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A MESSAGE FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND ANDREW M L DIETSCHÉ

February 11, 2013

Ash Wednesday

Dear Women of the ECW,

I am very pleased and honored to send my first greetings to this organization as the Bishop of New York.

Since being a part of this great diocese for over 10 years, I am well aware of the good work you do to enhance our life and ministry.

There is an enormous amount you do without fanfare or applause – it is offered in service to the Lord’s people to His honor and glory. There are also the countless acts of generosity and support that the ECW as a group and as individuals offer to congregations and our communities alike.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you for the work you do so willingly do for the Love of God.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew M L Dietsche
Sixteenth Bishop of New York

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters-in-Christ,

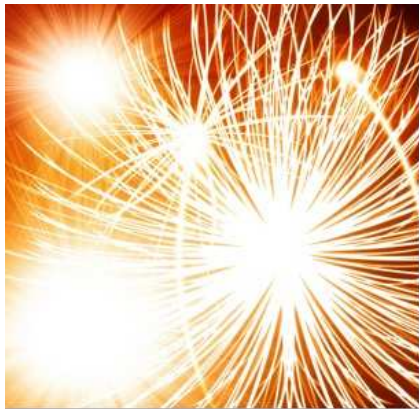
Early in January we gathered as a church family at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine to celebrate the ministry of The Right Reverend Mark S. Sisk, XV Bishop of New York, upon his upcoming retirement. A month later we gathered again at the Cathedral on the joyous occasion of the recognition, investiture and installation of The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche as the XVI Bishop of New York.

This is an important time of transition and change for our diocese. As in the past, I have faith that the Episcopal Church Women will help meet the challenges that lay before all of us for building up and strengthening our common life and witness as the church in this place.

My tenure of twelve years on the ECW Diocesan Board ends this May. It has been a privilege to serve and jointly work with you. I am grateful for all your good work – Thank You. At the ECW Triennial Meeting this past July I was installed as the Province II Representative to the ECW National Board (2012-2015). I look forward to continuing yet to be in conversation and fellowship with you in the days ahead.

Faithfully,

Virginia Lief
ECW President



STIR UP THE SPIRIT:

¡CELEBREMOS!

eCommunique January 2013:

It's the beginning of a New Year, full of hope and promise. The National ECW Board is very excited about the many opportunities we have to celebrate the mission, growth and Spirit of Episcopal Church Women.

While many Episcopal Church Women tend to keep a low profile while taking care of business, this is not the best way to share our stories and let others know what we're about. It's time to Stir things and Celebrate the wonderful Spirit of the women of the Episcopal Church. Each issue of the eCommunique offers new opportunities to let your light shine.

Happy 2013!

Christine Budzowski
VP Information and Communications
National ECW Board 2012-2015

ECW National Board Fall Meeting

*Triennial Theme Selected; Social Justice
Committee Mission Statement Adopted*

This past October ECW National President, The Rev. Deacon Nancy R. Crawford, conducted the first full board meeting of the 2012-2015 ECW National Board at the Toddhal Retreat Center in Columbia, IL. One of the first orders of business was to select the theme for the new triennium. The board unanimously accepted the theme—*Stir Up The Spirit: ¡Celebremos!*—for the 48th ECW Triennial Meeting to be held in Salt Lake City, July 2015. The initial inspiration for the chosen theme was 2 Timothy 1:6—*Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you, though the laying on of hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self control.*

During the four day meeting of the ECW Board in Columbia, IL, the Social Justice Committee—at its first meeting—wrote and adopted a mission statement: *Globally, we embody the call of Christ and His redemptive love, bearing witness to Him, carrying on His work of reconciliation in the world, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being.* Deborah Gardiner, Diocese of West Texas, the ECW National Board Member-at-Large Social Justice, serves as the chair of the Social Justice Committee.

Check Out ECW National Web Site for

Resources: www.ecwnational.org

If you are not on the eCommunique Newsletter mailing list and would like to be, you can easily sign-up on the ECW web site Home page. It is also possible to sign-up on the same page for a subscription to the Communique Magazine—the Spring edition will be coming out soon.

By clicking on Resources shown in the masthead of the ECW web site you will see a list of three categories from which to select: ECW Logos, Women of Vision and Supplies Order.

