

# **A CUP OF COLD WATER, A COMMUNITY CARE VAN**

**A Shared Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Churches on Maui & Friends  
2013 Annual Report to the Episcopal Churches of Maui and  
the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii**



Father Austin Murray & Kahuna Puli O Kahikili of the Royal order of Kamehameha, Hau'oli Tomoso Bless the van @ Trinity By the Sea Oct. 13,2013

"Thou art the God of the humble, the help of the poor, the support of the weak,  
the protector of the desperate, the deliverer of the hopeless"

Judith 9:10

### **The Genesis of A Cup of Cold Water (ACCW)**

In November of 2012, a group of committed Episcopalians from Trinity by the Sea of Kihei, St. John's in Kula, Holy Innocents of Lahaina and the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wailuku, began to lay the foundation to launch a Community Care-Van to deliver the basic needs of water, nutrition, clothing & comfort to the neediest of Maui's people. They envisioned a risk-taking "backyard mission" with outreach teams from the four Maui Episcopal Churches along with other Maui Churches operating a Mobile Care Van which serviced the homeless in various areas of Maui County on a weekly basis.

The objective was to (1) fulfill our baptismal covenant as Christians to seek and serve Christ in all persons and (2) help fill a needed gap in direct service's to the homeless population and help support and adjunct some of the existing direct contact street outreach programs and services, both faith based and secular. A concentrated effort was made to avoid any duplication of services to the target population.

A Board of Directors was formed and it was decided that the Mission will be a Faith based 501c3 Non profit Organization under the Hawaii Episcopal Diocese using the shared ministry participation concept with all of the Maui Episcopal Churches & friends. Various responsibilities were assigned to Board members and we began to seek dedicated and committed volunteers, conduct presentations to the Episcopal Church vestries, conduct mandatory church trainings, obtain monetary donations, apply for Church and other non restrictive grants, work out operational logistics, study our mission field to develop routes & locales, set up a small supply room, design tee shirts and informational brochures and secure a new & functional van which would be the cornerstone of our mission to service with mobility.

Several key factors contributed to the timely launching of ACCW, to include the gifting of a United Thank Offering National Grant of \$15,000.00, a Diocese of Hawaii Commission on Ministry Beyond the Church Grant of \$5,000.00, the unbelievable gift of \$15,000.00 from an Anonymous donor, several gifts of \$1,000.00 from committed Episcopalians, the generosity of our Maui Episcopal Churches all giving \$800-1,000.00 each from their church budget to include donations from Grace Episcopal of Molokai, the Outreach Committee from St. Peter's Church on Oahu, and numerous other financial gifts from church members along with friends and family from outside the Church. We have also been blessed with some church members who have decided to give ACCW a generous monthly donation.

Also, what must be mentioned was the staunch and focused support of our Bishop, Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick (Keali'ikoakeakua) and his Diocesan staff of Irina Martikainan, Peter Pereira and Sybil Nishioka and our Maui clergy to include Mother Linda Decker, Father Marvin Lee Foltz, Father Austin Murray, Father Bill Albinger, the Rev. Amy Crowe and the Rev. Kerith Harding.

Also critical was the application for a new 501c3 Non Profit organization and ensuring that we had proper legal counsel and direction both in financial matters and the organizational formation of ACCW to include By-laws, Articles of Incorporation and the Application for 501c3 Recognition by the IRS. For this we must thank our Diocesan Financial Chief Peter Pereira and Senator Gil Keith-Agaran.

*For the sake of history and future reflection*, the beginnings of a Cup of Cold Water, must recognize the fact that without our faithful Episcopal Women, a Cup of Cold Water would never have gotten off the ground. It was Jean Fiddes, who first gave the vision an attentive ear and was a driving force from St. Johns, Mother Linda Decker who encouraged us to gather and explore the idea further, Kit Hart who was the first volunteer from St. John's to jump up and say "aye Captain, warp speed", Paula Baldwin of Trinity, who is a knight for us in prayer and determination and always offered of herself in any way to see this mission through, Donna Tarsitano who has been our Beacon of light at Holy Innocents and West Maui, Louise Aloy who is always on red alert for supplies and was part of the National UTO Board that gifted us, Cora Brown, who is our "accidental secretary" at the outreach "hub", always doing duty for Good Shepherd while gracefully handling any ACCW activity which crossed her path at the "hub".

