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Dear Sisters in Christ,

As the brown leaves turn green, flowers bloom, lawns grow and we see all of God's creation come to life, let us not forget that we too must change our acceptance of the challenges that we will face in days to come.

We must press on with faith, trust, and obedience to our Redeemer, Creator, and Protector Jesus Christ. Let us strive to continue to embrace new ways of doing our ministry to be inclusive to all people we encounter no matter how they come to us; Serve God first.

I am appreciative of your commitment to the Episcopal Church Women's organization, blessings, and support of me as your President as we journey on this spiritual path.

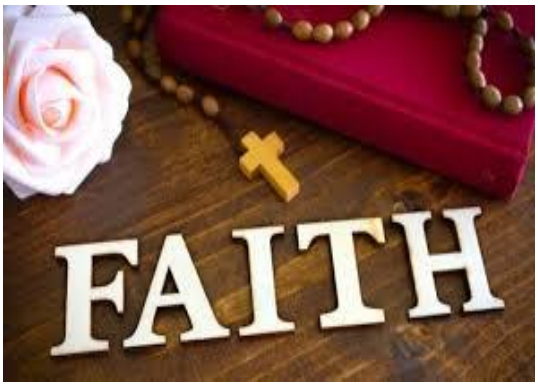
I would like to share with you a poem entitled STAND in FAITH penned by the Evangelist Johnnye V. Chandler.

I wish you a fun, safe, healthy, and blessed summer.

Yours in Christ,

Laura L. Manigault, Diocesan ECW President

Stand In Faith



Stand in faith
Even when you can't see your way
Stand in faith
Even when you feel like you can't face another day
Stand in faith
Even when the tears want to flow from your eyes
Stand in faith
Knowing that our God will always provide
Stand in faith
Even when you feel that all hope is gone
Stand in faith
Knowing that He is always there for you to lean on
Stand in faith
Even when you feel like giving up
Stand in faith
Because He is there ... saying, "Just look up"
Stand in faith
Even in those times you feel so all alone
Stand in faith
Hold on and be strong, for He is still on the throne
Stand in faith
Even when it's hard to believe
Stand in faith
Knowing that He can change your situation, suddenly
Stand in faith
Even in those times you feel it's hard to pray
Stand in faith
And believe that He has already made the way
Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen
So stand in faith
Because you already have the victory!
--Evangelist Johnnye V. Chandler

Let's Talk About Money!

Nancy L. Smith, ECW Treasurer

The treasurer's report included here is an update of the report made at the Spring Board Meeting and Annual Meeting. In addition to information about financial transactions, it includes a list of parishes who paid dues and made voluntary contributions in 2022. Many thanks for your continued support. We received $580.00 in voluntary contributions (see the list below) and $1,082.07 in dues. Each women is asked to pay $3. The Diocesan Budget receives $2 and the Administrative Fund receives $1. This year we had $ 721.35 for the Diocesan Budget and $360.65. for the Administrative Fund. Again this year we voted at the Spring Meeting to contribute all the dues to the Diocesan Budget. The Administrative Fund is in good shape since it is also funded by the Harriet C. Taylor Memorial Fund. The budget below shows the donation amounts if we use both amounts. See the difference a few more dollars made in our donations. The checks were mailed to Diocesan Budget recipients in March.

Treasurer's Report January – April 2023

Receipts

Memorial Trust Funds				
Louisa Taylor Letcher Fund G	**$ 4,430.00**			
Louisa Taylor Letcher Fund F	**$ 5,615.00**			
Holy Cross Anglican School Belize Fund	**$ 848.00**			
Total		**$10,893.00**		
Harriet Taylor Memorial Fund		**$ 4,000.00**		
Tidewater Drive Storage Refund		**$ 231.00**	**Total**	**$15,124.00**

Disbursements

Administrative Budget

Tidewater Drive Storage	**$ 462.00**		
Life Storage Startup	**$ 379.49**		
Council Registration	**$ 100.00**		
Office Supplies	**$ 8.95**		
President Expense	**$ 130.11**	**Total**	**$1,080.55**

Trust Fund Contributions

Jackson-Feild Home	**$ 4,430.00**		
Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society	**$ 5,615.00**		
Holy Cross Anglican School Belize	**$ 848.00**		
		Total	**$10,893.00**