The ECW logo which is displayed in various colors and formats may be copied. A vector file may also be requested for high-resolution printing and imaging needs. As explained on the web site under Women of Vision and Supplies Order, respectively:

“Women of Vision is a scripturally-based leadership development program created in 1987, updated in 2005. The National ECW Board is offering this program for your local use in a self-service format”

“The ECW Start-up packets have been updated to reflect the 2012 - 2015 National Board. We are currently reviewing packet contents and may make further updates this Summer. Please order the minimum amount between 1 and 25 packets to fill your needs until September 2013.

“Please place your order for brochures, bookmarks and prayer cards in quantities of 50 each. All orders are shipped direct from the printer via USPS. Please allow two to three weeks for your order to be shipped. Expedited shipping is available for a shipping/handling surcharge. We ask that, should you need expedited shipping, you make a donation to cover the costs.”

FROM THE EDITOR:

What is an Episcopal Church Woman?

Traditionally, an Episcopal Church Woman is:

1. female by birthright
2. eighteen years or older
3. hosts luncheons, etc

This description sounds like it may be suited for mothers and their friends. Contrary to that popular misconception, an Episcopal Church Woman empowers each other to live the life for which Christ called us by sharing His love through outreach, fellowship and spiritual growth. Some of the things we do as an organization are to award scholarships, empower the youth, support one another through life's challenges and numerous other activities. And yes, at present we are older than eighteen; but that is not to say that we do not welcome those who are younger than eighteen to share in our events.

Importantly, the Episcopal Church Women is a group for all women from all walks and backgrounds of life—those with and without children, those with careers in and outside the home, women in school, dropouts, those considering a first degree or working toward a graduate degree. We are the women of your church and we are **YOU**. Come join us!

The Diocesan Board nominating committee has been seeking to secure nominees to fill the various open positions for the annual meeting in May. According to the bylaws, this committee will submit its official slate to the Board by April 6, 2013, six weeks prior to annual election. The committee as it stands now is taking a proactive approach and has decided to accumulate a list of potential candidates for future elections. By doing this, we hope to eliminate the challenges of securing names for these future elections. Of course; all candidates' accomplishments and activities will remain relevant and kept current.

Thank you in advance for allowing us to contact you and seek you out as a potential Diocesan Board member.

Stephanie Harris-Ash
Vice President Communications

UNITED THANK OFFERING

2012 REPORT

The Spring UTO Ingathering on Saturday, May 19 was hosted at Andrew's Church, Bronx by The Rev. Charles W. Simmons, Priest-in Charge, and the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Women. Bishop Andrew D. Smith was the preacher at the Eucharist Service. Following the Service, our luncheon speaker, The Rev. Martha Overall, Bishop's Vicar, St. Ann's Church, Bronx, spoke about the outreach work of St. Ann's feeding and other outreach programs.

The Fall UTO Ingathering was held at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in St. James Chapel on Wednesday, November 14—the feast day for the Consecration of Samuel Seabury, *First American bishop, 1874*. In his homily The Rev. Canon Tom P. Miller described Bishop Seabury's part in laying down the Episcopal Church's foundation and how today through the UTO we carry on the early missionary spirit. Our luncheon speaker, The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre, gave a power-point presentation which portrayed the devastation of the 2010 Haiti earthquake in Port-au-Prince including the heavily damaged Holy Trinity Cathedral. In particular he spoke about the violence against women which has ensued in the tent cities set-up in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Our thanks and appreciation to all who took part in last year's Ingatherings, as well as, all the donors. In 2012 a total of \$18,643.00 was sent to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society for the UTO grants which will be awarded this year.

Marleene Larrier
UTO Coordinator

UTO SPRING INGATHERING & ECW ANNUAL MEETING // ELECTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

TRINITY / ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

311 Huguenot Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801
The Rev. Robert E. Gahler, Priest-in-Charge

MEETING BEGINS: 10:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST: 11:15 A.M.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

ASSISTANT BISHOP ANDREW D. SMITH

Please Bring a Sandwich - Coffee and Dessert Will Be Provided

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are pleased to present the following nominations for the ECW Annual Elections on May 18, 2013:

Three Year Term Positions

Assistant Treasurer
Class of 2014 (Unexpired Term) 1st Term
Alma Augustus

United Thank Offering Coordinator
Class of 2016 2nd Term
Marleene Larrier

One Year Term Position

Chairperson, Nomination Committee
Class of 2014 Marie McCullough

Alma Augustus is a member of St. Andrew's Church, Bronx where she serves as a catechist, an usher and a coordinator of their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Prior to her retirement in 2011, Alma was employed at Westchester Medical Center where she worked as an insurance clerk/credit collection analyst. In both professional and religious lives, Ms. Augustus has enjoyed the opportunity of serving others.

