THE GRAPEVINE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN SPRING 2020

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

Notes from the President's Desk:

Happy, Happy, New Year my sisters in Christ. May the New Year also bring you many Blessings.

As we continue the path that our founding President, Louisa Taylor Letcher has envisioned for the Episcopal Church Women, I am looking forward to a challenging year. I know with the help of God, we can endure the obstacles and conquer them as they come. Thank you for your support, encouragement and recommendations to go forward.

While we have canceled our Spring Annual Meeting May 16, due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus-19 in the United States, we will persist. We have moved the launch of *Dare to be Different: Let Us Unmasked the Mystery of Autism Spectrum Disorder,* our service ministry project, until our Fall Annual Meeting, October 17, 2020 at St. Martin's, Williamsburg. The President of Autism Society of Tidewater, Mr. Diego Zuniga, has been rescheduled as our keynote speaker. All are invited to attend. Registration information for this meeting will be provided later.

Kudos! Merci Beaucoup! Gracias! to the parishes that have sent in their Parish Contribution Reports to me: Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge; St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth; St. Mark's Suffolk; St. Augustine's, Newport News; Christ Church, Amelia; Church of the Good Shepard, Richmond: St. Mark's, Bracey; St. Anne's, Appomattox; Trinity Episcopal Church, South Hill; and St. James, Portsmouth. You have done marvelous work for the people in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. I also know that those who have not reported have done great work, but we have no record of such encounters. Please send your reports in, for it is never too late to do so. I will report on your marvelous work at the Province III meeting in August. Please note, this report is not the same as the Parish Annual Contribution Report that shows Requested Contributions (dues) and Voluntary Contributions. You send those contributions to our treasurer. See that report on pages 4 and 5 Many thanks!

ECW At Council With Bishop Susan Haynes

ECW Scholarships Update

The deadline to apply for ECW Scholarships remains the same. It is June 1, 2020.
The application form is on page 6.

Meeting Schedule Updates

ECW Annual Spring Meeting
May 16, 2020
Cancelled

Aug. 21 – 23, 2020
Province III
ECW 101st
Annual Meeting
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Sept. 19, 2020
ECW Fall
Board Meeting
St. Mark's
Suffolk

Oct. 17, 2020
Fall Annual Meeting
St. Martin's,

Prayer of Hope:

Lord of all wisdom and the only source of life and health: help, comfort and relieve us, and give your healing power to those who minister to the needs of all. O merciful Father give us hope in this time of darkness to keep the faith that You will never forsake us. Amen.

Matthew:11: 28-30 " (28) Come to me, all you are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (NRSV)

During this Lenten season and always, please continue to mediate on our Creator, Comforter, Protector, Healer, and Provider, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Laura L. Manigault, President, Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Southern Virginia

WOMEN-TO-WOMEN for CONGO Celebrates Seven Years

Along with the rest of the Church and in fact the world, Women to Women for Congo (W2W4C*) had to cancel its fundraising event. We had planned our own birthday party celebrating our seven years of supporting Anglican women's groups helping victims of gender-based violence in eastern Congo. Sadly, the fun was not to be, not yet anyway, but we are very grateful to receive presents we asked for (ie., numerous checks).

Art by Kathy Klein

• Celebrate Our Sisters in the Democratic Republic of Congo •

This scholastic year of 2019-20, we are continuing our support through P.I.R.D. of 16 young women, mostly located in Bunia, DRC. 14 of them are in secondary school at $250 each per year. Their cases are being followed personally as much as possible given the dangers of militia infested roads. Some have had problems focusing and are given counseling for their traumas.

Most are determined to learn despite difficulties including the two who graduated last year and are enrolled in medical-related studies. One is pursuing a 5-year program to be a lab tech and the other a 3-year course to be a pediatric nurse. At this level, the support is at $500 each per year. Their studies are in the town of Bunia.

If your ECW or even parish Outreach Committee would like to support one of these young women, we would be so grateful. Despite the local difficulties fighting the pandemic here, please remember that even those in Eastern Congo are suffering from lockdown and crucial food during the current drought can no longer be imported from neighboring Uganda.

