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2021 Annual Meeting Edition

139th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women
of the Diocese of North Carolina
Online Friday, November 5, 2021 • 7:00pm-9:00pm



*Justice: We Are All Better Off ...
When We Are All Better Off*

Eric Liu, Nick Hanauer (2011).

“The Gardens of Democracy: A New American Story of Citizenship, the Economy,
and the Role of Government”, p.79, Sasquatch Books

The Harris-Evans Conference will be held in 2022.



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September 16, 2021

Dear Episcopal Church Women,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our companion on the Way of Love. Plans are under way for the 139th Annual Gathering of the Diocese of North Carolina ECW and the Evans-Harris Conference. I am so looking forward to being your keynote speaker this year. Regrettably, we must once again gather online instead of in person due to the uncertainties of the pandemic. Disappointing as that is, we rejoice in the knowledge that we are united by baptism into the Body of Christ. Therefore, since nothing will separate us from the love of God and the Real Presence of Jesus, we will take advantage of wonderful technology and continue to gather (virtually) in the Name of God.

Women of the Church know particularly well that the spiritual bonds of affection will keep us together even when the ways of the world try to keep us apart. Members of ECW know how to adapt and innovate, especially when it means seeking and protecting the dignity of every human being and of the earth. If you ever knew Mary Harris, God rest her soul, or continue to treasure Scott Evans Hughes who has now reached 100 years young, then you know about persistence in seeking justice through any hurdle or barrier, including a pandemic.

This year's theme is Social Justice: "We are All Better Off When We are All Better Off." This is also the title of a book by Eric Lui and Nick Hanauer. Their book takes a look at the secular side of U.S. politics and an urgent need for us to infuse our democracy with active citizenship based upon principles of finding the common good for the protection of all citizens and the environment. My presentation will explore how we, as Christians in the U.S., play a particular role, based on scripture and tradition in seeking social justice for all by paying particular attention to where justice is being denied to the most vulnerable.

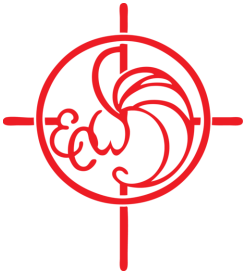
I am so looking forward to being with you on the evening of Friday, November 5th from 7 – 9 pm. To the best of your ability be sure to "arrive" rested and ready to go – or at least ready to stay attentive and engaged at the end of a busy work week. (I am thinking a wee afternoon nap may put a little extra energy in my tank!)

Peace and grace to you,

+ *Anne E. Hodges-Copple*

The Rt. Rev. Anne E. Hodges Copple
Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of NC

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of the The Diocese of North Carolina - On-Line
Friday, November 5, 2021 ✝ 7-9 PM

- 7:00-7:05 Welcome, Call to Order, Mary Hawkins, Interim ECW President
- 7:05-7:10 Bishop's Greeting, The Rt. Rev Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple,
VI Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
- 7:10-7:40 Evening Prayer: The Rev. Sarah Woodard, Deacon, St. Titus' Episcopal Church
Reading of Names from the Book of Remembrance:
Valeria Dove, Curator, Diocesan ECW Book of Remembrance
- 7:40-8:00 The Nuts and Bolts of ECW: Program Reports for 2021: Missions,
Church Periodical Club, Lex Mathews Scholarship, United Thank Offering
Convocations: Charlotte, Durham, SandHills, Winston-Salem
- 8:00-8:30 Open Mic Discussion- Reimagining ECW "Joys and Challenges" Gore & Scholle
- 8:35-8:55 Address: Justice: *"We are all better off...when we are all better off"*
The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan
- 8:55 - 9:00 ECW Prayer and Dismissal

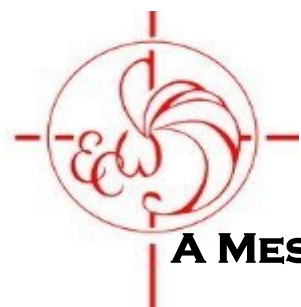
THE ECW HARRIS - EVANS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN 2022

Bishop Anne graduated with a [Bachelor of Arts](#) from [Duke University](#) in 1979. After working as a community organizer for several years following graduation, she earned a [Master of Divinity](#) from [Pacific School of Religion](#) in 1984. She was ordained deacon in 1987 and priest in 1988, and served as assistant of St Luke's Church in [Durham, North Carolina](#) until 1992. She then became the Episcopal chaplain to [Duke University](#) until 2005, when she returned to St Luke's Church as rector.

