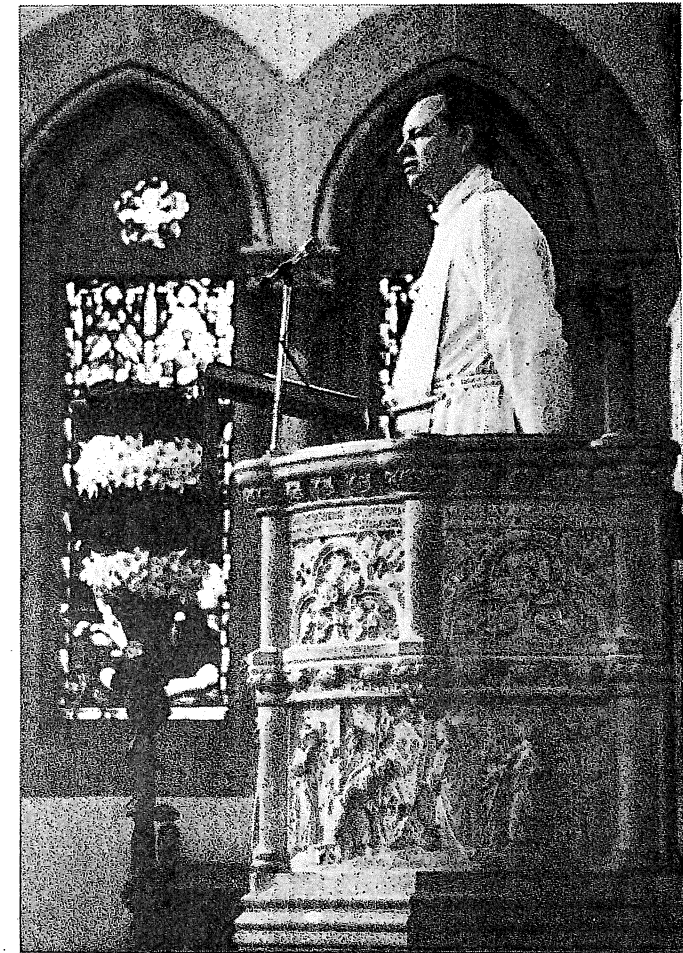


THE INVESTITURE

An ewer of water, one of the seven symbols of Episcopal Ministry and Authority, is presented to Bishop Browning.

The Rev. W. Edwin Bonsey, Jr. (facing the bishop), presenter, says these words: "Be among us to baptize in the name of Christ."

And the people responded, "AMEN!"

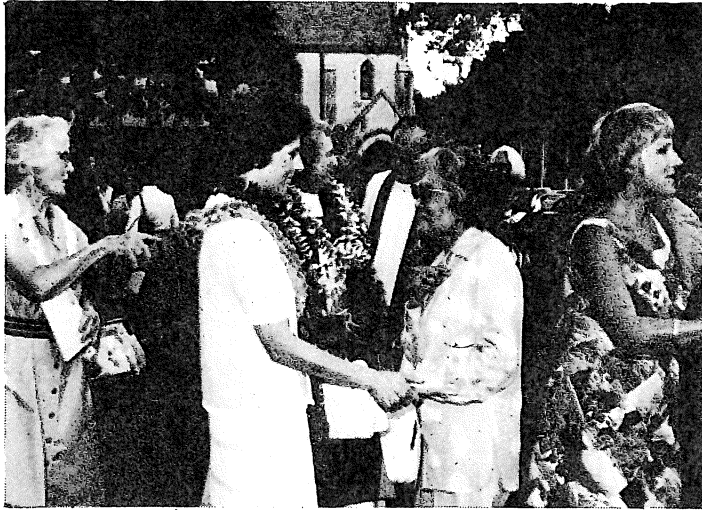


...delivering the sermon



...in the procession  
leaving the Cathedral.

More greetings, along with  
The Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy



Mrs. Browning also receives  
well wishes.  
Mrs. Harry S. Kennedy stands  
at left.

The youngest member of the Browning clan,  
John, 8, is persuaded to become his  
father's chaplain.



In accordance with Episcopal Church Canon (I, 1.1c;  
5.3a) and Diocesan Canon (III,2); and through  
requests, and also through mutual exchanges, we  
submit to you our recently printed Special Convention  
Journal.

Aloha!

*Franklin S H Chun*

The Rev. Franklin Seu Hook Chun  
Secretary, Diocesan Contention

*PHOTOGRAPHS: courtesy of Mr. Henry L. Ullman, editor,  
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The 8th Annual Diocesan Convention

is scheduled for November 5 - 7, 1976  
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at St. Andrew's Cathedral  
and St. Andrew's Priory School

for the 7th Annual Diocesan Convention,  
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