Aksante sana!
Susan Broaddus, Convener
broaddussusan@aol.com

*Women-to-Women for Congo in our Diocese is a group of Episcopalians from several parishes in southside. We support rape victims in eastern Congo and in recent years have worked through an indigenous NGO (P.I.R.D.) founded by Mme Espérance Kugonza, someone I've known since 1990. With her degree in economics, she has worked in the American Embassy in the DRCongo and now is working as the finance director for the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She frequently visits Bunia, DRC, to supplement her continued oversight of the project via telephone and internet.

Province III ECW 101st Annual Meeting Rescheduled Until August 21—23, 2020

Greetings My ECW Sisters,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and out of harms way as it relates to our "new normal" adjusting to the coronavirus pandemic.

I know many of you have been waiting to hear what will happen with our 101st Annual Meeting scheduled for April 17-19, 2020 at the Claggett Center. In an emergency meeting by conference call last night, the Executive Board votes to RESCHEDULE our meeting until August 21-23, 2020. This decision was made based on having received the Claggett Center's Cancellation Policy for review. In short, the policy states that if we cancel the meeting, we would forfeit 50% of the deposit we have paid. If we "reschedule" the meeting at a later date, the full deposit will be applied to the new meeting dates. If the Claggett Center closes and cancels as it has done for events scheduled for the remainder of March 2020, no penalty would be assessed. Unfortunately for us, no mention was made about the Center canceling events for April 2020.

Please share this information with others in your parish and don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I will keep you informed as new developments arise. Do keep safe as we prepare to "shelter in place" and/or keep our distance to protect ourselves and others!

Blessings,
Beblon G. Parks, President
Province III ECW

Jackson Feild Celebrates 165 Years in 2020

Jackson-Feild Behavioral Health Services celebrates its 165th anniversary in 2020. Very few organizations in our great land can make such an affirmation.

As a trusted mental health organization, Jackson-Feild is constantly transforming to better meet the mental health needs of its children. It recognizes that remaining static would be a disservice to the children who need residential treatment services.

Unwavering is Jackson-Feild's commitment to its mission and serving as a leader in the provision of mental health services. The field of behavioral health services continues to transform with new innovations and knowledge. However, as the field changes, one thing remains steadfast at Jackson-Feild is its commitment to helping children in need

Jackson-Feild draws strength from its past and looks confidently to its future. It feels that their best days are ahead despite the uncertain times in which we are currently living.

Founded in 1855, Jackson-Feild was established to aid victims of a yellow fever pandemic. Today, it is faithfully protecting its residents in response to theCOVID-19 pandemic. Its top priority remains the safety and health of the children it serves.

Jackson-Feild is very thankful for all the dedicated support over the years from the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. The efforts of the ECW have ensured that Jackson-Feild is able to fulfill its mission and transform the lives of children suffering from mental illness

Yours in service of children,

Tod Balsbaugh, VP of Advancement

The Lord's Prayer

New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

When the world seems upside down and nothing makes sense, go within to find your true self again. Never hide from what makes you, you.

Treasurer's Report

Since my report in the winter issue of *The Grapevine*, the number of parishes paying dues increased from 18 to 25. See the list below. The total collected in 2019 was $2,137. Together we raised $1,425.00 for our Diocesan Budget recipients (see the results on this page) and added $712. 00 to our Administrative Fund. This does not count voluntary contributions (see the next page). We are still receiving 2019 dues. They will be included in the 2020 collection.

Please plan to send a representative from your parish to our **Annual Finance Committee Meeting** this summer. At that meeting we decide on the Diocesan Budget recipients and prepare the budget to be presented to the board at the Fall Board Meeting. We will send each parish a notice with the date, time and place. Many thanks to everyone for your continued support. Questions? Ask Nancy L. Smith, ECW Treasurer—757-486-4705, nsmithwtr@aol.com

We Paid Our Dues!

