



When: Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4, 2017 Where: St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 403 East Main Street, Durham, NC Holy Eucharist: The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Diocesan Bishop of North Carolina



Lauren F. Winner is an ordained Episcopal priest, teacher of Spirituality at Duke Divinity School, lecturer and author of numerous books. Winner is one of those gifted teachers who slips in some wisdom along with the sweet stuff on the spoon. We take our medicine from the ancients, the Christian mystics and the scriptures while tasting the "sweetness of her narrative", says *Christian Century* magazine about her book, *Still*, which was the winner of the *Christianity Today* book award for spirituality.

Lauren grew up in North Carolina and Virginia. She was born to a Jewish father and Southern Baptist mother. She was raised Jewish before converting to Christianity.

Lauren writes and lectures widely on Christian practice, the history of Christianity in America, and Jewish-Christian relations. Her books include *Girl Meets God*,

Mudhouse Sabbath, a study of household religious practice in 18th-century Virginia, A Cheerful and Comfortable Faith, Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis, and, most recently, a book on overlooked biblical tropes for God, Wearing God. She is completing a book called Characteristic Damage, which examines the effects of sin and damage on Christian practice.

She has appeared on PBS's *Religion & Ethics Newsweekly* and has served as a commentator on NPR's "All Things Considered." She has written for *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post Book World*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Books and Culture*, and *Christianity Today*, and her essays have been included in several volumes of *The Best Christian Writing*.

Dr. Winner's aim is to foster a real encounter between each woman present and her deepest, truest self. She does not want to give people a "Spiritual To-do List" to take with them, but to create a space for encounter with the Holy during our time together.

Dr. Winner, an Episcopal priest, is vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg, NC.

### Agenda

### 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting + Spiritual Retreat

Episcopal Church Women-Diocese of North Carolina November 3 & 4, 2017

Hosted by the women of the Durham Convocation

### **Receiving Grace**

All events except the service of Holy Eucharist will be held in the Parish Hall, adjacent to St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 403 East Main Street, Durham, NC

Friday, November 3

12:00 noon-1:00pm: Registration check-in, exhibits & bookstore open, pre-ordered boxed

lunches available

1:00-2:00pm: Call to Order and Business Session I 2:00-2:15pm: Break/Exhibits and Bookstore open

2:15-3:00pm: Business Session II

3:00-3:15pm: Break/Exhibits and Bookstore Open

3:15-4:00pm: Convocation Meetings

4:00-4:10pm: Break- Move to the main sanctuary for Holy Eucharist

4:30-6:00pm: Holy Eucharist with The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Diocesan Bishop of North Carolina

6:00pm: \*\*\* Travel to The Hilton Durham, 3800 Hillsborough Road for dinner\*\*\*

Before dinner Friday evening, may we suggest:

• Enjoy a beverage in the bar, which individuals may purchase.

• Mingle in the area outside of the banquet room.

7:00-8:30pm: Dinner and Entertainment – "Kidznotes of Durham"-Trinity Room (RSVP required)

Saturday, November 5

8:15-8:45am:

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Check-out of hotel before returning to St. Philip's Parish Hall for Morning Devotions Continental Breakfast at St. Philip's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (RSVP required)

Welcome and Introduction of Retreat Leader

9:10-9:30am: Morning Devotions led by the Rev. Lauren Winner

9:30-10:15am: Part 1 Gravedigger, Cardigan Sweater, Magnolia Tree: How God and God's Grace Appear to Us.

10:15-10:25am: Break

10:25-11:00am: Part II Gravedigger, Cardigan Sweater, Magnolia Tree: How God and God's Grace Appear to Us.

11:00-11:25am: Individual Spiritual Reflection.

