THE GRAPEVINE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN FALL 2021

Notes From The President's Desk

Dear Ladies in Christ,

How are you? As we continue to be reverent, devoted, and committed to the vision and mission of the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) organization of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, I pray that we listen to the voice of our soul despite the challenges we are encountering during the pandemic of COVID 19. There is still much to be grateful for. We must stay involve for all God's creations, local, state, national and worldwide. There is a poem entitled "The Holy Alphabet," written anonymously, I would like to share with you of which I feel is appropriate for us at this time.

The Holy Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His Love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but…
Zion waits in glory…where none are never sad.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your support, recommendations, suggestions, rapid responses, expressions of love, prayers, and blessings and with the help of God. I hope to be His advocator.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mathew 5;23. NRSV).
As the summer days entice us to gather, please wear your masks, stay safely distant and sanitize your hands frequently. Blessings.
Yours in Christ,

Laura L. Manigault

Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia ECW President

NOTE: Executive Board Meeting
Sept 18, 2021 9:30 am
Zoom ID - 868 3080 5296
Password—560744

Annual Fall Meeting Oct. 16, 2021 "Life on the Spectrum: Other Considerations"

Come join us at the ECW Annual Fall Meeting, on Saturday, October 16, 2021 @11am, when we will present the final program for the year in the ECW President's Series on Autism Spectrum Disorder, entitled, "Life on the Spectrum: Other Considerations." This three-part panel discussion will include a variety of topics, concluding with our special guest pictured here, Reverend Julie Graham, Assistant Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, St. Louis, MO. Don't miss this important culminating event!

- ASD and PANDAS: A Mother's Journey
- From Pediatrics to Adult Care:
  A Medical Transition Process for Children with ASD
- Grace Gatherings: A Program Fostering Beloved Community
  Dr. Renee Escoffery-Torres, Vice-President, ECW

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Oct 16, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpcuurqTsjG9Gfi0QG-j9X2JoqEpsJNeaI
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Happy 100th Birthday to Marian Edmonds

Marian Edmonds celebrated her 100th birthday. on September 6, 2021. ECW President, 1997 – 1999, Marian was the first African-American women to hold the office of ECW president in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. In 2000, Marian was recognized at the ECW Triennial Meeting in Denver as Southern Virginia's Honored Woman. Born and raised in Norfolk, her hometown for 100 years, Marian is a member of Grace Church, Norfolk. Besides her work in ECW, for over 70 years her church work has included, Sunday School Teacher, Lay Reader and Licensed Chalicer. She has also served as the Chairperson of the Senior Choir, President and Treasurer of the Daughters of the King, Co-Chair of the Joy Seekers, Treasurer of St. Dorotheas' Guild, Co-Chair of the Eucharistic Visitors and Co-Chair of the Bereavement Committee, Treasurer of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Dear Marian, We wish you a very happy birthday. We are blessed by your love of God and your service to carry on Christ's reconciliation in the world.

Marian Edmonds at High Tea with Tia Moorings (l.) and Deborah Austin (r.) at St. Mark's Suffolk.

Diocesan Episcopal Church Women Board Nominations Open

Now calling for nominees for the following positions for the Episcopal Church Women Diocesan Board.
Positions available:

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Prayer and Worship Chair
- Student Work Chair
- Treasurer
- Communication Chair
- United Thank Offering Coordinator
- Church Periodical Club Chair
- Historian/Archivist

For more information, the ECW Information Handbook has descriptions of all these positions including responsibilities. You will find the Handbook on the Diocesan website. Diosova.org. Click on Ministries; Click on Episcopal Church Women; and Click on Resources; Scroll Down and Click on Information Handbook.
To volunteer for a position, call or email Deborah Austin, Nominating Chair, complianceretired@gmailcom, 757-538-1797.

