# Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

# "THE GRAPEVINE"

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am greatly appreciative of your continued commitment as Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Southern Virginia as we face the many challenges of the parishes, the community, the nation, and the world. These challenges are many, hunger, fear, hatred, anger, violence, homelessness, war, mistrust, division, human trafficking, unjust, poverty and faithlessness. However, with the help of God, let us remain diligent in our service to Mankind no matter which way the wind blows.

The hot, steamy says of summer are almost over; please enjoy yourselves because the cool days of autumn are approaching soon and there is still more work to be accomplished before the year's end. The continuation of COVID-19 has caused some changes in our plans to gather in person for the Fall General Meeting, which was to be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, Virginia. It is now going to be via Zoom with The Reverend Grant Strokes as the Celebrant.

No matter how rocky, soft, steep, or low, or rough the journey may be; remember Jesus Christ, Son of God, and the Holy Spirit will be with you always. Pray and Keep the Faith. Stay safe and stay well.

I would like to share a poem with you entitled: "Psalms for this Time by Rev. Gerardo Oberman, Red Crearte, Argentine.

Yours in Christ,

*Laura L. Manigault*

Diocesan ECW President
Episcopal Diocese of VA

# ECW MEETING
# SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
# 10:30 AM.

Alice Meinicke is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting
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# VIRTUAL
# ECW

**OCTOBER 15, 2022**
**10:00 AM. – 3:00 P.M.**

Join Zoom Meeting
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# CONGRATULATIONS!

# Distinguished Women

## of the Episcopal Church Women

## 50th Triennial - 2022

### Province I

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| Valzie Peterkin | Connecticut |
| Elizabeth Crawley Higginbotham | Rhode Island |

### Province II

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| Vernese Smith | Long Island |
| Joanne Hutchison | New Jersey |

### Province III

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| Alyce Peiffer | Central Pennsylvania |
| Mary Parsons | Delaware |
| Dottie Arthur | Maryland |
| Amy Lancaster | Pennsylvania |
| Dr. Angela M. Parker | Southern Virginia |
| Cynthia "Cindy" Helton | Virginia |
| MaryRose Chappelle | Washington D.C. |

### Province IV

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|---|---|
| Kay Williams | Alabama |
| Dale Dreps | Central Florida |
| Lydia Bush | Florida |
| June Johnson | Georgia |
| Judy Weber | Louisiana |
| Brenda Davis Hawkins | Mississippi |
| Lisa H. Towle | North Carolina |
| Sylvia Doubleday | Southeast Florida |
| Leila J. Mizer | Southwest Florida |
| Phyllis A. Webb | Upper South Carolina |
| Joan Summerfield | Western North Carolina |

### Province V

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| Susie Brock | Chicago |
| Barbara Wills | Indianapolis |
| Jane Henning | Milwaukee |
| Angela Breeher | Missouri |
| Janet Smart - *posthumous award* | Ohio |
| Katrina Mundy | Southern Ohio |
| Dottie Hawthorne | Western Michigan |

### Province VI

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|---|---|
| Barbara Hopwood | Minnesota |
| Beth Agar | Nebraska |
| Valorie Rondell Augustson | South Dakota |

### Province VII

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| The Rev. Joanna Seibert | Arkansas |
| The Rev. Helen Hoch | Kansas |
| Mary Gail Ruark | Oklahoma |
| The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan | Texas |
| Betty Morris | West Texas |

### Province VIII

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| Canon Cathy Black | Arizona |
| Gerry Chartrand | El Camino Real |
| Sandra Leialoha | Hawai'i |
| Canon Mary Crist, Ed.D. | Los Angeles |
| Rose Mary Kinale | Nevada |
| Jo Elaine Martin | Oregon |
| Sandra Ann Bedard | San Diego |

### Province IX

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| Haydee Alicea Ruiz | Puerto Rico |
| Mrs. Paula Beltrana Velasquez de Orocopey | Venezuela |

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# Dos Santos Awarded Grant

We are excited to share that the Orr Smith Foundation has awarded Dos Santos $25,000 for the purchase of a refrigerated van. Congratulations!

Members of a number of our churches on the Eastern Shore volunteer with Dos Santos. Dos Santos serves the immigrant and farm worker communities in Accomack and Northampton counties on the Eastern Shore of Virginia through their Food Pantry and through their thriving Thrift Store in Four Corner Plaza in Onley, Virginia. They are currently serving about 100 families per week. A refrigerated van will enhance their ability to distribute food through their Food Pantry sites.