11:25-11:35am: Break

11:35-12:10pm: Part III Why Do You Worry About Clothes? Questions God Asks Us

12:10-12:30pm Small Group

12:30-12:45pm Blessing and Adjournment

**Receiving Grace**135th Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of North Carolina Annual Meeting + Spiritual Life Retreat November 3 & 4, 2017

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| Dinner - Friday , I   | <b>Meal Reser</b><br>day, November 3<br>November 3<br>tfast- Saturday, No                     | ration Fee Schedule- all fees are per person \$25 per person postmarked by Friday, October 20 \$30 per person after Friday, October 20  rvations: Not available after Friday, October 20 \$10.00 per person \$29.00 per person \$29.00 per person \$30 per person \$40 per person \$40 per person \$40 per person \$50 per person \$50 per person \$50 per person |
| Bottled water will beTurkey: lettuce, to Ham and Swiss: Vegan Sandwich ach boxed lunch wi | provided.)<br>omato on whole g<br>lettuce, tomato on<br>garlic humus an<br>l include pasta sa | n white bread<br>nd vegetables on baguette<br>alad, bag of chips, and brownie.  |
| Starter: Tossed :<br>Entree (select o<br>_ Grilled Chi                                    | Salad <b>Dessert:</b> (<br><u>ne)</u><br>cken with Garlic C                                   | atered by Hilton Durham (Wine <u>will not</u> be available at dinner.)<br>Chocolate Mousse or Cheesecake Mousse<br>Cream Sauce  |
| Garlic Roa  | sted Pork Loin<br>Puff Pastry Purse   |   |
| Chicken an  | Vegetable Puffed P  | ved with Steamed Seasonal Vegetable Medley and Rosemary Infused Wild Rice Pastry Entree served with Seasonal Vegetables, Marsala Wine Sauce ter, Iced Water, Iced Tea, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee   |

Make check payable to ECW- Diocese of NC and put Annual Meeting 2017 on the memo line.

Mail this form with check (postmarked no later than Friday, October 20) to the meeting registrar.

Questions? Contact the Annual Meeting Registrar.

Pamela Haynes

1035 Franklin St. Winston-Salem, NC 27101 (home)336-971-560 (cell)7704-450-7980

#### GIFTS OF GRACE

#### The United Thank Offering at Work in North Carolina Lynn Hoke, ECW Historian & Archivist

e are winding up a year of celebration for the Bicentennial of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina. With history in mind, this year's Annual Meeting provides an ideal time for a retrospective on the United Thank Offering. The UTO began with the first Ingathering at the 1889 Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. A call went out to all churchwomen everywhere to collect their prayers and grateful offerings in thanksgiving for life's many blessings. In time, the iconic UTO Blue Boxes became standard issue for our countertops, both at home and at church. Local collections were counted, recorded and sent off to swell the national Ingatherings.

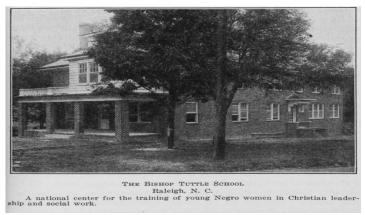
This much most of you know by heart. Less well known is the return of blessings to North Carolina by way of UTO-funded workers and a variety of grants, large and small. We'll take a closer look at these various UTO-funded personnel, programs and projects over the years. Among the documented female UTO workers in North Carolina between 1900 and 1940 were approximately 60 doctors, nurses, teachers, social workers, evangelists and missionaries. For some of these we have bits of information, but for many we have only their name and location of service.



Between 1910 and 1928, the first four grants came back to North Carolina for education: two to St. Augustine's School in Raleigh, one to Valle Crucis School in Valle Crucis, and one to the Appalachian School in Penland. Since 1910 the cumulative number of UTO grants to the three dioceses is 107, amounting to a total of more than \$1,967,000. During both the 1980s and the 1990s, each decade could boast of 26

grants for North Carolina. Since 2000 there has been a total of 30 grants, so it's likely that many of you have had direct experience in grant requests and/or local support of the recipient groups.