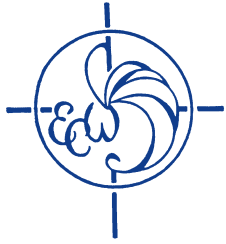
Marleene Larrier is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bronx. She was a member of the vestry from 2004 – 2009; chair of the Ushers since 1996; chair of the Lectors and Food Outreach program since 1999. She has held the offices of treasurer and vice treasurer of the ECW of her parish. At present she serves as treasurer of the Centennial Committee and as a Sunday school teacher. She is also at present Co-Chair of the Angel Tree Program which provides gifts to children of incarcerated persons—and is a ministry that Marleene finds particularly rewarding.

Marie McCullough is a member of St. Paul's, Bronx where she at holds the positions of clerk of the vestry and secretary of the church's local Episcopal Church Women. Marie has recently retired from a career as an Advanced Practice Nurse in both Psychiatry and Geriatric Nursing. At present Marie enjoys employment as a Clinical Adjunct professor at two local colleges. Marie is part of the Carpenter's Kids Program at her parish. She is a believer of total health for all.

Open Positions

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| 1. President | Class of 2016 |
| 2. Vice President, Administration | Class of 2016 |
| 3. Vice President, Program | Class of 2016 |
| 4. Chairperson, Christian Social Concerns | Class of 2015 |

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Harris-Ash
On behalf of the Nominating Committee



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Episcopal Diocese of New York

NOMINATION FORM

This form is to be used for nominations for positions on the ECW Diocesan Board. Please print clearly. Please use extra sheets of paper if needed for provision of additional information.

I. Position being nominated for _____

Nominee's name _____

Nominee's mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Home Tel. # _____ Mobile Tel. # _____

Occupation status: Fulltime: Y ___ N ___ ; Part Time: Y ___ N ___ ; Retired: Y ___ N ___

Occupation _____ Parish, City _____

Regional or Diocesan Activities _____

Parish and/ or Community Activities _____

II. To be filled out by the parish priest, member of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women Board or a Regional Representative of the Diocesan Board. In addition, please submit a brief explanation expressing why you believe this nominee will be suitable for this position.

I, _____, am nominating this person for the
aforementioned position. My address is _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home tel. # _____ Mobile tel # _____

Email _____ Parish, City _____

III. Nominee's signature _____

Nominator's signature _____ Date _____

Please note that this form must be completely filled out and signed before submitting. Each board term is three years in duration, (Nominating Chair, one term). Diocesan Board meetings are held monthly from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday September thru May except for March and December. Please return completed form to: Stephanie Harris-Ash, 1022 Nelson Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10452-5102; (718) 681-5585; sash1035@verizon.net

102nd Annual Clement Clarke Moore
Candle Light Carol Service

It was the Sunday before Christmas, December 23, 2012, at The Church of the Intercession, 155th Street and Broadway, and all through the church carols were sung. And in keeping with a 102 year-old New York Christmas tradition, a poem by Clement Clarke Moore was read.

By 4 p.m. The Church of Intercession was filled with people. As the congregation stood the procession began singing "O come, O come Emmanuel." The bidding prayers by The Rev. José R. Gándara-Perea, Priest-in-Charge, were offered: "People of God. In this Christmas Season quickly approaching, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the music of the angels." Then the Great Procession started singing "Hark! the herald angels sing" and "Angels we have heard on high" both in English and Spanish.

During the service there were also music selections by the New York Institute of Special Education and bass baritone Harvey Burney—one of The Church of the Intercession's very own.