Elisa Holladay Scholarships

Leah Ballinger – replaces original check	**$2,600.00**		
		Total	**$2,600.00**

2022 ECW Diocesan Budget

Diocese			
Chanco on the James	**$151.48**		
College Ministries	**$151.48**		
Dos Santos -	**$216.40**		
Mission of the Holy Spirit	**$216.40**		
Grace Inside	**$108.21**		
Nation			
Cathedral Preservation Fund	**$108.20**		
World			
Episcopal Relief and Development	**$129.91**		
		Total	**$1,082.07**
		Total	**$15,655.62**

Dues and Voluntary Contributions 2022

Convocation I - Eastern Shore

- Women of Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge

Convocation II – Virginia Beach

- St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

Convocation IV - Four

- St. Mark's, Suffolk

Convocation V-Jamestown

- St. Cyprian's, Hampton
- St. Augustine's, Newport News

Convocation VI - Petersburg

- Christ and Grace, Petersburg
- St. Paul's, Petersburg

Convocation VII – South Richmond

- St. Monica's Guild, Good Shepherd, Richmond

Convocation VIII – Farmville

- St. Anne's, Appomattox
- St. Mark's, Bracey
- All Saint's, South Hill
- Trinity, South Hill
- St. James, Warfield

Convocation IX- Danville

- Christ Church, Danville

2022 ECW Diocesan Budget		
Diocese	$721.35	$1082.07
14% Chanco on the James	$100.98	$151.48
14% Department of College Ministries	$100.98	$151.48
20% Dos Santos -	$144.27	$216.40
20 % Mission of the Holy Spirit	$144.27	$216.40
10% Grace Inside Nation	$72.14	$108.20
10 % Washington National Cathedral Preservation Fund	$72.14	$108.20
World		
12% RDD	$86.57	$129.91

Voluntary Contributions	
Elisa Holladay Scholarships	$ 140.00
Book of Remembrances	$ 70.00
God Bless the Children	$ 350.00
With These Hands, Belize	$ 20.00
Total	$ 580.00

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Excellence Académique, Spirituelle et Sociale

REPORT FROM THE WOMEN TRAINING CENTRE

The Anglican University of Congo is concerned by the training of women seeing their importance in the Church and society for holistic transformation. They are of great support for their husbands in the ministry as presidents of Mothers' Union in the parishes according to what the Anglican Church of Congo does. In fact, the wives of pastors must be trained to accomplish this responsibility. That is why the Anglican University of Congo, when receiving students in theology, organizes the women training centre to help women who do not have required certificate to pursue their study at the university level, to be trained in theology. The Women Training Centre is a Bible school to equip primarily students' wives in theology and also prepare men for ordination. There are some women who are already ordained and do good ministry in the Church and lead the department of Mothers' Union. It is organized for three years full-time study. There are courses related to theology and ministry, and those focused in economic self-sustainability so as to be able to take care of their families because of the practical training followed at the school (sewing, embroidery, knitting, cooking, etc.).

This year, the Women Training Centre has enrolled 10 women including 3 who have finished their training. They are now ready to serve first of all as evangelists before their ordination. We had some challenges such as:

- Insufficient honorarium for the teachers
- Few teaching materials such sewing machines, seeds for agriculture, stuff for embroidery and knitting, etc.
- Some Women were disturbed during the training by the presence of their babies beside them because of lack of nursery school to take care of them.

Perspectives for next year

- Equip the centre by more sewing machines and teaching materials
- Create a nursery school to take care of children so that to help women study very well
- To build 3 classrooms for women and nursery school
- Equip each woman by a sewing machine which will help her in the ministry

Wives who study at the Women Training Centre the Anglican University of Congo.

The families on graduation day last year. More students are enrolled to start their studies this year. Their wives will study at the Women Training Centre.

Financial report

The amount received is 1330 $ and was used as follow:

- Purchase of 2 sewing machines 2 x 160 $	360 $
- Honorarium for 3 teachers 3 x 30$ x 6 months	540 $
- Honorarium for the director	
- Purchase of 3 Bibles 3 x 15$	45 $
- Teaching stuff (materials)	355 $
- Repair	30 $
Total	1330 $

Thank you again for your support which helped us to train women hoping to receive your support next academic year as the training will continue and challenges still increasing and need your contribution to tackle them.

