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Dear Sisters in Christ.

I would like to extend my appreciation for your undying support, prayers, advice, and encouragement as we travel this journey with the challenges of the past and the future of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia in their vision and mission to serve our God. We have done so with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, and I have faith that we will continue to do so. The pandemic of COVID-19 is still shaping our endeavors to move forward. Thank you, Gracias and Merci Beaucoup!

This brings me to a poem I discovered that was written by Maya Angelou that I would like to share with you entitled: "Continue."

My wish for you
Is that you continue
Continue
To be who and how you are
To astonish a mean world
With your acts of kindness
Continue
To allow humor to lighten the burden
Of your tender heart
Continue
In a society dark with cruelty
To let the people hear the grandeur
Of God in the peals of your laughter
Continue
To let your eloquence
Elevate the people to heights
They had only imagined
Continue
To remind the people that
Each is as good as the other
And that no one is beneath
Nor above you
Continue
To remember your own young years
And look with favor upon the lost
And the least and the lonely
Continue
To put the mantle of your protection
Around the bodies of
The young and defenseless
Continue
To float
Happily in the sea of infinite substance
Continue
To take the hand of the despised
And diseased and walk proudly with them
In the high street
Some might see you and
Be encouraged to do likewise
Continue
To plant a public kiss of concern
On the cheek of the sick
And the aged and infirm
And count that as a
Natural action to be expected
Continue
To let gratitude be the pillow
Upon which you kneel to
Say your nightly prayer
And let faith be the bridge
You build to overcome evil
And welcome good
Continue
To ignore no vision
Which comes to enlarge your range
And increase your spirit
Continue
To dare to love deeply
And risk everything
For the good thing

Which set aside riches for you
Before you had a name
Continue
And by doing so
You and your work
Will be able to continue
Eternally

May you continue to be blessed, and faithful. Keep your hands in God's hands, your feet on solid ground, and be an ambassador for Jesus Christ as he keeps you under His wings.

Yours in Christ,

Laura L. Manigault, Diocesan Episcopal ECW President
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

Diocese of Southern Virginia
Episcopal Church Women

November 14, 2022

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you are doing well in these challenging times of the COVID -19 pandemic that has affected us all in our parishes, in one way or another.

Because of the risks associated with the pandemic, I have not been able to continue at present to carry out my objective to participate in "face-to-face" visits to the parishes of our Diocese. To stay more connected, I am requesting that if you have taken some pictures during the year, documenting ECW activities or events in which you have been diligently involved, please send them to me so I may include them in our report for the upcoming General Council Meeting in February. This will better assist me in sharing your services and good work with the other parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Additionally, various parish report forms are now online via the Diocesan website (diosova.org). My email address is akumlovj.bfrh87@ gmail.com and my home address: is 232 West Gilbert Street, Apt. 143, Hampton, VA 23669. Looking forward to hearing from all of you. If you have any questions you may telephone: 757-940-6307

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Keep the faith, stay well, and stay safe as you work for God's glory.

Faithfully Yours,

Laura L. Manigault
Laura L. Manigault, ECW President
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

2023 ECW Diocesan Calendar

February 24-25	Diocese of Southern Virginia Annual Council
March 16	Diocese ECW Spring Board Meeting (Virtual)
APRIL	INGATHERING: UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO) AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH (VIRTUAL – APRIL 22, 2023)
May	INGATHERING: CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB (CPC)
May 20	Diocesan ECW Annual Spring Meeting (Virtual)
	Louisa Taylor Letcher Observance will be held at Annual Spring Meeting
September 21	Diocesan ECW Fall Board Meeting (Virtual)
October	INGATHERING: UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)
October 28	Diocesan ECW Fall Annual Meeting (Virtual)

Dear Sisters in Christ,
I hope all are well and safe. I trust that your Thanksgiving Day was happy. This note is just a friendly reminder of reports that are due for the year. I appreciate the reports that have been received thus far. Please send it even if you did not have donations or events this year. I know that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a great deal of hardship within the Diocese.
Keep the faith. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Yours in Christ,
Laura L.

Appreciation Comment to the Outgoing Officers

To the phenomenal ladies who served the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia over the past years, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your support, recommendations, questions, and dedicated commitment. May you continue to endeavor in your future life ministries with the help of God as your guide. Keep the faith and always show love to your fellow man. Thank you! Gracias! Kudos! and Merici Beaucoup!