Clement Clarke Moore was a man of many accomplishments. He was a professor of oriental and Greek literature at Cambridge College, a talented organist and known for his generosity. He died in 1863. On November 29, 1899 his remains were moved to the Trinity Church Cemetery. Dr. Moore is said to have composed "A Visit from St. Nicholas" on Christmas Eve, 1822 to amuse his children Clement, Charity and Emily. The poem became a beloved holiday classic.

Toward the end of the candlelight service children were invited to come to the chancel steps and hear the poem. The children sat on a rug for the reading by Pat Booth who formerly served as co-anchor for NBC 4 News.

Once the poem was finished there was the arrival of St. Nicholas who is famed as the traditional patron Saint of Seafarers and Sailors and more especially of children. He is better known to us as Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas led the Candlelight Procession to Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum across the street from the church. Glo-sticks were distributed to everyone. A wreath was laid at Clement Clarke Moore's grave. A reception followed at the cemetery's Chapel of Resurrection. Fun was had by all—a Merry Christmas for all—and for all a good night.

The service collection went towards the maintenance and ministry of The Church of the Intercession.

June Beckett
Manhattan North Representative

Westchester Central

On Wednesdays, during Lent, Church of the Ascension and Trinity Episcopal Church in Mount Vernon will engage in joint fellowship. Both parishes alternate the meeting place. Each service begins with Compline or Stations of the Cross and ends with a light meal.

On Good Friday, the Church of the Ascension will host a joint service (Ascension, Trinity and Sts. John, Paul and Clement) at noon to 3 p.m.

The Right Reverend Andrew Dietsche will preside over the service on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 9th at the Church of Ascension.

Submitted by,
Margaret Moses

THE BRONX

2013 has arrived and with it comes exciting events in The Bronx.

Monday, January 21st, was the Annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's event was held at Trinity Episcopal Church of Morrisania where Reverend Allen Newman is the priest in charge [The then] Bishop Coadjutor Andrew Dietsche was the celebrant while Reverend Bertram Bennett, Jr. of St. David's, Bronx was the preacher. The congregation was reminded that we are empowered because this day gives us hope, purpose to face challenges and urged us to cease from stepping on the brakes. He reinforced that God doesn't react but acts in love and we should do unto others as we would have God do unto us. The event included beautiful singing from Trinity's choir, tasty lunch and amiable fellowship. The service collection is earmarked in support of the college bound youths in The Bronx.

REGIONAL REPORTS

South Bronx students who are awarded funds from the MLK scholarship Fund will be hereon referred to as the **Hoist Scholars**. This reference came about as a tribute to the deceased Mr. Caspar Hoist of Trinity, Morrisania. Mr. Hoist was a longstanding attendee at the IPC meetings and he was also a member of Scholarship committee.

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Andrew's, Bronx enjoyed its sixth **Annual Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, March 9th. Their honored guest speaker was the Reverend Keith Johnson of St. Philip's, Harlem.

The Bronx District of Episcopal Church Women is eagerly anticipating its fourth **Spring Luncheon** event. After its second year, which was held on the eve of Mother's Day it was decided to maintain that theme for the subsequent spring luncheons. Last year's speaker, Charmain Francis, a member of Church of the Good Shepherd engaged the group in a lively discussion on

Many Paths: One Journey. At this year's function on May 11th, Reverend Canon Calvin McIntyre of Church of the Good Shepherd will serve as our guest presenter; we will be **stirring it up** in The Bronx. The venue remains the same – Eastwood Manor Caterers

In the fall of 2013, the South Bronx Interparish Council endeavors to celebrate its second **Annual Lay Leadership Day**. The council celebrated its first Lay Leadership Day on April 28, 2012 by honoring the vestry members of the ten South Bronx parishes with a special service and vestry pins. The event was held at Trinity Episcopal Church of Morrisania. These celebrations seek to recognize the effortless and often unrewarded works of the laity. The initial thought for the celebration developed because of members like Oscar and Barbara Ashman of St. Simeon's Church who had been faithfully travelling from their home in Brooklyn to attend the monthly IPC meetings

Glimpses of an Episcopal Church Woman

Marie McCullough, an ardent member of St. Paul's, Bronx gives back to her community as she has been taught. May 19, 2013 will mark Marie's 22nd *Aids Walk NY*. Marie proudly states that she, accompanied by her mother, completed her first walk in 1990. As a registered nurse, Marie had taken care of many patients with AIDS, and had worked amidst the brutality of AIDS in its early stages. She saw the fear, pain and despair which this disease left in its aftermath. It wasn't until the deaths of three personal acquaintances that she was prompted to join the effort of walking to raise funds for the cause.