Convocation I

- St. Cecelia's Guild, Christ Church, Eastville
- Emmanuel, Temperanceville
- St. George's Pungoteague

Convocation II

- Eastern Shore Chapel, VA Beach
- St. Aidan's, VA Beach
- St. Francis, Va. Beach

Convocation III

- Grace Church, Norfolk

Convocation IV

- St. Mark's, Suffolk
- St. Christopher's, Portsmouth
- St. James, Portsmouth

Convocation V

- Goodwin Bentley Branch of ECW, Burton Parish, Williamsburg
- St. Cyprian's, Hampton
- St. Augustine's, Newport News

Convocation VI

- Christ and Grace, Petersburg

Convocation VII

- Women of St. James Church, Cartersville
- Redeemer, Midlothian
- St. Monica's Guild, Good Shepherd, Richmond

Convocation VIII

- St. Anne's, Appomattox
- St. Mark's, Bracey
- St. Paul's Memorial, Lawrenceville
- All Saints, South Hill
- St. James, Women of the Church, Warfield
- Trinity Church, South Hill

Convocation IX

- Christ Church, Danville
- St. Timothy's, Clarksville

Your Dues Funded the ECW Diocesan Budget 2019

Diocese	
15% Chanco on the James	**$ 213.75**
15% College Ministries.	**$ 213.75**
7% Boys Home of Virginia	**$ 99.75**
16% President's Project	**$ 228.00**
12 % Dos Santos	**$ 171.00**
12% Mission of the Holy Spirit	**$ 171.00**
Nation	
7 % National Cathedral Preservation Fund	**$ 99.75**
World	
10%Episcopal Relief and Development	**$ 142.50**
6 % Women-to-Women	**$ 85.50**
Total	**$1425.00**

Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee made up of representatives from all Convocations, this budget was approved by the ECW Board at the Fall Board Meeting 2019.

ECW Diocesan Budget 2020

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Treasurer's Report *Continued*

Receipts for 2019

Parish Requested Contributions

Diocesan Dues	$ 2137.00
Administrative Fund - $ 712.00	
Diocesan Budget - $1,425.00	

Parish Voluntary Contributions

Miles of Pennies	$ 324.23
Elise Holladay Scholarships	$ 175.00
Church Periodical Club	$ 513.80
God Bless the Children `	$ 250.00
Book of Remembrance	$ 180.00
With These Hands, Belize School	$ 20.00

Other Sources

Autism Project – Dare to Be Different	$ 482.00
Women 2 Women	$ 3,211.24
Meeting Registration	$ 860.00
Meeting Offerings	$ 292.00
Meeting Reimbursement	$ 175.00
United Thank Offering Council	$ 859.31
Interest Income	$ 4.42

Endowment Income

Flora Penick Memorial Fund	$ 11,000.00
Bishop Tucker Memorial Scholarship	$ 4,000.00
Total	$ 24,484.00

First Quarter 2020

Receipts

Diocesan Dues	$ 136.00
United Thank Offering Council Collection	$ 613.88
Miles of Pennies	$ 25.00
Total	$ 774.88

Disbursements

2019 Diocesan Budget	$ 1,111.50
Church Periodical Club	$ 838.03
Tidewater Storage	$ 384.00
Council Exhibit Table	$ 125.00
The Rt. Rev Susan Haynes' Gift	$ 108.00
President's Expenses	$ 498.19
Bank Fees Treasurer's Error	$ 29.00
United Thank Offering – Council Collection	$ 612.83
Total	$ 3,706.55

Disbursements for 2019

Elise Holladay Scholarships	$ 10,000.00
Bishop Tucker Scholarships	$ 4,000.00
Boys Home Chanco Scholarships	$ 2,000.00
God Bless the Children Graduation Love Gifts	
Boys Home of America	$ 300.00
Jackson-Feild Homes	$ 800.00
Our Little Roses	$ 4,307.00
United Thank Offering Council Collection	$ 859.31
Meetings and Luncheons	$ 474,82
Meeting Offerings	$ 292.00
Women-to-Women	$ 150.00
Dos Santos (2018 Diocesan Budget)	$ 152.84
Time For Reflection—Advent Retreat	$ 1,000.00