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**The Genesis of A Cup of Cold Water continued**

And let us not forget Jeanne Abe of Good Shepherd, the morning star of our supply room (and brudda George!). Susie Davis of Trinity, who dang near bought up every storage bin on Maui and hunted down the ACCW Van when it first arrived on Maui, tape measure in hand, excited and ready to stock the Van to the brim. Mention must also go to Cindy Akana, who was asked to perform many tasks "behind the scenes" from a sometimes overly aggressive President (and husband).

Two people who were also a crucial component for our beginnings were Rev. Keith Wolter of Hawaii and Linda Gabriel of Arkansas, both Outreach specialists who's wisdom allowed us to stay on course.

Lastly, I must save this paragraph for Mary Lou Mellinger, who gave us "outreach acupuncture", while using a cattle prod and branding irons to jostle us Christians to "hit the road jack". It is to her, that this President and the entire ACCW Board of Directors, dedicate the launching of a Cup of Cold Water. But by the Grace of God. Mahalo plenty Mary Lou.

As in any task of this measure, *we can never say thank you enough times to all of you*, and we always bare the possibility of forgetting folks who have given of themselves in so many ways. Please forgive us.

**Bishop Fitzpatrick's ACCW Blessing of the Van & Cris South's Ordination  
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii November 2, 2013**



Bishop Fitzpatrick blesses the ACCW Van, assisted by Deacon Steve Costa and Newly Ordained Deacon Cris South. Holy Innocents Episcopal Church Lahaina, Maui Nov. 2 2013

Left to Right: Larry Brown, John Decker, Bea Fitzpatrick, BJ Santiago & Kekuhaupio Akana Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Lahaina, Maui Nov. 2, 2013.



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### Outreach Ministry Highlights:

- July/August 2013, A \$15,0000 Anonymous donor and a \$15,000.00 United Thank Offering National grant helps us secure a New Nissan NV 3500 High Roof Cargo Van.
- August/September 2013: K Peter Lee and Mark Sitt's work on a preliminary design logo wrap for the ACCW Van and a "final product" days before the St. Johns Festival. A \$5,000.00 Hawaii Diocese Episcopal Church grant from the Commission on Mission Beyond the Church allows us to professionally design the Van.
- Diocesan Website and E-News Coordinator Sybil Nishioka, designs a "tab" on the Hawaii Episcopal Diocesan website for ACCW. Posted are the Newsletters, our on- going needs list, informational flyers and other information about the outreach program.
- September 28, 2013, ACCW's newly designed and "logo wrapped" outfitted Care Van makes its debut at the Annual St. John's festival in Kula. Over 500 bottles of chilled water are dispensed to festival attendees and workers. St. John's Church selected ACCW as a festival special, of which a portion of the festival proceeds were donated to ACCW.
- October 13th, 2013, The soft launch and first official Van "run" takes place at Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church in Kihei, The Van is blessed by Father Austin Murray and Kahuna Puli O kahikili John Hau'oli Tomoso, of the Royal Order of Kamehameha. The inaugural mission run is conducted in South Maui by Kit Hart and Rick Collins of St. Johns, Taskie Hoopii of Pukalani Nazarene Church and Kekuhaupio Akana of the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- November 2nd, 2013, Following a day of outreach in West Maui, the ACCW Van is parked on the front lawn of Holy Innocents Church as the greater Episcopal community celebrates the Ordination of Crisco South to the Diaconate and Bishop Robert L. Fitzpatrick blesses the A Cup of Cold Water Van and ministry.
- November 16, 2013, Kayela Santiago ACCW King Kekaulike Senior Project Rummage sale Fundraiser/ Brodie Santiago Coffee sale fundraiser. The Santiago/Brown Ohana & the Queen Emma Athletic Club, along with many GSC folk team up and raise over \$2,000.00 for ACCW.
- November 22, 2013 A team of ACCW workers serve over 150 homeless clients at the Annual Homeless Health Fair held at the Kahului Salvation Army headquarters. Over 500 bottles of chilled water is dispensed and some other basic needs were distributed.
- December 25th, 2013, as Christmas fell on a normal ACCW run day (Wednesday), a large group of ACCW team members rise at 0500 am to supply Christmas gifts, bento breakfast boxes, cookies, fresh fruits and other goodies to over 70 homeless clients in Central Maui.