Laura L. Manigault, Diocesan Episcopal ECW President
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Southern Virginia

I would like to present the following slate of officers:

Mrs. Laura L. Manigault – Diocesan ECW President - Term: 2023-2025

Mrs. Rhonda Toll – Diocesan ECW Vice President - Term: 2023-2026

Mrs. Nancy P. Sands – Diocesan ECW Recording Secretary – Term: 2023-2026

Mrs. Cornelia Taylor – Diocesan ECW Corresponding Secretary – Term: 2023-2025

Mrs. Nancy L. Smith – Diocesan ECW Treasurer – Term: 2023-2025

Dr. Renee Escoffery-Torres – Diocesan ECW CPC Coordinator – Term: 2023-2025

Dr. Renee Escoffery-Torres – Diocesan ECW Parliamentarian – Term: 2023-2025

Thank you for agreeing to serve as Officers.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sands
Nominating Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Still Time to Pay Dues - Fund 2022 Outreach

Each year Episcopal Church Women diocesan wide are asked to pay dues. The dues, just $3 per person, fund outreach in the diocese, nation and world. Two of those dollars ($2) fund the ECW Diocesan Budget. See this year's budget below. At year end, recipients world-wide receive donations allotted by percentages based on the amount of money received. **Imagine the large donations we could make if everywoman in the diocese gave $3**. The remaining dollar ($1) helps fund the administrative fund.

Episcopal Church Women also make voluntary contributions to help fund the Elise Holladay Scholarships for high school graduates to further their education; the Book of Remembrance—gifts in memory of loved ones also fund the Elise Holladay Scholarships; God Bless the Children, Jackson-Feild Homes and Boys Home graduation gifts; and With These Hands, Holy Cross Anglican School, Belize Feeding Program. If you have an ECW in your parish, collect dues and mail one check payable to the ECW Treasurer with the Parish Annual Contribution Report 2022 below to Nancy Smith, ECW Diocesan Treasurer. If you don't have an ECW in your parish, mail your check payable to the ECW Treasurer, to Nancy Smith, 509 Holgate Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Many thanks!

ECW Diocesan Budget 2022

When you pay your dues, your $2 help fund our Diocesan Budget. Here is who will receive a donation from your contribution to the ECW Diocesan Budget.

Diocese

14% Chanco on the James - The Spiritual Heart of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. A retreat center for youth and adults. One of the longest running summer camp programs in Virginia.

14% Department of College Ministries -This commission helps guide ministry initiatives for college-age persons in Southern Virginia, manages the Bishop Vaché Scholarship Fund and provides peer support for the campus chaplains and Canterbury Club programs of the diocese.

20 % Dos Santos -This food pantry program serves the Latino/Hispanic immigrant and migrant farm worker population on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

20% Mission of the Holy Spirit -This program offers spiritual, educational, and psychosocial services to at-risk, inner-city children, adolescents, and their families in Norfolk, VA.

10% Grace Inside – This organization provides chaplains for women and men in prison.

Nation

10% Washington National Cathedral Preservation Fund - Supports Cathedral ministries, programs, and the work of restoration and renewal that takes place at the Cathedral.

World

2% Episcopal Relief & Development -The international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church.

Parish Annual Contribution Report 2022

Please provide the amount of your parish ECW Requested and Voluntary Contributions. Total all contributions and mail one check payable to ECW Treasurer to: Nancy Smith, 509 Holgate Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, nsmithwtr@aol.com , 757-486-4705.

Parish:

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Convocation:

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City/Town:

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Amount of Check:

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Please use this form for all contributions EXCEPT Send United Thank (UTO) contributions to UTO Coordinator: Mrs. Joanne Alston-Hooker, P.O. Box 1272, Newport News, VA 23601 jalhooker@verizon.net 757-407-1895

Send Church Periodical Club and Miles of Pennies contributions to Church Periodical Club Director: Mrs. Louise Boss, 12402 Wilsonia Way, Machinpongo, VA 23405 Louiseboss49@gmail.com 757-678-5331

Requested Contributions

Diocesan Dues - $3.00* per member Total: $ _____

Voluntary Contributions

Elise Holladay Scholarship Fund: $_____

Book of Remembrance: $_____

God Bless the Children $_____

(Jackson-Feild and Boys Home graduation gifts)

Holy Cross Anglican School Belize: $_____

Book of Remembrance: $_____

Name of person completing form:

_____

Phone:

_____

E-mail:

_____

ECW Trust Fund Outreach
Flora A. Penick Memorial Fund

In 2021, the Flora A. Penick Memorial Fund accumulated $13.215 in income for outreach. The Special Stewardship Committee met April 6, 2022, to review requests for grants and made the following awards: Time for Reflection - $1,000.00; God Bless the Children Graduation Gifts for Jackson-Field Home and the Boys Home of Virginia - $1,000,00; and Elise Holladay Scholarships - $11,215. The ECW board approved the Special Stewardship Committee's recommendation for the disbursement of the income at the Spring ECW Diocesan Board Meeting May 14, 2022. In the last four years, the Flora A. Penick Memorial Fund has raised over $48,000 for ECW outreach. See who received Elise Holladay Scholarships and God Bless the Children graduation gifts on this page.