Administrative Fund

Council Display Table	$ 125.00
Tidewater Storage	$ 384.00
ECW Province III Annual Dues	$ 250.00
Audit	$ 150.00
Bank Fees	$ 24.00
Program	$ 211.30
Bishops Hollerith's Retirement Gift	$ 300.00
Board Member Expenses	$ 66.60
Supplies	$ 94.90
President Expenses	$ 1,515.86
Total	$ 27,457.63

Account Balance as of January 2020

Administrative	$ 2,293.85
Diocesan Budget	$ 1,869.17
Love Thy Neighbor	$ 697.08
Bless The Children	$ 568.90
Holy Cross School, Belize	$ 1,043.24
Book of Remembrance	$ 180.00
Church Periodical Club	$ 2,531.78
Miles of Pennies	$ 1,371.65
Elise Holladay Scholarships	$ 1,165.00
Women-to-Women	$ 4,893.74
Discretionary	$ 43.82
Historian	$ 51.31
Anglican Fellowship of Prayer	$ 150.00
Dare to Be Different	$ 482.00
Meetings	$ 386.18
Total	$17,757.72

Elise Holladay Scholarship Application

For young men and women who want to further their education.

Beverley D. Tucker Scholarship Application

For men and women who seek education in an accredited Episcopal Church training school.

Requirements for application:

- The applicant must be a communicant of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.
- The applicant must have **at least a "B" or 2.75 cumulative GPA** on a 4.0 scale.
- The student must be enrolled full time for the coming year.

Complete the following:

Full Name of applicant _____ Date of birth _____

Telephone number _____ E-mail address _____

Home/mailing Address _____
(Street address, City, State, Zip code)

Name of parish_____ Priest _____

Parish address

_____

Priest's e-mail _____ ECW scholarship received before? When _____

Name of high school /college/seminary attended last semester _____

Last semester's Grade Point Average_____ Year in high school/college/seminary_____

Number of adults & children in family _____ Number in college (including parents and self)_____

College (applied to or returning to) _____

EFC from FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) _____

Parents' Gross Adjusted Income (IRS) (*signed*) _____

Student's Gross Adjusted Income (IRS) (*signed*) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

The following must accompany this form:

---a letter of reference from the church Rector or other clergyman (give referees plenty of time!)
---a letter of reference from the school guidance counselor or a teacher
---a letter of reference from a third party not in the family
---an official transcript of grades
---a copy of page 1 of the SAR letter
---a copy of signed IRS pages showing the Adjusted Gross Incomes of the Parents and Student (SSN blacked out)
---an essay explaining *(a)* why the applicant seeks the scholarship and *(b)* his/her educational goals
---a list of school, church, community activities and jobs including the hours devoted to these activities
---if this is the second Elise Holladay Scholarship, up-date the letters of reference including priest at campus (college town) chapel (church) and up-date the official transcript showing the college courses
---a list of other scholarships received for the coming year including amounts

Only *complete* applications will be considered and must be postmarked by **Monday, June 1, 2020** for the student's application to be considered for the fall semester. A student may receive funds twice. Questions? Call (757) 438-1797.

Send the complete package to the attention of:

Deborah Austin
ECW Scholarship
2033 Hickory Wood Drive
Suffolk, VA 23434

ECW News

National Episcopal Church Women

Signup at ecwnational.org for online news about ECW in the *ECW COMMUNIQUE MAGAZINE* and stay connected with our monthly electronic newsletter, *Branches.*

We discuss women's issues and highlight the work of women around the world.

Every month we highlight news and happening within the extended Episcopal community. Our stories focus on the accomplishments of women and girls doing God's work; as well as a chance to learn more about the members who make up the ECW board and staff.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact Karen Patterson, ECW President,

president@ecwnational.org.

Diocesan ECW News

The Grapevine is a quarterly newsletter available for individuals and churches to receive ECW news via the Diocesan Weekly Enews and on the Diocesan Website. Go to diosova.org. The ECW page is listed under Ministries. We appreciate your help sharing the news.

If you have news you would like included in

The Grapevine, please contact Vicky Koch at vickykch@gmail.com.

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