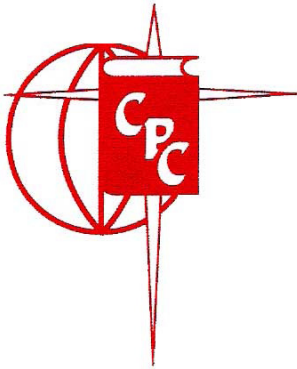
Similar efforts of helping those in need have spurred her on throughout the years. She has completed fund raising walks for Juvenile Diabetes with JDRE, for breast and ovarian cancer through SHARE (self help for women with breast or ovarian cancer) and for mental health with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). In addition, for the last five years she has participated in the Avon Walk for breast cancer which extends to two days while walking thirty nine miles. The death of Marie's childhood friend from breast cancer increased her desire to "do something." Marie enjoys the camaraderie she receives from the people she meets on these walks. Being there and witnessing a survivor make the finish line and overcome yet another challenge is quite momentous. "I will never forget the women who were in active treatment [as] manifested by the sparse growth of hair on their heads, being helped across the finish line by friends and fellow walkers crying because they had faced another challenge successfully."

Marie stresses that she has been blessed with health and as a senior, in spite of some aches and pains she is willing to do what she can; "it's just that simple for me."

Submitted by Stephanie Harris-Ash

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

2012 REPORT



By the time this Episcopal Church Women's newsletter reaches you, we have begun the observance of Lent. I pray that this forty days journey of discipline and sacrifice will bring us all closer to God.

Spring brings renewal; renewal of choice to support our Episcopal institutions and ministries. One such ministry is the Church Periodical Club which supplies books, magazines, tapes, videos and computer programs **free** to those who cannot otherwise obtain them and to raise the money to do this. In 2012, Church Periodical Club gratefully received donations from eleven parishes within the Diocese of New York. For the past two years, our receipts were enough to support our first year seminarians and to assist the National Book Fund which grants annually and responds to requests for books and related materials around the world. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to provide assistance to both of these groups. The 2012 National Book Fund committee approved six domestic grants for the amount of \$14,857.40 and thirty eight overseas grants for the amount of \$9,960 30. It is my fervent prayer that Church Periodical Club through donations from the parishes within the Diocese will be able to assist with fulfilling these grants in 2013.

In 1988, the Miles of Pennies (MOP) fund was established; its purpose was to award grants for the purchase of books for school aged children through the age of twelve. The maximum grant allowed is \$844.80 which represents one mile of pennies. In 2012, a collection of pennies totaling \$94.25 from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Bronx and the Church of Ascension, Mount Vernon was forwarded to CPC Office Administrator, Pam Stewart, 815 Second Avenue, New York. In 2012, there were eighteen miles of pennies grants distributed which totaled \$11,806.60. I urge each of you to save and send me your pennies in jars, cans or even socks. I will roll them, exchange them for a bank check, acknowledge the amount to your parish and forward to CPC NY on your parish's behalf.

Some handy points to remember are:

1. Miles of Pennies grants are distributed year round upon request and as funds permit,
2. The deadline for grant applications each year is April 15.
3. Seminarians' checks are generally fulfilled after enrollment in September.

Thanks to all who consistently support Church Periodical Club's National Book Fund and Miles of Pennies fund within the Diocese of New York.

More information may be obtained about the Church Periodical Club at <http://www.churchperiodical.com>

Please send your contributions to Margaret Moses, Diocesan Church Periodical Club Chairperson, 11 Park Avenue, Apt, 7J, Mount Vernon, N. Y. 10550. Also keep in mind that the contribution form may be reprinted from the Episcopal Diocese of New York's website.

Notes From the Editor's Desktop:

I would like to thank the contributors for making the production of this newsletter possible. As times continue to change and decisions on whether to continue what we have always done plague us, the Episcopal Church Women Diocesan Board would like to thank Ginger for keeping this organization relevant and viable.