In 1978, the ECW received a legacy from Mrs. W.W. Wilkinson (1937-1940) and Mrs. Charles "Flora" Penick, (1943-1946), sisters who served as president of the Women's Auxiliary. Dubbed "The Penick Fund," the income from the endowment was established as a source of money for special outreach each year. The fund is invested with the Southern Virginia Diocesan Foundation. The income accumulated from this fund is based on the 5% spending policy of the Foundation. Because the Flora A. Penick Memorial Fund is an endowment, we must follow and honor the original intent of the donor.

The Special Stewardship Committee was established to handle the bequest and meets annually for the purpose of awarding available funds. Awards are given to augment scholarships and to sponsor an annual spirituality event known as "Time For Reflection. Single "one time" gifts will be considered, as well as continuing annual gifts. Giving outside of the Diocese is encouraged. The money will be used for people rather than "building funds." The benefit of the bequest will not be limited to women. All requests for funds are directed to the Stewardship Chairperson. Helen Sharpe-Williams is currently the Special Stewardship Committee Chairperson, Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Southern Virginia. Next year don't forget to send your requests for grants to Helen Sharpe-Williams, 2343 Locks Landing, Chesapeake, VA 23323 757-487-8183, helen.sharpe-williams@earthlink.net

Elise Holladay Scholarships

The Diocesan ECW Student Work Chair, Helen Sharpe-Williams, reports the following high school graduates received Elise Holladay Scholarship awards of $2,600 each this year. Congratulation to:

Leah Ballinger	Trinity – Portsmouth
Cassidy Fernandez	Church of the Epiphany – Norfolk
Jordyn Hester	St. Cyprians – Hampton
Leslie Ipock	Christ & St. Luke – Norfolk
Alyssa Raybould	Church of the Redeemer – Midlothian

The Elise Holladay Scholarships are funded by the Flora A. Penick fund and by voluntary contributions made by women of the church to The Book Remembrance and the Elise Holladay Scholarship Fund

God Bless the Children Graduation Gifts

This year four graduates at The Boys Home of Virginia received $100 gifts. No graduates at Jackson Field.

INSTALLATION OF DIOCESAN ECW OFFICERS VIA ZOOM

Topic: ECW Installation (Via Zoom)

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

Time: Jan 28, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85198953890?pwd=ZEQyc1BWUE81NkhHYmdTbEtCK3Y5dz09

Meeting ID: 851 9895 3890

Passcode: 762081

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Women-to-Women for Congo Update

By Marcia Cronin, Church of the Epiphany, Norfolk

The Women-to-Women for Congo group, which operates under the financial auspices of the Episcopal Church Women, continues its fundraising efforts to help women and children in the war-ravaged Democratic Republic of Congo. In August the group sent $4,000 to the Iturian Program for Rehabilitation and Development, or PIRD, a non-governmental organization that focuses on post-civil war recovery and sustainable development in Congo, including helping victims of gender-based violence restore their lives.

Girls and young women in Bunia attend a sewing class made possible through a $4,000 grant from Women-to-Women. Susan Broaddus, Women-to-Women founder, had applied for the grant from Burton Parish, Williamsburg before her death in Dec. 2021.

The money was a grant from Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, which the late Susan Broaddus, founder of the Women-to-Women group, applied for last year. Susan made a persuasive argument for the donation, which will allow many girls and young women to be educated, trained, and counseled through PIRD. Women-to-Women has committed to assisting about 15 to 20 women and girls at PIRD for the past several years.

After Susan's death in December 2021, friends of hers and friends of Congo donated just over $5,000 in Susan's memory, a tribute to her tireless efforts and ceaseless prayers for the people and country that claimed her heart when she served there as a missionary many years ago.

Her work continues. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk donated $600 in July to help women in Congo learn new skills to support themselves. That money was sent to the Rev. Bisoke, a longtime friend of Susan's, for his ongoing work with more than 150 women who come to his center in Bunia for practical skills training and trauma healing. Earlier this year, Women-to-Women sent $2,000 to the Rev. Bisoke in response to his urgent request for materials for the skills work, tables, sewing machines, and food.

In May, Women-to-Women sent $2,000 to PIRD for its "Empowerment of Widows" project. This program aims to empower widows in the Anglican parish of UAC in the Ituri province through the provision of micro-credits to improve the income and autonomy of the parish's 15 widows. Mugisa Isingoma, a member of Mothers Union and wife of the retired Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Congo, directs the project. Activities include: training sessions to work on income-generating activities; grants to the widowed women for their individual commerce; and follow-up and encouragement.