Bishop Anne was elected on January 25, 2013, as Suffragan Bishop of North Carolina. She was consecrated as a bishop on June 15, 2013.^[2] From November 1, 2015, until July 15, 2017, she served as Bishop Pro Tempore of the Diocese of North Carolina, due to the resignation of [Michael Bruce Curry](#) to become the [Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church](#). She returned to bishop suffragan upon the consecration of [Samuel Sewall Rodman III](#) as 12th Bishop Diocesan of North Carolina. Hodges-Copple is the first female bishop in the Diocese of North Carolina.^[3]

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia





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A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT

Greetings. **WELCOME** to the 139th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of North Carolina. My name is Mary Hawkins. I am blessed to be your Interim ECW President for the next year.



The Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of North Carolina are dedicated to sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ by engaging in worship, prayer, study, service and fellowship. Any woman who is a member of the Episcopal Church automatically belongs to ECW. There are no special criteria or tests or initiations required. The extent to which a woman is involved in organized ECW activity is up to her.

Your financial support is key to ECW being able to continue sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. At all levels, ECW maintains affiliations with the *Church Periodical Club*, *The Order of the Daughters of the King*, and *United Thank Offering*, related national church organizations also led by women. As an organization within the wider Episcopal Church, we depend on your pledges to support our mission and ministries throughout the Anglican Communion, our country, Province IV and our Diocese to help support both local and regional groups that uphold the varying gifts, values, and ministries of women.

These past months have presented numerous challenges to all of us with the arrival of the COVID-19. Pledges and donations are down, at an all-time low. Our lives have been upended; Social distance requirements have prevented maintaining close fellowship and relationships. We are adjusting to a new normal requiring more reliance on technical and digital communication. During our Annual Meeting, we hope to share with each other how ECW is 'Thriving and Surviving' during the pandemic and the "Joys and Challenges of Reimagining ECW."

Leadership Opportunities. We need persons who have energy and passion to be part of a working Board. We need those of you who have an interest in helping the organization grow to the next level as our field continues to emerge. Major projects include Reimagining ECW, Focusing on Our Mission in Uncertain Times, and Revising Our Bylaws for functioning in a virtual environment. We are open to and interested in your new ideas and initiatives. We strongly encourage nominations if you are a techie, have social media savvy or have experience serving on non-profit boards, we would love to hear from you.

What It Means to Serve

Board members serve 3-year terms. The Board meets by Zoom once a month. We are a friendly, happy, productive bunch who want to work with you. Once you are elected, then the fun begins! We can have a maximum of 16 Board members. Each year, some persons leave and some persons run for re-election. For more information and for a list of current Board members, visit our website www.ecw-nc.org.

Women's Work

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless, we pray thee, our work for the extension of thy kingdom, and make us so thankful for the precious gift to us of thy beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make him known to all nations as their Savior and their King: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

...from Book of Prayers-United Thank Offering Archives



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United Thank Offerings



The United Thank Offering, (UTO), a ministry begun in 1889 by a few women in the Church, has evolved into a ministry of the Episcopal Church in the United States which has, through the years, made grants to many projects and activities throughout the states and in the Anglican communion.

Funds for the grants and awards are raised by individuals throughout the church who have committed to practicing gratitude day by day for the little things and the big things, making a small donation each time. Twice a year there are “in gatherings” of these offerings, and once a year grants are made by a central UTO Board.

This year the In Gatherings were significantly down, as were the funds raised in 2021. Because most parishes churches did not meet, there was very little activity. In our Diocese, nine churches were able to send in a collection, and they are amazing. Individuals over the diocese also contributed, and their help is greatly appreciated. Many others continued to practice gratitude, without a doubt, and we look to better days to restore our mission. Practicing GRATITUDE blesses the giver and the receiver.

Forty five “Recovering in Love and Gratitude” grants from the 2020 Ingathering were awarded this spring; 19 of which were to the Anglican Communion. No applications were submitted by our Diocese .

To find out more about the grants that were awarded, or to find an application for your project for this year go to episcopalchurch.org/grants/uto, also, unitedthankoffering.org. Your project must fit the theme; Care of Creation-Turning love into action-through justice advocacy, environmental reparations, and development of formation materials. There are guidelines there, and more help is available from UTO staff. The deadline for submitting them to the Diocese uto@ecw-nc.org is late December to allow time for updates and corrections. The deadline for the Diocese is February 4, 2022.

Church or personal contributions should be made to ECW-Diocese of NC (UTO on the memo line).