The UTO provided annual program funding for the Bishop Tuttle Training School in Raleigh from 1926 until it was closed in 1941. Initially built in 1925 as a national project of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Tuttle School was a unique institution that provided training



for young black women in church work and social work. The school's leaders kept their annual UTO request at \$6,000 per year, in hopes of routine ongoing "under the radar" budget approval. The additional funds necessary for a growing enrollment and expanding program came from various Woman's Auxiliary groups around the country and individual donors, including personal subsidies from the school's own resident Dean.

In advance of the Annual Meeting an archival and Internet search will be made for available biographical information, photographs and service reports for various UTO workers in North Carolina. Exhibit boards, lists, and other handouts will chronicle both the early UTO-funded workers and the later grants that brought UTO funds back to North Carolina. When information is available, status reports for previous and on-going grant projects will be provided. Any of you with first-hand knowledge or photographs of a local UTO-funded worker or program is welcome to share that information with me at: lynn.hoke@episdionc.org

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Jean Blackwell Hutson Research and Reference Division, The New York Public Library. (1926). *The Bishop Tuttle School; Raleigh, N. C.; A national center for the training of young Negro women in Christian leadership and social work.* Retrieved from http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47df-e966-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99

### In Remembrance

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 previous Annual Meeting for inclusion in *The Book of Remembrance*.

If you have a name or names you want enrolled in the book, they must be postmarked by Friday, October 20, 2017 in order to be read aloud at the Holy Eucharist on Friday, November 3, 2017.

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 20, 2017 to Gertrude Murchison 3025 Airport Road Winston Salem, NC 27105-4058 336-767-4635

### Please print

| Name as you want it entered in the book                         |  |  |
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| Church and town/city (Example: St. Philip's Church, Durham, NC) |  |  |
| Date of death   |  |  |

### Copy this form as necessary.

### **Pledging To Make It All Possible**

The constitution and by-laws of the ECW of North Carolina state, "To have voting privileges (at the Annual Meeting) a Church must have paid a pledge to the Diocesan Church Women's budget for the current year." These funds help to carry out the work of women's ministries throughout the Anglican Communion, our country, our province and our diocese.

While our yearly gathering is open to all, those churches <u>current</u> with their pledge are entitled to send up to five voting delegates to Annual Meeting. Anyone belonging to a church that does not have an ECW and who would like to participate in the Annual Meeting as a voting member can pay \$10.00 in the name of their church and be entitled to voting delegate status.

The diocesan ECW treasurer, Mary Hawkins, has mailed statements to current pledging churches. Contact her at treasurer@ecw-nc.org or (919) 682-4647 if you didn't receive your statement or have questions about it.

Going Green in 2018! Communication with churches will be via electronic format. Requests for printed statements and/or documents will be available for \$10.00 per year, beginning Wednesday, January 31, 2018

### Be a Part of Helping Neighbors in Need...



Each participant at the ECW Annual Meeting is invited to bring any of the items listed below to be contributed to **Urban Ministries of Durham** that offers **Food, Shelter, and A Future to Neighbors in Need.** (located across the street from St. Philip's Episcopal Church) They serve approximately 500 households each month. (Look for the donation box at the registration table.)

**Donation items:** Shaving cream, deodorant, coffee, tea, rice, canned meat, toilet paper, laundry detergent or pods, powdered or shelf stable milk, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, canned corn and **NEW** underwear for men, women and children.

### Lodging

## Hotel reservations must be made by Thursday, October 5, 2017, by 5:00 pm to get the ECW group rate. (Hotel deadline)

Each person is responsible for securing their own lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved for the ECW on Thursday, November 2 (for those who want a more leisurely arrival) and Friday, November 3 at the Hilton Durham, 3800 Hillsborough Road, Durham, NC 27705-2328. (See directions below.)

