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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN SUMMER 2019

Notes From the President's Desk

Thank you for your support, encouragement, time, talent and diligent work you have displayed. Remember, You Are The Hands And Feet of Jesus.
Your President's Activities from March through Mid-June 2019:
Met formally and informally with some members of the Executive Board.
Held two telephonic meetings on April 8 and May 8.
Donated a photograph of our first ECW President, Louisa Taylor Letcher, with a name plate. This will be donated to ECW.
On April 6, attended, with Nancy Smith, attended the wake for Nancy Sand's husband at Christ Episcopal Church in Danville, VA.
Contacted Ms. Megan Colson of the Autism Society of Central Virginia, https://ascv.org/. She is unable to participate in our autism project.
April 26– 28, 2019, attended the Province III 100th anniversary celebration at the Episcopal Church Women's Annual Meeting in King of Prussia, PA.

* There were 44 in attendance, 8 of 13 dioceses were represented who also provided histories of their dioceses.
* Eileen Sullivan, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, was elected Secretary for 2019-2021.

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Good Shepherd, McKenney Hosts ECW Annual Spring Meeting

Episcopal Church Women from eight of our nine convocations gathered May 18 to discuss business, celebrate eucharist and enjoy a yummy lunch prepared by the meetin hosts, the women of Good Shepherd, McKenney. Many thanks!

Time is also designated at the Spring Meeting to remember Louisa Taylor Letcher, ECW's co-founder and first president. A photo donated by President, Laura L. Manigault, is front and center in the photo above. A special thanks to Odessa Maxwell, first vice president, for her ECW history homily in Louisa's memory.

President Manigault also introduced her service ministry proposal for the ECW. The theme is: "Dare to Be Different: Let Us Unmask the Mystery of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)." The objective is to become better informed about ASD, while serving those families directly and indirectly impacted. The mission is to assist persons on the Specturm to live up their potential which is their basic human right. The target population is adults and youth in Virginia.

Mark your calendars now for the first of three informative mini-workshops/seminars to be presented at the Fall Annual Meeting, October 19, at Christ Church, Danville.

Notes From the President's Desk (continued)

- An Ad hoc Committee was established for Province III history. The 2020 Province III budget was adopted.
- The Bylaws Committee is working on updating ECW bylaws.
- Positions of President & Vice President are up for election at 2020 Province III meeting.
- Representatives from the "Girls Friendly Society" made a presentation.
- There were two inspiring keynote speakers. The first was Rev. Faith Fowler, Pastor, Cass Community United Methodist Church. Rev. Fowler is also Executive Director of the independent Cass Community Social Services. By operating separately, the church and social service agency are able to grow and adapt. Cass Community Social Services is a nonprofit agency that provides food, housing, medical/mental health programs, and employment programs for people living in areas of concentrated poverty.
- The second keynote speaker was The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Rev. Gutiérrez stated, we are the hands and feet of Christ and Episcopal Church. Women are making a home for everyone. The works of ECW are full of mercy, love and grace. As the body of Christ, let us join hands and serve one another.
- Also in attendance were two Carmelite Nuns, Sister Teresa Irene, OCD, Prioress, Sister Barbara, and Sister Teresa's service dog, Brigid, from the order, Episcopal Carmel of Saint Teresa, a contemplative community for women in the Episcopal Church.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Change the date for parishes to submit dues which will have to be reviewed by the Legislative Committee before presenting it to the Executive Board.
2. All Executive Board members, except ECW parish presidents, develop a statement/list of their responsibilities so a guidebook or cd may be developed for newly elected and/or appointed members.

I hope you all have a rested, happy and blessed summer and you are ready to continue our commitment of service in the fall.

Yours in Christ,

Laura L. Manigault

Province III ECW 100th Annual Meeting—Making God's House a Home

Making God's House a Home," the Province III 100th anniversary celebration theme, made God's house a home in an unlikely place - Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia, PA. The celebration, April 26 – 28, began Friday evening. Province III President, Beblon G. Parks, hosted meetings for Diocesan Presidents, Church Periodical Club Representatives and United Thank Offering Coordinators. The evening ended with a Welcome Reception in the presidential suite. L. Laura M. Manigault, President, Southern Virginia and Beblon Parks, President Province III.