**Mail checks to
ECW Financial Secretary
c/o Mary E. Hawkins
1805 Primrose Place
Durham, NC 27707**

Our In Gatherings are usually taken up on the Sundays closest to Ascension Day in the Spring, and All Saints Day in the Fall, but they are welcome any time

UTO In-Gatherings

2018-2021

Spring 2018	10324.34
Fall 2018	15141.00
Spring 2019	14000.00
Fall 2019	8900.00
Fall 2020	1500.00
Spring 2021	2777.00
Total	52642.34



The special UTO Alms Basin is available for collecting your Ingathering offerings. Contact me for reserving and scheduling the basin.



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2021 Winston-Salem Convocation

Convocation co-chairs Elnora Gore and Gertrude Murchison serve on the Executive Board representing nine cities. Board meetings are held via Zoom. ECW Chapters, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, have not carried out many of their planned outreach ministries.

Women of the Winston-Salem Convocation gathered via Zoom on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm for the Annual Spring Meeting. Persons representing: Galloway, Elkin; Good Shepherd, Cooleemee; St. Paul's, Winston-Salem; St. Timothy's, Winston-Salem; St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem and Trinity, Mount Airy attended.

Getting acquainted or reacquainted was a joy! The focus of the meeting was to review and share information on the diocesan and local level Missions, Services and Funds.

Members were encouraged to support both the diocesan and local Episcopal Women by participation and pledges.

Information on the up-coming Annual Meeting/Harris Evans Conference (November 5, 2021) was shared.

Representatives from each church were given the opportunity to share "the good news" of their branch. Women continue to donate and to give of themselves and in their churches and the community.

The website addresses of National and Diocesan ECW were shared and all were encouraged to visit them to stay abreast of goings on.

They were also encouraged to take a preplanning survey on the 2021 ECW Annual Meeting.

We were happy to gather, though not in person and pledged to keep in touch and to support each other.

On-Going Goals:

Continue to support the Diocesan ECW.

Contact and seek to involve more women into ECW activities and ministries.

Submitted by,
Elnora W. Gore and Gertrude Murchison, Winston-Salem Convocation Co-chairs

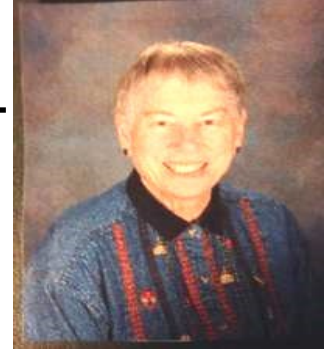


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ECW Diocese of North Carolina Missions Report 2021



Recommendations for 2021 Mission Funds Awards

The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of North Carolina accepts offerings from churches to support Mission ministries. The generous support of these programs enables us to help demonstrate Jesus' love.

1. **The Christmas Mission Fund** is a designated gift for mission work in children's programs, inside and outside the diocese. For 2021, the Missions Committee proposes to make an award from this fund to:

Prevent Child Abuse NC

This is our state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse, America. It is the only statewide organization for the prevention of neglect and child abuse. Programs have been developed to help North Carolina communities prevent mistreatment of children before it occurs: **Advocating for prevention. Building community capacity. Raising awareness.** Prevent Child Abuse NC ensures that prevention is a priority in North Carolina and that all communities have the knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent child abuse and neglect at the local level. They are champions for all children, promoting programs and resources, informed by science, that enable kids, families, and entire communities to thrive-today, tomorrow, and for generations to come." Our funds would be used to create resources that increase factors encouraging children to thrive. Every community in North Carolina is served by the Raleigh office.

2. **The Epiphany Fund** is a designated gift for missions, inside or outside the diocese. For 2021, the Missions Committee proposes an award from this Fund to:

St James Parish in the Diocese of Kitale, Anglican Church of Kenya

Grants to boost small enterprise for St James women in business. A grant of \$100 per woman is enough to mitigate her business. The parish has 130 women who engage in small businesses in the parish. The funds will empower women economically, through their greater involvement in trade, will contribute to addressing inequality and to achieving sustainable economic growth and the Sustainable Development Goals. See accompanying photos of St. James women in business ventures. On the next page, you may view a few photos of the proposed Mission Grants.

The amount of the awards for 2021 will depend upon the offerings collected by the end of year 2021. Unfortunately, as of September 7, the donations to both of the above Funds have been rather sparse.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Scholle, Missions Coordinator
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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN WITH MICRO ENTERPRISES



Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina™

Social and Emotional Competence

Children's early experiences of being nurtured and developing a *positive relationship* with caring adult *affects all aspects* of behavior and development.



Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development

Children *thrive* when parents provide *not only affection*, but *also* respectful communication and listening, consistent rules and expectations, and *safe opportunities* that promote independence.



Social Connections

Parents with a social network of *emotionally supportive friends, family, and neighbors* often find that it is *easier to care* for their children and themselves.



5 Protective Factors

Resilience

Parents who can cope with the *stresses of everyday life*, as well an occasional crisis, have *resilience*; they have the flexibility and inner strength necessary to *bounce back* when things are not going well.



Concrete Support

Families who can meet their *own basic needs* for food, clothing, housing, and transportation—and who know how to access essential services such as childcare, health care, and mental health services to address family-specific needs—are *better able to ensure the safety and well-being of their children*.





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2021 LEX MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT And Scholarship Recipients

Name	Area of Study	Church Sponsor
Tammy A. Lane	Birth-Kindergarten Training Program	Tarboro-Calvary Episcopal (\$2000)
Jennifer T. Jones	Group Fitness Certification	Durham-St. Titus' (\$2000.00)
Amanda Sprott-Goldson	Shalem's Spiritual Guidance Program,	Charlotte - St. Martin's (\$2000.00)

About the Lex Mathews Scholarships for Women

The Diocesan ECW administers and helps fund the Lex Mathews Scholarship program, named for the Rev. Lex Mathews who advocated for women's issues and headed Christian Social Ministries for the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina before his death in 1985.



The scholarships are geared to women of the diocese, age 23 and older, who are seeking either:

- Specialized training in vocational or technical skills
- A degree or certification **below** the masters or doctorate level
- Continuing education courses for upgrading job skills

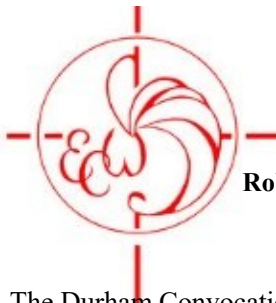
While preference is given to Episcopalians, non-Episcopalians may apply if they are sponsored by a member of an Episcopal church. The amount awarded each year depends upon how the selection committee evaluates each application as well as the financial interest generated by the scholarship fund. Generally, scholarship amounts run between \$500 and \$2,000 for one academic year.

Recommendations for Lex Mathews 2022 Scholarships Procedure

1. Mail or, preferably, widely disperse electronic information that describes the upcoming scholarship opportunity and who to contact with questions.
2. Mail complete information out as early as possible, preferably no later than September/October for award or distribution of funds for the Spring semester/Spring quarters of following year.
3. Include the Offices of Financial Assistance for the North Carolina Community Colleges to the recipients of the original information.
4. Determine other avenues for marketing the scholarship to increase the applicant pool.



All applications must be completed in full and received by March 15, no exceptions. Selections are made in April or May and recipients are notified by the end of May so they have time to prepare for the coming school year.



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Durham Convocation Report 2021

The Durham Convocation meeting was held on July 31st, 2021 at 10am via Zoom.

Attendees: Mary Scholle, Dorothy Smith, Carolyn Townsend, Robyn Furges, Ronnie Lilly, Carolyn White, Carol Koesch, Vickie Hammie, Helen Othow, Mary Hawkins, Marva Davenport.

The meeting was opened with a Welcome from the Durham Convocation chair, Introductions, and an opening Prayer. I gave an update on the planning for the Annual Meeting/and Harris Evans Conference. I advised the group of the current vacancies on The ECW Board: (President, Vice President, Lex Matthews Coordinator) and the need for parishes to send in their pledges for this year.

Mission Report- Mary Scholle

The proposed Mission grants for this year:

The Prevention of Child Abuse America, NC Chapter, is a part of the oldest and largest organization to prevent child abuse and neglect.

ACK St. James Church School- Kenya This is an Entrepreneurial program for women. Studies have shown that when we teach women how to earn income- the entire community benefits from that income. Mary reported that our giving to Mission programs was one of the best ways to directly help women and children.

UTO – Dorothy Smith

Unfortunately, with the pandemic and church closures around the Diocese; UTO financial giving has decreased. The 2022 UTO grant application is open and available to parishes. The focus of this year's grant is Care of Creation: Turning love into action by caring for God's creation to protect the most vulnerable who will bear the largest burden of pollution and climate change through justice, Advocacy, Environmental reparations, and Development of formation materials. The Deadline is February 4, 2022, for the National office. The Diocese should receive the application by

November 21, 2021.