Bruton Parish Church Donations from Ribbon Crosses

Recently, the Episcopal Church Women of Bruton Parish Church were able to provide donations to two local organizations, as well as the Episcopal Church in Navajo-land in New Mexico, based on revenue generated with the sale of Ribbon Crosses.
The Crosses are made by members of ECW and have been very popular as bookmarks, graduation, baptism and other celebrations. We have also recently been accepting special orders for the Crosses which have provided an opportunity to reach out to many folks during these challenging times and let them know that we are thinking about them. The three organizations who received the donations were the Peninsula Food Bank a local food bank and pantry, the Community of Faith Ministries who run a local shelter for the homeless, and the Episcopal Church in Navajo-land where the funds will be used for much needed fuel and food. If you are interested in learning more about this fun and rewarding ministry, please contact the womenofbruton@brutonparish.org or Melinda Morgan at melindabellmorgan@gmail.com

Province III Episcopal Church Women

102nd Annual Meeting

September 25, 2021

Finding Hope and Love in our Troubling Times

Homily: Rev Dr. Timothy Fulop

Venue: Zoom Meeting (Virtual)

Time: 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Tentative)

Registration due by September 15, 2021

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Diocese _____

Parish _____

Mail or email to:

Eileen Sullivan, 500 Gables View Ln, Felton, PA 17322

eileensullivan51@gmail.com

Copy email to : Nancy Sand: beachpeach7@hotmail.com

We look forward to having you join us for our

102nd Annual Meeting.

Watch for the agenda and zoom ID and Password.

The Church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Susan Broaddus, former Mission Partner

Bishop Sabiti Tibafa Daniel Reports on Tearfund Workshop

Bishop Sabiti Tibafa Daniel

In the last *Grapevine* article, the focus was on the Diocese of Kamango. Bishop Sabiti recently wrote on Aug. 7th, "There was today a workshop sponsored by Tearfund on the Transformation of masculinities for gender equality in our area (Diocèse)." Thank God for that. He is wearing a mask made by his Archdeacon Jean (John) Bailensi.

Thousands of Displaced Persons Need Help

It is early August and all over the world and in DRC, Covid's new form the Delta mutant is striking fear in people's hearts. This along with Marshall Law, troops occupying villages in a way that people don't want to return home, but choose to stay in Bunia and Beni and starve. Radio Okapi, the UN newsletter, says there are 1.5 million children suffering from severe malnutrition. Thousands are in Ituri and North Kivu. There are thousands of displaced persons living in tents and dependent on aid agencies (are they active there?) and with poor access to sufficient food, clean water and latrines. I would imagine that cooking fuel is also at a premium. Living close together with the spike in Covid is really frightening. Although I don't have the best statistics, numbers have more than doubled in North Kivu and Ituri over the past several months. And vaccines given in June were out of date and probably people don't know that they need a couple of weeks for the innoculations to set in and to become effective. Christ and St. Luke's was able to collect and send emergency funds to the University which is housing 82 people from the Boga Bible School.

Women to Women for Congo has sent funds to the PIRD young ladies in Ituri Province, to Mama Claudaline in Goma whose work with women is phenomenal, and some to the Rev. Bisoke who works with two of the camps for displaced persons, especially working with women. He was able to distribute some cassava (or manioc) and rice as seen in the following photos.

The Church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo *Continued*

Orphan Children Ask for Our Prayers

On Sunday the 8th, the Rev. Bisoke sent photos of children at church and a letter asking for our prayers.

"Receive our greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We had a nice service today in our peace center here in Bunia. Even though more of our people is dying here in Congo, plus COVID-19 as well is taking life of more people. Please we still need your prayers.

I like to share with you that today we had a very good service for the children, it was so nice and the children were so happy the way it was their day.

Many of them are the orphan who their parents have been killed and they saw more bad things and they went through our program of counseling and now they are singing and they love to come to church.

Many of them sing about building peace and some of them gave testimonies which was so hard and finally they sing peace and they ask all the people to love one another.

By hearing what the orphans children were saying in the church through their songs which make more adult people to cry and they say we need to work for peace. They ask the adult that please we need peace in order we can have the positive future, please adult need to make peace from now, and we need to pray and trust God, then God can give us peace. Finally they say we cannot have peace when we still not love one another.

More of them are developing malnutrition and life still bad for them. They were so happy and the peace centre prepare food for them which make them so happy, some of them did not like to leave the peace center. Many of them are living in the camp which is 2 kilometers from our peace Center. We realize that children love the church.

They like one day to visit other children as well with the message of peace and unity.

Please pray for us because tomorrow (Monday) I am going to train 12 counsellors who like to join us in counselling work. Praise the Lord.

Please pray for us."

Yours in Christ.
Bisoke

Our Little Roses

What a year 2020 was for all of us, Diocese of Southern Virginia ECW! It was an especially difficult year for Our Little Roses and all those impacted by back -- to -back hurricanes Eta and Iota in the midst of a global pandemic .