### Outreach Ministry Statistics & Data ( October 13-December 29, 2013)

Total People Served: **1850** (average 60% repeat/40% New)

Total Mission Runs: **27** ( West, South & Central Maui)

Total Mileage Mission Runs: **1281 Run Miles driven**

Average mileage per Run: **25 Central Maui 35 South Maui 47 West Maui**

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### Outreach Ministry Statistics & Data ( October 13-December 31, 2013) continued

As of December 31, 2013, ACCW has a total volunteer team of : 47  
( several with dual roles)

Board of Directors:	8
Supply Team:	6
Run Leaders:	7
Van Outreach Riders:	26

Average Volunteer hours Served Per Month (Per Run Leader):	20
Average Volunteer hours served Per Month (Per Ride Volunteer):	12
Average volunteer hours served Per Month (Supply Team):	15-20

Our Supply Team, which began preparations 6-8 weeks before our October 13th launch date, logged an average of 4-6 hours of volunteer work (depending on supply room output and other variables) Supply Team shopping would also expend 3-4 hours per week for our designated shopper/purchaser, depending on demand and other variables.

#### Item Street Distribution Count (estimated):

Food Paks	1167	
Fresh Fruit	90	
Chilled bottled Water	1960	
Christmas Bentos	90	
Individual food items	1428	( various pop top type)
Various Clothing items	751	(tees, shorts, sweat shirts, socks, pants)
Rubber slippers	198+	
Razor kits	381	
Hygiene Kits	914	( includes shampoos, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste wiper, q-tips etc)
Toilet paper	166	
Towels & Blankets	278	
Eye glasses	31	
Tarps	24	
Dog food packets	38	
Bibles & Literature:	86	
Books	81	

**Referral Cards: 200+**

**Total estimated items (low estimate) distributed: 7683**

*Note; The street distribution count does not include numerous miscellaneous items that are distributed on each run, to include ponchos, small towel, hand towels, various large size can goods and family size single items of toothpaste, shampoo, soaps, deodorants, diapers, feminine hygiene, sunscreen.*

#### In Kind Donations

Our supply team received an estimated \$3,000.00+ of donated towels, blankets, tee shirts, jackets, socks, shorts, pants, footwear, rain tarps, hygiene items, first aid, soaps, can goods, miscellaneous foods, bibles, books, glasses and other items.

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### **Current Outreach Schedule:**

Wednesdays	Central Maui	0800 am to 1130 am
Saturdays	West Maui	0800 am to 1130 am
Sundays	South Maui	1000 am to 1230 pm

*Average total hours worked per mission run, per volunteer:     **5.5 hours**  
( includes load time, icing water, pre-run logistics & prayer, post run briefing and Van Clean up)*