Happening around the Convocation St. Bartholomew - Pittsboro NC

There was a UTO spring ingathering at St. Bart this year. The ECW meetings are held in person while following the CDC guidelines. Several ladies from the ECW participate in the weekly **Community lunch**. Also, they will begin a new program called the **Chuck Wagon** which will distribute Cooked Frozen meals to low-income adults in need.

Celebration Hill is up and running.

This is a venue developed by the church for outdoor events and community use of the space and grounds for Prayer or Meditation. There is a slight incline in the landscape and the ECW is Fundraising for a Handrail in the space.

St Philips- Durham

The ECW does not meet in the summer. The next meeting is scheduled September 13, 2021. The group has been on a decline with the loss of several members and there is no expectation for new membership. The group has decided to scale back. The ECW participated in a service project during the pandemic. They also sent written notes to keep in touch. At the next meeting the ladies will vote on where to direct the remaining funds in the current account. The recommendation is to donate the funds to the St. Philips in the Trees ministry.

The group participated in the **Sandwich Brigade with Urban Ministries of Durham**. Due to social distancing Urban Ministries had to move their residents out and they started the Sandwich Brigade to feed the residents at various locations. The Church is also experiencing change- St. Philips has called a new Minister: The Rev. Maryann Younger. Her first sermon will be held on October 10, 2021.

St. Cyprians- Oxford

The ECW sponsored a Black History program in 2020 that was a "Great Success", there was a community choir and the children performed on the African Drums. This Fall, there will be a celebration of the 275th Anniversary of Gran-

ville County.

The children will perform during the event. Also, on 10-2-21 there will be a Cultural Festival in Downtown Oxford.

All are invited to learn about the different cultures represented in the county. Vickie Hammie advised the Group that the ECW president Ms. Helen Othow was recognized during the Black History program as the Outstanding Member of the Community. Ms. Othow has created and supported many Educational and Summer Enrichment programs. The St. Cyprians ECW chapter had an UTO Spring ingathering.

St. Titus' – Durham

In January the ECW presented a Gift Basket to our Priest Stephanie Yancy for her birthday as a show of appreciation and gratitude for her leadership during the Pandemic.

In February, we hosted a Virtual Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday. We handed out kits of pancake mix and met online after dinner to share, play games and fellowship.

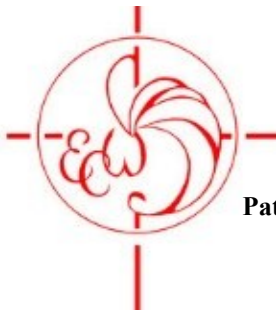
This summer we had an online Book Club meeting to celebrate our own Syrena Williams who authored her first book "21 Day Spiritual Meditation Journal" Syrena gave a reading from her book and shared about the importance of Daily Meditation and Journaling.

Treasurer's Report- Carolyn Townsend There is \$420 in the Durham Convocation account. Small Grants are available. If interested please send the application to the Durham Convocation Chair.

The meeting was closed with the Episcopal Church Women Prayer.

**Submitted by: Robyn Furges
Durham Convocation Chair**





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Church Periodical Club Report 2021



NC Seminarian Book Grants Awarded		Donations to National CPC Funds
Kimberly Dunn	Josiah Daniels	National Book Fund
Sarah Koppelberger	Keith Esposito	Miles of Pennies
Liam Barr	Sarah Diener-Schlitt	

Church Periodical Club was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo, the wife of a member of the Wells Fargo Express firm. On a trip to the Dakotas with her husband she learned of the great need on the frontiers for Bibles and other spiritual literature. Mrs. Fargo and other church women in New York sent their bundles of books and periodicals westward to missionaries and pioneers via stagecoach. From this beginning a CPC network has spread throughout the American Church.

HOW IT WORKS

Each year, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA officially declares the first Sunday of May as CPC Sunday. Special prayers, a sermon on the ministry of the printed word, and a special collection for CPC may be given on this Sunday.

All funding to the CPC is voluntary. Donations are received from (hopefully) each parish in the diocese. As required, half of the contributions are sent to the National CPC office in New York to assist in filling grant requests worldwide. The other contributions are divided at the discretion of the Diocesan ECW's board.