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, was the keynote speaker at the Province III, 100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet, L. to r. Andrea Morgan, outgoing Province III secretary, former Prayer and Worship Chair, ECW Diocese of Southern Virginia; Laura L. Manigault, ECW President, Diocese of Southern Virginia; Nancy Smith, ECW Treasurer, Diocese of Southern Virginia and Bishop Gutierrez. See Bishop Gutierrez's speech on the Back Page.

ECW Awards $12,600 in Scholarships

The Diocesan ECW Student Work Chair, Deborah Austin, reports the following high school graduates received Elise Holladay Scholarship awards from $600.00 to $1,000.00 this year.

Congratulation to:

- **Mary E. Alworth,** St.Stephens, Newport News;
- **Audre'ana Jasmine Ellis,** St. Andrew's, Newport News;
- **Devin Alexander Ellis**, St. Andrew's, Newport News;
- **Kaylee Fernandez,** Epiphany, Norfolk;
- **Francesca Allyson Johnson**, Grace, Norfolk;
- **Hunter Copeland Kahler,** Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk;
- **Marshall Ketron,** St. Mathias, Midlothian;
- **Countney D. Mason,** St. David's, Chesterfield County
- **Trevor D. Simmons,** Hickory Neck, Toano;
- **Grace Smalley,** St. John's Memorial, Farmville;
- **Nathan Louis Thomas,** Christ Church, Amelia.

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

Also, the following men and women received $2,000 scholarships from the Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund established by Episcopal Church Women in 1925 as a memorial to the late Beverly Dandridge Tucker, Bishop of Southern Virginia from 1906 to 1930. **Frederick Walker,** St. James, Portsmouth, **Pilirani Glory Ilepele** and **Margaret N' Jiragoma** Holy Family College of Nursing, Malawi.. Report submitted by: Rosalyn Neal, Helen Sharpe-Williams and Deborah Austin, Student Work Chair.

ECW Love Gifts for Boy's Home and Jackson-Feild Graduates

Laura L. Manigault, ECW President, presented God Bless the Children Love gifts to three young men at the Boy's Home graduation in May.

She also presented God Bless the Children Love Gifts to each of the eight graduates at Jackson-Feild's commencement in June.

Province III ECW 100th Annual Meeting—Making God's House a Home

Keynote speaker, Rev. Faith Fowler, told how her church in Detroit, Michigan makes a home for the homeless. They feed 7,000 meals a week, have started two businesses - making mats from used tires and shredding paper and employ homeless people. In 2016 they started building tiny houses. When the person has lived in the house seven years, they can buy it. See more at casscommunity.org. R. to L. Province lll ECW President, Beblon Parks,Rev. Faith Fowler pastor at Cass Community United Methodist Church and the Executive Director of Cass Community Social Services. and 100th Anniversary Committee Member, Charlotte Meyer.

Sister Teresa and Brigid.

Special guests, Carmelite Nuns, Sister Teresa Irene, OCD, Prioress, Sister Barbara, and Sister Teresa's service dog, Brigid displayed lovely floating candles molded from used altar candles and colorful bars of homemade soap. They were not for sale, just a donation. The nuns belong to the Episcopal Carmel of Saint Teresa, a contemplative community for women in the Episcopal Church in Rising Sun, Maryland.

Women to Women for Congo

Susan Broaddus, Convener of W2W4Congo

Women to Women for Congo has just held its 65th meeting since 2013 and we are going strong. Our work this past year has again supported 16 young women victims of gender-based violence and we will do the same in the coming year, staying with those we have helped in the past to continue with their studies or vocational training. It costs on average $250 per person to attend school, have a uniform and school supplies (or tools if for vocational training) and have regular follow-ups by the organization PIRD.

All we need is for 16 ECW groups to adopt a young woman! We don't publish names and photos for obvious reasons, but we can give follow-up reports without invading privacy. For example, here are parts of two of the sixteen reports received this year:

a) *J. (17 years old) now has self-control and she progresses normally.*
b) *K. (15 years old) tends to shut up on herself. Wherever she goes, she thinks everyone knows her story. She cannot forget. The psychosocial care is regular.*

Please consider inviting W2W4Congo to speak to your group or parish, and do contact me for directions and date/time of our next meeting!!!!

Susan Broaddus at (757) 613-7004 (leave a message) or broaddus-susan@aol.com

Treasurer's Report, Nancy Smith

Many Thanks Betty Mariner!

Betty Mariner completed six years of service as ECW Diocesan Treasurer in 2018. With her help, I'm learning this job. Her commitment to "keeping the books" has made taking over the job easy. Many thanks Betty!