### **Outreach Ministry Financial Report**

See attachment A @ the end of the report

### **Board of Directors**

President:	Kekuhapio R. Akana Church of the Good Shepherd
Treasurer:	Dr. John Decker, Church of the Good Shepherd
Secretary:	Mary Lou Mellinger, Church of the Good Shepherd
Prayer and In-Reach Leader:	Paula Baldwin, Trinity by the Sea Church
Board Member:	K Peter Lee, Church of the Good Shepherd
Training Coordinator:	Mark Sitts, Church of the Good Shepherd
Public Relations:	Jean Fiddes, St. Johns Church
Board Member/Clergy Support:	Rev. Linda McCullough Decker
Clergy Support:	Father Austin Murray
Clergy Support:	Father Bill Albinger, Rev. Kerith Harding, Father Rich Ressler, Rev. Amy Crowe, Deacon Cris South

It is the objective of the ACCW Board of Directors to rotate Board members every three years in a staggered format and seat a NEW President every three years, preferably someone from another Episcopal Church ( or any church) on Maui. We are currently seeking an additional Board Member.

### **Other Church Friends**

ACCW encourages a broad and ecumenical team of outreach workers and volunteers. We currently have team members from St. Ann's Catholic Church in Waihee (2), Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Lahaina (2) , Pukalani Nazarene Church (2), and all four of our Maui Episcopal Churches.

### **Continued Needs:**

Monetary donations of any amount

All of the items *on our on-going needs list* to include water, non perishable pop top foods, hygiene items and basic first aid, socks, rubber slippers, tee shirts, towels, blankets and shorts

We must also acknowledge ALL of our fellow Episcopalians from the pews of our Maui County Churches and our fellow Christians from the other participating churches for helping us meet our needs by a generous flow of in kind donated supplies to include food items, clothing, caps, hygiene items, footwear, slippers, towels, blankets etc!

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### **2014/15 Future Focus & Possibilities:**

- Help grow our churches and our personal spiritual formation through outreach efforts in our community & radical hospitality .
- **Secure a larger Supply Room**
- Expand Run Leader/Driver Team
- Secure a Grant Funding Manager
- Nominate a Vice President of ACCW
- Fund Raising & committed regular donor base
- Post BOD minutes and financial Reports monthly, expand transparency
- Consider expanding outreach mission via location based scheduling
- Ensure timely Church mandated training programs
- Continue to promote ecumenical effort for ACCW Teams etc.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the entire ACCW team, we wish to express our deepest mahalo to ALL of you! But by the Grace of God.

Godspeed,

Kekuhaupio Akana  
President  
A Cup of Cold Water, A Community Care Van  
Outreach of the Episcopal Churches of Maui & Friends

January 6, 2014

1/8/2014

Banking Summary - Last Year  
1/1/2013 through 12/31/2013

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Category	1/1/2013- 12/31/2013
<b>INCOME</b>	
Comb Grant	5,000.00
Donations	12,922.06
Outreach Care Van Ministry	20,086.75
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>38,008.81</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	3.50
Administration	1,677.00
Auto & Transport	
Auto Payment	13,000.00
Gas & Fuel	984.35
<b>TOTAL Auto &amp; Transport</b>	<b>13,984.35</b>
Bills & Utilities	
Mobile Phone	15.62
<b>TOTAL Bills &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>15.62</b>
Checks	212.35
Supplies - Office	963.50
Supplies - Van	3,554.39
Tax	
Fed	850.00
<b>TOTAL Tax</b>	<b>850.00</b>
Van Expenses	2,989.17
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>24,249.88</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>13,758.93</b>

Attachment A Financial Report ACCW 2013 \*Note: Summary does not include UTO grant monies of \$15,000.00 which went directly to the Hawaii Episcopal Diocese.





Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church , Kihei, Maui, Hawaii October 13, 2013, photo taken just before the 1st Mission Run.

(back row) Left to Right : Taskie Hoopii, Cindy Akana, Rick Collins, Kekuhaupio Akana, Kalani Holokai, K Peter Lee, Father Austin Murray, Mary Lou Mellinger, Nalani Pollock, Ev Senter.

(front row) Left to Right: Paula Baldwin, Jean Fiddes, Kit Hart, Jeanne Abe, George Abe, Dr. John Decker, Rev. Linda McCullough Decker, Louise Aloy, Susie Davis