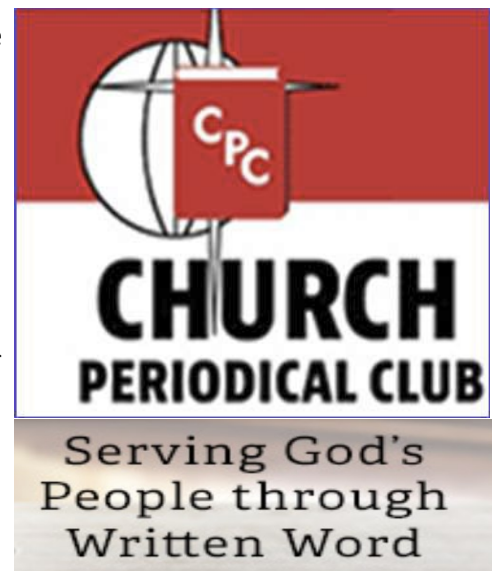
Through the national giving programs, grants are allocated worldwide, based on contributions to two funds.

The National Books Fund (NBF) helps meet religious and secular needs by providing printed and audio-visual materials to individuals, including seminary students, churches and organizations affiliated with the Anglican Communion. Bibles, Prayer Books, books for seminarians, educational materials, medical textbooks, agricultural manuals and books for those in local and global mission are some of the publications the CPC supplies. The need for materials to carry out the mission of the church must be established for all requests. Grant applications are processed after receiving the endorsement of the Episcopal Bishop of the diocese. Grants for the NBF are awarded twice a year.

In addition, through its **Mile of Pennies (MOP)** program, CPC awards grants to provide for the needs of children aged preschool through high school. MOP fund-raising is geared for Sunday School and youth group projects, but adults are certainly welcome to add their coins to the collection. Requests may be made for books, workbooks, manuals, videos, CDs, Vacation Bible School and audio-

visual materials. One mile of pennies equals \$844.80. MOP grants are awarded up to that amount. Grant applications are endorsed by a CPC representative.

CPC is an affiliated organization of The Episcopal Church. It is the only organization in The Episcopal Church dedicated solely to providing free literature and related materials, both religious and secular, to people all over the world who need and request them who have no other source for obtaining such literature and materials. The CPC operates at all levels of the church — national, provincial, diocesan, parish.





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Sandhills Convocation Report 2021



The Sandhills Convocation is composed of eight Episcopal Churches:

Ansonville, All Souls'
Hamlet, All Saints'
Laurinburg, St. David's
Rockingham, Church of the Messiah
Sanford, St. Thomas'
Seven Lakes, St. Mary Magdalene
Southern Pines, Emmanuel Parish
Southern Pines, Chapel of the Transfiguration
Wadesboro, Calvary Church

The Sandhills Convocation has not been meeting. However, B. J. Lowry, President of All Saint's Hamlet, and I talk quite frequently. We both sent in UTO contributions from All Saints Hamlet and Calvary Church, Wadesboro.

St. Thomas' in Sanford meets on Friday nights for a session called family night. They publish a newsletter and recently reported:

"Thirty four members of Women of the Church gathered for the first meeting of the 2018-19 year. President Joan Griswold opened the meeting, welcomed all in attendance, and recognized The Rev. Dr. Talmage Bandy and Jessie McKay, guest speakers.

The program centered on a description of the new solar lighting program just introduced in Tanzania by Karimu. Inspiring stories were shared by The Rev. Dr. Bandy and Ms. McKay. Tanzanian homes previously lit by charcoal fires now shine with light. With pig and goat sales, Tanzanian women continue to improve lives for themselves and their families.

Attendees inquired about partnering with Tanzanian Christians. Additionally, it was suggested that liturgical clothing replaced at St. Thomas' be donated to the Tanzanian churches. Mary Lee Dutton made a motion that \$600 be given from WOC funds to purchase additional solar kits. The motion passed.'

Episcopal Church Women-Calvary, Wadesboro

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) carry on Christ's work of reconciliation, mission and ministry in the community, nation and the world. All women who belong to Calvary and All Souls' are members of ECW and are invited to join in this work and ministry. Meetings are held monthly, and participation provides opportunities for fun, fellowship, prayer and study.

ECW projects include Meals on Wheels, participation in the World Day of Prayer, fundraising for community projects, and taking part in services sponsored by the Interchurch Council. Its work is carried out through committees including Devotional Life, Programs, Pastoral Care, United Thank Offering, Altar Guild, Church Periodical Club, Hospitality, and Missions.

2020 ECW officers

Co-presidents	Martha Flinchum and Susan Hallman
Secretary	Marcie Hushion
Treasurer	Joanne Huntley



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CHARLOTTE CONVOCATION REPORT



Greetings from the Charlotte Convocation of the Episcopal Church Women. It has been a pleasure during these past three years with the most difficult, this past year and a half with Covid. Let me take this opportunity to give my condolences to all families who have lost family and friends within the Convocation. The Convocation includes twenty parishes in addition to two local college campuses, UNC Charlotte and Davidson College. The Parishes represent eleven cities within six counties. With well over thousands of women, only five parishes exist where ECW's meet on a regular basis. This serves as a reminder, that all Women are Episcopal Church Women. Ministry Consultant, Mary MacGregor said it best, "The nature of organized women's ministries has changed, but the need for Christian women to be together in our Beloved Community will never go away but just get better."