By Rev Dr Kahwa Njojo

The ECW Special Stewardship on met April 18. Helen Sharpe-Williams, chair reports the committee voted to award $3,500 from the Bishop Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund to the Women Training Centre Anglican University of Congo.

DIOCESAN ECW RECORDING SECRETARY NEEDED!

PLEASE CONTACT THE DIOCESAN ECW PRESIDENT LAURA L. MANIGAULT IF INTERESTED AT 757-765-0083 or akumlovj.bfrh87@gmail.com

2023 ECW Diocesan Calendar

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 (Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Hampton, VA – In Person)**

Diocesan ECW Annual

Meeting
and
Louisa Taylor Letcher Observance
Saturday, May 20, 2023
10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdZQbq1avu

If Additional Information is Needed About the Meeting Contact Rhonda Toll at rtoll@cox.net

Jackson-Feild Behavioral Health Services Alumni Profile:

A Promising Future After a Lifetime of Pain

At only twelve years old, Jordan has experienced a lifetime of pain and suffering. He began receiving community-based mental health services when he was just five years old.

His mother had a series of abusive boyfriends and eventually had to leave his home after his mother lost custody. He went to live with his maternal grandparents who tragically also emotionally, physically, and sexually abused him. Jordan suffered severe psychological trauma as a result of these horrific experiences. He has been diagnosed with multiple psychological disorders including ADHD, PTSD, major depressive disorder, and disruptive mood and dysregulation disorder.

He was placed in foster care and over the next seven years was placed in fourteen foster homes, two residential placements, and three acute psychiatric hospitalizations. Jordan developed a number of serious behavioral problems including severe physical aggression, difficulty forming interpersonal relationships, bullying, and poor impulse control. These behaviors led him to Jackson-Feild to receive the residential psychiatric treatment services that he desperately needed. Upon arriving to campus, Jordan was extremely depressed and was experiencing auditory hallucinations, mood swings, and poor self-esteem.

He received a variety of treatment interventions including neurotherapy, cognitive behavior therapy, family therapy, psychoeducational group therapy, medication management, psychiatric monitoring, and STEPPS (System training for emotional predictability and problem solving).

The focus was on helping Jordan improve his anger management. This was achieved by teaching him how to recognize and respond appropriately to his emotional triggers. He actively participated in his therapy and learned coping skills to manage his psychological trauma. In addition to mental health services, Jordan also received special education services with a focus on helping him academic achievement and acceptable behaviors.

At JFBHS, he eventually had a breakthrough with his behaviors and academic achievement. Jordan reported that his anger management and physical aggression were much improved. His teachers reported that Jordan showed immense improvement in class.

Jordan successfully completed his residential treatment and was discharged to the care of his paternal grandparents. Today, he attends a private day school for special education services. He receives case management and individual and family service from a local mental health clinic. He is incredibly grateful for the services he received at Jackson-Feild and now has a promising future ahead of him.

Episcopal Church Women
Province III
Annual Meeting

Roslyn Conference & Retreat Center
Richmond, VA
July 21 – 22, 2023

Keynote Speaker: Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

Bishop Suffragan, Retired
Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

Seen, Heard, Connected and Invited: ECW in a Changing World

2023 Annual Meeting Options and Fees

Full Program (Friday evening through Sunday morning)
Private room: $270.40 Shared room: $217.60
Saturday Only (Saturday afternoon and evening): $55.50
Please complete the form below. Send in your registration fee of $40 no later than June 9, 2023. Once received, an invoice will be sent reflecting your selected program option, which includes all meals. Meals are buffet-style. For more details, contact Rosslyn Edwards at rosslyn.edwards@yahoo.com

Registration Form

Please send registration form and $40 fee to:
Rosslyn Edwards
10757 Campus Way S.
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Name and Diocese_____

Email and Phone_____

Full Program (Private Room): ____ **Full (Shared):** _____
Saturday Only: _____

Food or Medical Needs: _____

Please make checks payable to Province III ECW

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.

We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

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

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The next issue of "The Grapevine" will go out August 31, 2023. **All submissions must be ready for print**. All submissions are due on or before July 31, 2023. Please email your submissions to: **ecwcommunication@gmail.com**

THANK YOU!