In this issue, we make mention of forms which may be reprinted from the EDNY website. On the diocese's website, Episcopal Church Women information may be accessed under the tab Christian Life. Follow the various links to view and/or print previous newsletter editions, nomination application, or contribution /pledge forms.

You will note that we are running a new column 'Glimpses of an Episcopal Church Woman.' The objective is to produce a more personal newsletter for our readers. If there is a woman, who you feel is utilizing her **talent, time and treasure**, please let us know of her. Our readership would enjoy meeting her too.

49th ECW School of Worship

The Rev. Canon Victoria R. Sirota in her ECW School of Worship luncheon speech last March 18 at the Cathedral asked and answered three timely questions:

“What now? What is the Prophetic Role of Episcopal Women in the 21st Century? What are the gifts we have as Episcopal women?”

- Legacy of 92 years of women ordained as deacons
- Legacy of 36 years of women ordained as priests
- Legacy of 23 years of women ordained as bishops
- Legacy of 6 years as primate of The Episcopal Church

... we need [to] continue to work hard to walk in the path of love and then rejoice in the new life that the Spirit will breathe into us Let us have the courage, as +Barbara Harris has had as Bishop, to astonish people by our witness.”

During my service as the Devotional Life Chair it was a blessing to work with wonderful ECW board members, as well as with Vicki, Mrs. Lindsley of The New York Altar Guild, and Sarah Jones and Francis Harven, my altar assistants at the Stony Point Conference—not to mention the warm reception of St. Andrew’s Manhattan (School of Worship, 2010) and Karen Sisk and Bishop Sisk with their love and support of the Diocese. What now? We need to remember the importance of the prophetic role of Episcopal women in the 21st Century.

Astor Benjamin
Devotional Life Chair (2006-2012)

50th ECW School of Worship Tuesday, March 19, 2013

St. John the Divine Cathedral
St. James’ Chapel
1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City

Eucharist Service 10:30 a.m.
Brown Bag Lunch 11:45 a.m.

Luncheon Speaker:
The Venerable William C. Parnell
Archdeacon for Mission
Fee \$7 in advance; \$10 at door

Save the Date

COME CELEBRATE

With Us

The 50th Anniversary

ECW Stony Point Conference

Fri. & Sat. October 25 & 26

49th EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

STONY POINT CONFERENCE REPORT

Last fall’s ECW Stony Point Conference was held on Friday to Saturday, October 26 - 27, 2012. The keynote speaker The Rev. Canon Patricia S. Mitchell, Canon for Christian Formation, Episcopal Diocese of New York, gave the Friday evening address on the conference theme: Many Paths, One Journey— Moving Forward with Courage. In her Saturday morning workshop entitled, The Whole People of God, Canon Mitchell explored with the workshop attendees the movement toward intergenerational ministry.

Three other Saturday morning workshop leaders and their topics were: former ECW President and former ECW Province II National Representative Margaret Cash, who led a discussion in her workshop on, New Ideas for ECW; Secretary, Francilla Moore, who led for the second year the Bible Study workshops; and Vice President Communication Stephanie Harris-Ash, who led the workshop entitled Modern Slavery. Both the DVD on the trafficking of women and the workshop outline which Stephanie used are available for purchase for a modest price on the internet at www.networkforpeace.com

Many thanks to our keynote speaker and workshop leaders, as well as to Rural and Migrant Ministry staff member Ruth Fairchild who Friday afternoon before dinner spoke about the importance of the interfaith organization for which she works. Finally our appreciation and thanks to Vice President Program Gloria West—who for the past six years has faithfully and ably chaired the conference—and to all others who shared in making the 49th Conference a meaningful and successful event.



of Activism Against Gender Violence

November 25 to
December 10, 2012

Continuing a partnership begun in 2010 with Anglican Women's Empowerment (AWE), the Episcopal Women's Caucus (EWC) and Episcopal Church Women (ECW), the International Women's Network (IAWN) observed 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence by writing, collecting and sharing prayers from Episcopal Women. These prayers offered addressed the theme *From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women!*

Prayer for Day 10: December 4, 2012

Gracious and holy God, you have made us in your image, male and female you have made us. Help us to see you on the faces of our sisters and brothers, particularly those who suffer the unlovely gaze and unholy actions of others. Your son was born a helpless child to a woman who seemed shameful to many. We are all those helpless babes and those despised women, and we are those who hurt and hate. Keep us mindful that we see and touch you, and heal us toward your purpose for us all. We pray in the name of that babe.