Through supporters like you, Diocese of Southern Virginia ECW, we were able to overcome back-to-back hurricanes, help OLR Alumnae, assist OLR staff, and welcome several new girls who were previously at risk in their communities into our Home. While we are still battling the global pandemic, much like the rest of the world, your support has allowed us to purchase necessary PPE to keep our staff and the 65+ girls in our care safe. Check out the 2020 Annual Report to learn more about how Our Little Roses handled this unprecedented year coupled with your support. www.ourlittleroses.org/

We Gave $4,621.19

This year, Our Little Roses received our annual contribution of $4,621.19 from the Louisa Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund. The fund was established by the Women's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia in loving memory of its founder and first president. She served 27 years until her death in 1920. The fund raising began in 1923 with a $10,000 goal. They reached that goal in 1925.
The fund, now designated Fund G and sometimes called the girls international scholarship fund, originally furnished scholarships for girls at St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan. Thanks to the Women's Auxiliary's (now ECW) foresight the fund is used as the ECW may deem wise for Missionary work, perpetuating the name of the Louisa Taylor Letcher. When the St. Agnes school closed, funds from the Louisa Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund G were allocated to Holy Trinity School in Haiti. A hurricane destroyed Holy Trinity in 2010. Today, these funds are allocated to Our Little Roses in Honduras

Help Fund 2021 Outreach - Dues, Due Nov.1

Each fall the ECW Diocesan Board asks Episcopal Church Women diocesan wide to help fund outreach in the diocese, nation and world. Each parish is requested to contribute annual dues of $3 per person. 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. The remaining dollar ($1) helps fund the administrative fund.

The board also asks for voluntary contributions to help fund the 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.

All contributions are due November 1. Please mail one check payable to: ECW Treasurer with the Parish Annual Contribution Report 2019 on page 8 to Nancy Smith, ECW Diocesan Treasurer.

The Parish Contribution Report for the ECW President 2021 on the adjacent page is due September 30. Please send the report to Laura L. Manigault, ECW Diocesan President.

ECW Diocesan Budget 2021

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

Many thanks!

Diocese

14% Chanco on the James — The Spiritual Heart of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. A retreat center for youth and adults and 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.

6% Boys Home of Virginia - Provides positive role models and a supportive quality of life. Showing each boy that each day is a step toward their success.

15% President's Project Dare to Be Different: Let Us Unmask the Mystery of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Objective; to become better informed about ASD, while serving those families directly and indirectly impacted.

11 % Dos Santos—This food pantry program serves the Latino/Hispanic immigrant and migrant farm worker population on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Diocese Continued

12% 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.

5% Grace Inside -This organization provides chaplains for women and men in Virginia prisons.

Nation

7% Washington National Cathedral Preservation Fund- Supports Cathedral ministries, programs, and all the work of restoration and renewal that takes place at the Cathedral.

World

10% Episcopal Relief & Development—The international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church.

6% Women-to-Women - A ministry linked with efforts being made by the national Episcopal Church to help the Anglican Church of the Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo rehabilitate women who are victims of the war-related violence in their country.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

DONATIONS ALLOCATION FORM

Donation/Parish Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Organization Name _____

Location _____

Diocese/Province/Denomination _____

Contribution To:	**Amount:**
National Books Fund for Adult Books, Magazines and e-books	
Miles of Pennies Fund for Children's Books, Magazine and e-books	
Membership at $20.00 per year	
General Fund for Operating Expenses	
Life Membership at $250.00 or $50.00 per year for 5 years	
Unrestricted Endowment Funds	
National Books Endowment Funds	
Miles of Pennies Endowment Funds	
Check # _____ **Date** _____	**Total** _____

This gift is in memory of ☐ **in thanksgiving for** ☐ **in honor of** ☐

Name _____

Address _____

Please print this form and mail it along with ONE check payable to Church Periodical Club (CPC). On the memo line write: Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. Mail to:

Mrs. Louise Boss, CPC Coordinator
12402 Wilsonia Way
Machipongo, VA 23405

Phone: 757-678-5331
email: Louiseboss49@gmail.com

Please do not write below this line:

Deposit Date: _____ Date sent to Corporate Headquarters: _____

Memo: _____

Rev. A Feb. 23, 2021

Parish Annual Contribution Report, 2021

Please provide the amount of your parish ECW Requested and Voluntary Contribution. Total all contributions and send one check payable to **ECW Treasurer. Mail by November 1 to:**
Nancy Smith, 509 Holgate Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, nsmithwtr@aol.com , 757-486-4705.