Women-to-Women also provided $1,340 to Dr. Kahwa Njojo, who was recently appointed Rector of the Anglican University of Congo. That money will go to scholarships for theology students and will help train women who are wives of seminary students so they can support their husbands' ministries. The wives are active in many churches, even though most do not have the level of education needed to pursue a theology degree, Dr. Kahwa says.

The needs in Congo remain great. Militias attack villages throughout Congo, often killing the men or forcing them to join the fighting. The rebels rape and attack the women; the women and children are then abandoned by their families and communities. In addition, the country struggles with Covid outbreaks and abuses from foreigners who exploit the country's mineral rights.

The Women-to-Women group deeply misses the leadership and commitment of Susan Broaddus. Members continue to pray for and communicate with the people of Congo.If you would like to contribute to this life-changing and lifesaving work, please make checks payable to ECW, with W2W Congo in the memo line, and send to Nancy Smith, ECW Treasurer, 509 Holgate Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

Greetings from All Saints ECW South Hill, Virginia

Our ECW was reactivated in the early fall, and what a busy fall we have had. After our first meeting to elect officers, we focused on our mission statement to set our goals for outreach.

Our first in house activity was during All Saints 100th anniversary weekend. Following the church service on Sunday, we provided lunch for visiting ministers and guests. The guest of honor being our beloved Valerie.

Collecting donations for the hurricane victims in Florida was our first outreach project. What a great turnout from church members and a ton of supplies were collected for the victims.

The next project was a yard sale. We helped a fellow church member pack up her house and move the belongings she donated to the church. She is in the process of moving elsewhere. The whole church turned out for this event. We had media coverage and a great sign maker. One of the men of the church cooked us breakfast and another provided lunch. The men were also our movers. We could not have done it without them. We gave the remainder of the goods to a local charity for the homeless. This provided them with a $250.00 tax break. The sale was a financial success, so that we can continue our outreach.

Our next project was a bake sale. Not only did we have fabulous goodies to purchase, but we also turned some of the yard sale rejects into Christmas arrangements that were sold.

We also planned a Christmas gathering with food, libation and exchange of silly gifts in this month.

Our All Saints ECW has so much to celebrate this year. We are thankful for our comraderies, gift of spirit and love of each other.

Yours in Christ,

Judy Jacquelin, President

SAINT PAUL'S MEMORIAL CHAPEL LAWRENCEVILLE, VIRGINIA

SAINT PAUL'S MEMORIAL CHAPEL PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY

Saint Paul's Memorial Chapel through its "Seed and Feed" program is providing needed support to the community. "Seed" pertains to bible teachings. "Feed" means nurturing to the needs of the targeted groups.

The "Seed and Feed" program have five marks of mission. We provide uplifting gifts to senior citizens, widows, single parents, and grandparents raising grandchildren. We send encouraging notes to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. We provide monetary gifts to help each group with their human needs. We provide support to the Peacekeepers and First Responders. We work with the NAACP, other churches, and government officials to help resolve issues of Racism and Inequality.

With help from the congregation and diocese, we gave monetary donations to the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, and the Town Police for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). We gave monetary donations to the Child Development Center, the Food Bank and Social Services.

We gave gifts to 23 Dialysis patients, 20 technicians, and nurses. We provided transportation for two cancer patients for trips to their doctors for treatments. We provided money to the Veterans for PPE. We also gave 38 seniors and widows for PPE, food or whatever they needed it for.

Saint Paul's Memorial Chapel plans to continue this service to the Brunswick Community.

Because of needed repairs, the church is still operating virtually with services on the second and fourth Sundays at 9:00 A.M. The church officers include: Mrs. Barbara Malone, Dr. Robert Satcher, Sr., Mrs. Marian Satcher, Mrs. Edna Packer, Ms. Anna Price, and Dr. Angela Parker.

Mrs. Anna F. Price, Chairman – Feed and Seed Program
Dr. Angela M. Parker, ECW President –Assisted With Distribution of Donations

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

TO YOUR ENEMY, FORGIVENESS. TO AN OPPONENT, TOLERANCE.

TO A FRIEND, YOUR HEART.

TO EVERY CHILD, A GOOD EXAMPLE.

TO YOURSELF, RESPECT.

OREN ARNOLD

Message from the Communication Chair – Dr. Angela M. Parker

"THE GRAPEVINE"

The next issue of "The Grapevine" will go out March 20, 2023. **All submissions must be ready for print and submitted in a WORD document**. All submissions are due on or before February 28, 2023. Please email your submissions to: **ecwcommunication@gmail.com**

THANK YOU!

We wish you a
Merry
Christmas
and a Happy New Year