And Thanks to You, we are off to a good start in 2019. The first quarter receipts of $616.00 in Diocesan Dues includes dues received late in 2018 and early--bird contributions this year. Of the $3 per year requested per member, $2 funds the Diocesan Budget, ECW outreach in the diocese, nation and the world. $1 helps fund the Administrative Fund. All Episcopal women in your church are members of the Episcopal Church Women. This year, when dues are due – November 1 – please send them to:

Nancy L. Smith,
ECW Diocesan Treasurer
509 Holgate Crescent,
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

You will find the Parish Annual Contribution Report form in the 2019 ECW Yearbook and Parish Directory.

Due to privacy concerns the Yearbook is not posted online. To obtain a copy, please contact Ann Turner, aturner@diosova.org or 757-213-3388.

Digital and print versions are available If you have questions, please email or call me, nsmithwtr@aol.com or 757-486-4705.

Best wishes for a blessed summer.

January - April 2019

Receipts		
Diocesan Dues	$616.00	
United Thank Offering Council Collection	$759.31	
Flora Panick Memorial Fund	$11,000.00	
Bishop Tucker Memorial Scholarship	$4,000.00	
Women to Women	$691.50	
Spring Board Meeting Lunches	$180.00	
Spring Board Meeting Offering	$56.00	
TOTAL Receipts		$17,302.81
Disbursements		
Bishop Hollerith's Farewell Gift	$300.00	
Bank Fee	$5.00	
Credit Card Fee	$19.00	
United Thank Offering Collection	$859.31	
Council Display Table	$125.00	
Administrative Supplies	$28.38	
Church Periodical Club Material	$66.60	
Spring Board Meeting Lunch	$250.00	
Spring Board Meeting Offering to Dos Santos	$56.00	
Subtotal	$1,709.29	
President's Expenses		
Council	$272.10	
Province III Meeting	606.93	
Travel	70.79	
Total	$949.82	
God Bless the Children Graduation Love Gifts		
Boys Home of Virginia	$300.00	
Jackson Feild Homes	$800.00	
Total	$1,100.00	
TOTAL Disbursements		$3,759.11

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez Bishop, Diocese of Pennsylvania Keynote Speaker at Province III 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Making God's Church a Home

He said "...the hands and feet of Episcopal Church Women are making God's home for everyone. What does a perfect home look like? It is filled with laughter, generosity, warm embraces. Love that surrounds and comforts you. I often think of our church as a home. A place where everyone belongs. God's house filled with love. We have been chosen to make God's house a home for everyone.. ECW is faithful to the call. Your work is not finished.

I am filled with awe when I think of what you do...filled with indescribable love. Do you make a difference? Yes you do! Your work and God's work is not done. Harshness infuses politics, Many are lost and lonely. Human trafficking numbers grow - 21 million globally Many women live in poverty - 31% in Virginia. Press on and make God's church a home.
We believe there is something better only found in the redemptive power of Christ. As the body of Christ let us join hands.. The world needs something to live by. It's you and the church that will make a difference. You have led, lead again.

We cannot rely on government. I know your history. There is nothing we cannot do. Our foundation is the love of Christ. The world expects a predictable church. The world has been saying the church is dying for years. But you are making God's house a home. We have that holy spirit leading the way. The works of ECW are full of mercy, love and grace. It is good to be home because I know this is where I belong. In the presence of his love I am home. The door is open.

Continue to be that trans formative voice. It will happen. We will make it happen. Let's announce to all we are making God's house a home. What starts here will change the world."

2019 ECW CALENDAR

September 28 Diocesan ECW Fall Board Meeting
Emmanuel Episcopal
The Reverend Rhonda Wheeler
179 E. Mercury Boulevard
Hampton, VA 23669
(757) 723-8144

October In Gathering:
United Thank offering, UTO

October 19 Diocesan ECW Fall Annual Meeting
Christ Episcopal Church
9 Ridgecrest Drive
Danville, VA 24543
(434) 836-2060

Where to Find and Share ECW News

Weekly Enews—Sign up online at diosova.org and click on News and Publications for the latest news from around our diocese in weekly newsletters.
Diocesan Enews distributed on Wednesday, includes ECW news. Send the news by Tuesday to Ann Turner, aturner@diosova.org.
Parish Enews distributed Tuesday

National Episcopal Church Women
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For online news about ECW &
the *ECW COMMUNIQUE MAGAZINE*

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The deadline for the Fall issue is August 15.