Parish: _____

Convocation: _____

City/Town: _____

Amount of Check: _____

Please use this form for all contributions **EXCEPT United Thank Offering and Church Periodical Club**.

Contributions for the United Thank Offering should be sent to the United Thank Offering Coordinator: Ronda Toll, 42 Shebourg Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. If you have questions, please call or email Ronda Toll 757-223-7281, rtoll@cox.net.

Contributions for the Church Periodical Club and Miles of Pennies should be sent to the Church Periodical Club Director— Louise Boss,. The Form is on ____
If you have questions, please call or email Louise Boss, 757-678-5331 or Louiseboss49@gmail.com.

REQUESTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Diocesan Dues - $3.00* per member TOTAL: $ _____
**Dues are based on $2.00 for the Diocesan Budget and $1.00 for the Administrative Fund. All Episcopal women in your church are members of the Episcopal Church Women.*

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Elise Holladay Scholarship Fund: $_____

Book of Remembrance: $ _____

God Bless the Children $_____
(Jackson-Feild Homes and Boys Home of Virginia graduates' gifts)

"**With These Hands" Endowment Funds,**
Holy Cross Anglican School Belize: $_____

Book of Remembrance: $ _____
Please send all other outreach contributions directly to the recipients.

Name of person completing form:

_____

Phone: _____Email _____

Parish Contribution Report to ECW Diocesan President, 2021

Please send in this report by September 30 to the ECW Diocesan President listing your ECW Parish contributions for the year. The President will include your Parish Information in the report for Province III. and the National ECW Boards.

Send report to:
Laura L. Manigault,
232 West Gilbert St., Apt. 143
Hampton, VA 23669

Questions? Call or email Laura L. Manigault, ECW President— 757-503-9146, akumlovj.bfrh87@gmail.com

Parish Name _____

Convocation and Number
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Name of the person sending the report:
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Phone _____

E-mail _____

Contributions: *(You may consider your budget as your list of your contributions.)*

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Who's Who in ECW?

We need your help to keep contact information up to date in the ECW Yearbook and Directory. We also want to honor our sisters in memoriam. ECW President or Convocation Chair, Please complete and mail the **ECW Convocation Report 2021**, **due November 15 and ECW Parish Information Report 2021, due November 1**, to Dr. Renee Escoffrey-Torres, ECW Vice President, 14 Grist Mill Drive, Hampton, VA 23669. Email Address: escoffery.torres@gmail.com (scanned documents only)

ECW Convocation Report 2021

Convocation Name & Number: _____

Convocation Chair

Name_____

911 Address_____

Mailing Address if different from above _____

City/Zip Code_____

Phone _____E-mail_____

Vice Chair

Name _____

911 Address_____

Mailing Address if different from above_____

City/Zip Code_____

Phone _____E-mail_____

Secretary

Name _____

911 Address_____

Mailing Address if different from above_____

City/Zip Code_____

Phone Number_____E-mail_____

Treasurer (Serves on the Finance Committee**)**

Name_____

911 Address_____

Mailing Address if different from above_____

City/Zip Code_____

Phone _____E-mail_____

Appointments to the ECW Standing Committees 2021

Treasurer serves on the Finance Committee.

Legislative Committee

Name _____

911 Address_____

Mailing Address if different from above_____

City/Zip Code_____

Phone _____E-mail_____

Nominating Committee

Name _____

911 Address_____

Mailing Address if different from above_____

City/Zip Code_____

Phone _____E-mail_____

2021 ECW CONVOCATION MEETINGS

SPRING:

Date_____ Parish_____ City_____

FALL:

Date_____Parish_____City_____

ECW Parish Information Report for 2021

Convocation & Number _____

Parish:_____

Rector: _____

Senior Warden Name (if no Rector):

_____

911 Physical Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Phone _____Email _____

Mailing Address if different from above:

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City/Zip Code: _____

E-mail : _____

Number of ECW Members: _____

All Episcopal women of your church are members of the ECW.

Name of President or ECW Contact (*Circle One*):

_____

Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Phone :_____E-mail: _____

IN MEMORIAM 2021

Please list alphabetically the women in your parish who have passed away since November 1, 2020

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Person submitting form:

Name _____

E-mail: _____Phone: _____