In my pre-Covid visits to parishes, I have come to know that many leadership roles are chaired by women. Leadership roles on commissions, vestries, community outreach have had increased visibility for many years now. In addition, it's great to see women of all ages working together as parishes move into the future of new ideas, relevant and unlimited opportunities for spiritual growth and service. In so many parishes, the focus has changed toward social justice, racial reconciliation, refugee resettlement, economic and educational disparities. The Millennial Generation involvement has become most impactful in our Diocese in these specific areas. During this pandemic, many of the women have met virtually with plans to re-organize

Charlotte Convocation in Review:

St. Peter's, Charlotte

Leadership roles are considerable with the Women at St Peter's. A few notables that have highest impact in the Beloved Community include Commission Chair, Social Justice and Community Outreach, Refuge Resettlement Mentoring, Loaves and Fishes, Urban Ministry Location, Migration and refuge committee, Social Justice, Peace Education and Advocacy.

St. Mark's, Huntersville

Candice Sullivan is the lead supporter of the Flyin Lion Ministries that allows the opportunity to teach homeless and abused women the skills needed to find and maintain employment in the hospitality industry. In a grant supported new kitchen facility, Candice is looking for candidates to enlarge the opportunity. Please contact her at St. Mark's for candidates.

St. Michaels and All Angels, Charlotte

The women have not missed a beat. The ECW has met monthly throughout Covid virtually on the first Sunday following coffee hour. Installed as new President is Mrs. AnStaire McKennan. Brought back by popular demand, was the third Celebration of March as Women's Month, highlighting Women of Faith and Courage. Five Sundays in 2021 introduced to the congregation amazing women: Bishop Barbara Harris, the first Episcopal female and women of color in the United States, Bree Newsome, who courageously scaled a 30-foot pole to take down the Confederate battle flag at the South Carolina State House, Deborah from the Book of Judges, The Black Women of the 6888th during WWII, and Sarah, hero of the faith, best described as beautiful, barren and blessed. Other activities include Mother's Day arrangements, Doughnuts for Dads for Father's Day and a May, book study of Bishop Harris and shopping for our new Church.

Christ's Church, Charlotte

The Christ Church ECW Board has met monthly during the pandemic. While several favorite programs had to be cancelled this year, the ECW did provide lunches for Roof Above and is excited to plan service opportunities for the fall. September 8 will be the 1st meeting since 2020. Christ Church awards grants in January from their ECW Mission Funds, they look forward to the Good News Shop opening later this year.

Holy Comforter, Charlotte

The Darrow-Owens Women's Guild involves a range of women from the 30's to 70's. Meeting monthly on the third Monday, speakers and programs are intended for enrichment, education, spiritual development. The Guild best describes the women as the "doers of the word," active in a range of activities of ministries from Loaves & Fishes to Room in the Inn. Darrow-Owens provides a place for active women to "abide in Christ", accepting each woman at whatever point **in life or faith she is. Aside from the Women's Guild, women chair both the Holy Comforter Community Book Studies and the Tuesday Faith Group.**

St. Margaret's, Waxhaw

Two women groups exist at St. Margaret's, Episcopal Church Women and The Order of the Daughters of the King. While the Order is a spiritual community where women with similar interest can pray, study, share, affirm and support each other, ECW meets monthly, have an annual spring retreat and aid in various ministries and service projects throughout the calendar year. In 2019, they introduced the concept of Circles. Seven Circles were formed with the women signing up according to their interests, and availability. Some met for lunch or dinner, while others had book discussions or went to see a movie. A full ECW meeting is planned in September to appoint a leadership committee, re-organize the Circles and plan for more group gatherings such as making advent wreaths.

Chapel of Christ the King, Charlotte

Situated in the heart of Charlotte between a long-established neighborhood of modest homes and new, higher-end development, Christ the King is turning their very property into a welcoming bridge between the two, extending an invitation of hospitality to all to come together in community. The women including, Deacon, Rev. Rebecca Yarbrough, are a large part of this transformation. In the most recent edition of the Disciple, a 12-page article best describes an edible landscape transforming the property into a communal gathering space. Projects involving building raised building beds, planting, harvesting, and distributing the crops of their labor is the Holy Spirit at work. A sandwich ministry, under the direction of Deacon Rebecca, is very active to the Roof Above. It will soon include neighborhood involvement of residents for greater support.