Amen

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Shori,
Presiding Bishop

Prayer for Day 6: November 30, 2012

Prayer to Our Sheltering God

O God, our comforter in hard times, often have we called to you in pain and you have answered our pleas. Here we sit this night, guardians of a shelter where women lie sleeping, briefly safe from the battering and bitterness of a world that does not protect them. They look to us to knit together their shattered hopes, dreams, and lives. But, you, O God, are the tailor, the binder of wounds, and the great healer. Help us to be conduits for your love, to reveal you to them, and in seeing their joy, to know you more deeply. In the name of him who fully opened himself to all in need, Jesus Christ, your Son.

Amen.

Jayne Oasin
Women's Uncommon Prayers

The Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission

The Mission of the Church is the Mission of Christ

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers;
- To respond to human need by loving service;
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation; and
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

[Mission statement as agreed to during the Anglican Consultative Council's 1984 and 1990 meetings and amended by the ACC, November 7, 2012.]



GRANTS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The New York Altar Guild, Inc., has launched a new initiative, and will offer a Grants Program for the purpose of assisting with larger worship-related parish endeavors that may be under consideration by their vestries. Grants will be awarded for projects in keeping with the mission of the Guild, which is "to assure all persons can worship in dignity and beauty." Such projects might include refurbishing an organ, new cabinetry in a sacristy, or repair of stained glass.

For further information, Guidelines and a Grant Application please contact Grants Committee Chair Miss Jean Grainger, 215 East 79th St., Apartment 14A, New York, NY 10075-0854 (212-861-1189) or jcgrainger@aol.com The deadline for receipt of applications for an award in 2014 is February 1, 2014; grant award(s) will be announced following the Guild's April Board Meeting.

**ECW CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS
COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT GRANTS

Project requests must be submitted by the sponsoring parish or the ECW district officer:

1. Project requests are granted based on the goals and objectives to meet the needs of a large segment of the community and/or parish. Projects must be on going and provide written material to substantiate their worth.
2. Seed money may be granted for a new project.

LIMITATIONS

The Committee will not entertain requests for:

- Salaries for project staff
- Repetition of one-time grants

**DEADLINES FOR REVIEW BY THE BOARD'S
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

May 15th and October 15th

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

All school scholarship requests must have the endorsement of the Christian Social Concerns and/or district chairwoman and the parish priest.

- School scholarships are granted to first-year students on the undergraduate level.

LIMITATIONS

The Committee will not entertain requests for:

- More than three applicants from one parish
- More than two applicants from the same family
- Scholarships to children, grandchildren or other family members of active members on the ECW diocesan board

**DEADLINES FOR REVIEW BY THE BOARD'S
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Fall Term 2013 School Scholarship - **May 15th**
- Spring Term 2014 School Scholarship - **October 15th**

For Application Forms and Instructions for Project Grants and School Scholarships please write or e-mail:

Shirley Thompson-Nelson
1469 Needham Avenue
Bronx, NY 10469
sbt1@nyu.edu

PDF forms also online on the ECW page under the heading Christian Life at www.diocesenyny.org

CALENDAR — 2013

January 15 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

February 19 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

March 19 (Tuesday)

50TH ANNUAL SCHOOL OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Cathedral, NYC
11:45 a.m. Luncheon Meeting

April 16 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

April 12-13 (Friday – Saturday)

ECW PROVINCE II ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by the ECW Diocese of New Jersey
Community of St. John Baptist, Mendham, NJ

May 18 (Saturday)

10:00 a.m. UTO INGATHERING &
ECW ANNUAL MEETING
Trinity / St. Paul's Church,
New Rochelle, NY

May 21 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan

June- August – No Board Meetings

September 17 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Location to be announced

October 25 to 26 (Friday – Saturday)

50TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE
Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY

November 6 (Wednesday)

10:00 a.m. FALL UTO INGATHERING
11:30 a.m. ECW SEMI-ANNUAL
MEETING
Location to be announced

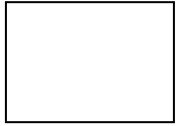
November 19 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Location to be announced

December - No Meeting



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