You can contact Betty Mariner for more information about Dos Santos, or about volunteering to help.  Contact Information:  757-442-7215 or themariners@gmail.com

The Episcopal Church Women of
The Diocese are Seeking Officers

With our ECW Fall Annual Meeting approaching on October 15, the time has come to start thinking about Diocesan ECW Officers for 2023. We need officers for these positions:

President

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Volunteers should contact Nancy Sands at beachpeach7@hotmail.com or 434-203-1508 if you are willing to serve in one of these positions. The other positions will be appointed by the President. Please refer to the ECW Handbook for the description of each office.

We would like to thank the officers now serving for the tremendous work that they have done for the past four years. All agreeing to serve for an extra year to get through the COVID crisis has been a blessing!

On a personal note, I was honored to serve as ECW President from Southern Virginia years ago. These two years were very rewarding for me.

Nancy Polick Sands, Nomination Chair

Past ECW President Diocese of Southern Virginia

Province III ECW President

August 15, 2022

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Good afternoon.
I hope all are well in these trying times.
I just want to remind you of the reports that will be due soon.

The ECW Parish Contribution report will be due September 30, 2022, to the ECW Diocesan President via email: akumlovj.bfrh87@gmail or by home address: 232 West Gilbert Street, Apt.143, Hampton, Virginia 23669.
I will need this information to report to Province III and the National ECW Organization. All reports can be found on the Episcopal Church Women's Diocesan site.

Our Vice President, DR. Renee Escoffery-Torres; ECW Parish Information reports for 2022 via email: escoffery.torres.@gmail.com ( scanned documents only).
that are due November 1 and Convocation, November 14, 2022. The home address: 14 Grist Mill Drive, Hampton, Virginia 23669

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Smith; Parish Annual Contribution report via email:nsmithwtr@aol.com or mailing address: 509 Holgate Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, which are also due November 1, 2022.

Announcements:
September ECW Executive Board meeting on Saturday 17, 2022 will be by Zoom. Zoom information will be forthcoming as well as the agenda. If you have a subject to discuss, please let me know by September 2, 2022.
The General Meeting on October 15, 2022, will be conducted via zoom as well.

We would highly appreciate you attention to this matter. Stay safe and stay well.

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

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# *Awesomely Autistic Gala/Art Show*

*You are cordially invited to our 1st Autism Gala*

*This is an event the Autism Community waits for!*

*Each year children and adults on the Autism Spectrum have their moment to SHINE BRIGHT by displaying and selling their amazing creations of Art for all to see!*
*This year we are hosting a Gala to commemorate the artists that have worked so hard since 2015 to make this show magical each year!*
*After the Gala their art display will be at The Newsome House Museum and Cultural Center for the 8th Annual Art Exhibit from Oct 13th-Nov 12th during regular Museum hours.*

*There will be a catered menu, beautiful Art on display, DJ, raffles, awards, entertainment and an atmosphere of LOVE and ACCEPTANCE the entire family will enjoy. You'll also get to meet all the artists by Zoom conferencing and view virtual performances highlighting the talents, skills and accomplishments of many living and flourishing with Autism.*

*A must attend event taking place on Sat, Oct 8th, 5-8pm @ The Marching Elite Center, 95 Tidemill Lane, Hampton, Va*
*Art Exhibit @ The Newsome House Museum & Cultural Center at 2803 Oak Ave, Newport News, VA 23607, Sat. Oct 13-Nov 12 during regular business hours.*

*We have been and will continue to be a resource and support highlighting the accomplishments, successes and talents of so many amazingly able children and adults that so often get overlooked in society! This is their world, their rules, their moment and they LOVE IT!!*

*A Brighter Side to ASD, Inc ensures a growing number of households are gaining long overdue advocacy and opportunities, giving them a more promising hope for their loved ones.* ***"As our son quickly approached adulthood, my husband and I became more concerned about the lack of resources for his future needs," says Kalishia Mitchell, founder of ABS. "Our goal is to build a community of parents, like my husband and myself, to advocate for our children and young adults, bringing a Brighter Side to their futures.***

# Contact Information

## Thank You!

For comments, questions, concerns, or to learn more about the event and organization:

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## Connect with us on Social Media!

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**Website:** www.BrighterSideToASD.com
**Twitter:** @brighter_asd

# Upcoming 2022 Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Events

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| *September 17* | *Diocesan ECW Board Meeting (Virtual)* |
| *October* | *INGATHERING UNITED THANK OFFERING* |
| *October 15* | *Diocesan ECW Fall Annual Meeting (Virtual)* |

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

## *"THE GRAPEVINE"*

The next issue of "The Grapevine" will go out December 14, 2022. **All submissions must be ready for print and submitted in a WORD document**. All submissions are due on or before November 14, 2022. Please email your submissions to: **ecwcommunication@gmail.com**

**THANK YOU!**