St. John's, Charlotte

ECW at St John's continues to be a work in progress. A small few will continue to do their best to stay active. What we know for sure is that younger generations, many at St. John's, are quite involved in a variety of activities that seem to meet their interests and availability.

Thanks to all who submitted information! We welcome your contributions so that the ECW Board can continue to support its ministry.

**Draft checks to
ECW-Diocese of NC
Memo line-designate the purpose.**

**Mail to
ECW Financial Secretary
c/o Mary E. Hawkins
1805 Primrose Place,
Durham, NC 27707**

Thank you!

**Announcements:
ECW Annual Meeting Online Annual Meeting
Friday, November 5, 2021.**
Registration: www.ecw-nc.org.

Charlotte Convocation Meeting:
Spring, 2022 Date to be determined

Reminder: Names of women who have passed away since, November 2020, are to be submitted to Book of Remembrance Curator, Valeria Dove, at mammadove@aol.com. Reading of the names will take place during November 5'. See Enrollment Form in this publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois L. Johnson, Chair
Charlotte Convocation
Episcopal Church Women



Book of Remembrance Curator

Reading from *The Book of Remembrance* is a cherished tradition at the annual meetings of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina.

All churches are invited to submit a list of ECW members who have died since the last Annual Meeting (November, 2020) for inclusion in *The Book of Remembrance*.

If you have a name or names you want enrolled in the book, they must be postmarked or received by **October 15, 2021** in order to be read aloud at the Evening Prayer on Friday, **November 5, 2021**.

A Book of Remembrance enrollment form is offered here. It can also be found in the Annual Meeting section of the ECW website (www.ecw-nc.org), You may submit multiple names, but please use a separate form for each name. **Copy this form as necessary.**

Book of Remembrance Enrollment

Send by Friday, October 15, 2021

to

Valeria Dove

2505 Bethabara Pointe Dr. Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Cell-336.546.2675 Home-336.546.7568

email-mammadove@aol.com

Name as you want it entered into the book

Church and town/city (Example: St. Luke's, Durham, NC)

Date of death

Copy this form as necessary.

REGISTRATION
139TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ONLINE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021 - 7-9 PM

Annual Meeting 2021 will be a virtual meeting using the Zoom web conferencing service. **Registration is required**, but there is **no charge**. Registration is **only available online** in the Annual Meeting section of the ECW website (www.ecw-nc.org), and you may register up until **12-noon November 4**.

You will be asked for your name and for your email address, which is required so that we can send you information at a later date about how to join the meeting. It would also be helpful to us if you provide the name of your church/mission, and the city/town in which it's located.

After registering you will be provided with options for making love offerings to support the work of the Episcopal Church Women. The funds to which offerings may be made are listed below.

Questions? Contact Mary Hawkins via email at communications@ecw-nc.org.

To make a love **offering via check**, make check payable to **ECW-Diocese of NC**– donation on memo line. Mail Checks to **ECW Financial Secretary-c/o Mary Hawkins-1805 Primrose Place– Durham NC 27707**

To make a **love offering on line** go to the ECW **website** (www.ecw-nc.org)

Options for making love offerings to support the work of the Episcopal Church Women

PARISH PLEDGE	To support general administrative operations of the organization
EPIPHANY MISSIONS FUND	To support designated gifts for missions, inside or outside the diocese
CHRISTMAS MISSIONS FUND	To support activities designed for mission work which benefits children either inside or outside of the diocese
HARRIS-EVANS FUND	To support activities of outreach and/or social justice as relating particularly to women and children for the consideration of the Harris-Evans Conference Committee.
CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB	To provide free literature and related materials, both religious and secular, to people all over the world who need and request them and who have no other source for obtaining them.
LEX MATHEWS FUND	To support a scholarship program for women age 23 and older who desire to upgrade job knowledge, advance career opportunities, or learn new skills
UNITED THANK OFFERING	The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box.
EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND	To support ERD which works in collaboration with church partners and other local organizations to facilitate healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities that are struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. ERD also works around the world and here in the US responding to and rebuilding after disasters.
LISATOWLE ENDOWMENT FUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To empower the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Diocese of North Carolina through the development of leadership skills programs • To support organizations that combat human trafficking in the state of North Carolina and beyond including the Companion Dioceses of North Carolina • To support global missions that address issues of women and children, an historical focus of Episcopal Church Women