The rate is the same for a single or double room: \$136.20, which includes all taxes and free parking. You may purchase breakfast at the hotel for an additional charge. A full buffet breakfast is \$15.00 plus tax and tip; continental breakfast is \$10.00 plus tax and tip; or you may eat at the Starbucks counter. **NOTE: The deadline for the special group rate is Thursday, October 5, 2017.** 

**For Online Reservations:** (1) Visit www.durham.hilton.com (2) Select arrival and departure date (3) Click "Add Special Rate Code" (4) Enter **ECW** as the "Group Code"

**For Phone Reservations**: (1) Call 1-800-HILTONS (2) Reference the "Episcopal Church Women-Diocese of NC-Annual Meeting" **Note: DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY** 

Although check-in begins at 3 pm, for your convenience you may check-in after dinner Friday, November 3. You may leave your baggage at the front desk to be stored if desired.

### Directions to the Hilton Durham, 3800 Hillsborough Rd., Durham, NC 27705 from St. Philip's 403 East Main St., Durham, NC 27701

#### Via NC-147 N (10 min. 4.9 miles)

Get on NC-147 N/Durham Fwy from E Main St and S Mangum St (3mins) Continue on NC-147 N/Durham Fwy to US-70 BUS W/Hillsborough Rd Take 16A from NC-147N/Durham Fwy Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto US-70 BUS W/Hillsborough Rd Hotel at 3800 Hillsborough Road on the right

#### Via N Roxboro St. and I-85 S (10 min. 6.1 miles)

Get on I-85 S/US-15 S/US-70 W from N Roxboro St Follow US-15S to Hillsborough Rd. Take exit 108D from US-15 S/US-501 S Turn right 2010 Hillsborough Rd.

Hotel at 3800 Hillsborough on the right

#### Via East Main Street from St. Philip's Church-15 Minutes

Turn right onto East Main Street out of the church parking lot.

Take Main Street all the way to Hillsborough Rd.

Continue on Hillsborough Road to 3800 Hillsborough Road. Hotel will be on the right.

## "Going Green in 2018" This is the last printing of the ECW Works.

#### Directions to St Philip's Church, 403 East Main Street, Durham NC (919) 682-5708

### Via I 85 South or Via US 70W (from North or East of Durham)

Take I-85 South Exit 177 NC 55/Avondale Dr
Straight US 15/501 Business/Roxboro St/Downtown intersection
Turn left on North Roxboro St
Roxboro will take a slight right and become E Markham St
Two blocks turn left onto N Mangum St
Straight on N Mangum into downtown area (about 1 mi)
Turn left onto East Chapel Hill Street
Slight right onto Liberty St
Continue two blocks to Dillard St.
Turn right, then 25 ft turn right into St. Philip's parking lot.

#### OR

Turn right onto N Queen St Turn left at first intersection which is E Main St St Philip's parking lot is down the block on the left.

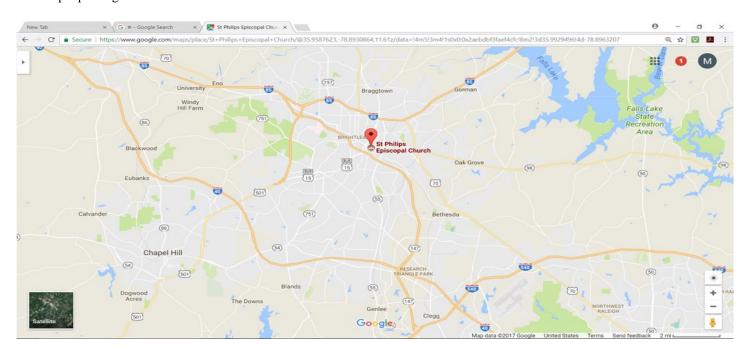
### Via NC 147 S Durham freeway (I 40 East) (US 15/501 North) (from West or South of Durham)

Follow signs for NC 147S/Durham Freeway
Take Exit12 US 15/501 Business/Mangum St/Roxboro St
Turn left on S Roxboro St
Turn right on Fact Main St. St Philip's parking lot is on left

Turn right on East Main St. St Philip's parking lot is on left. (ON THE CORNER OF DILLARD ST. and East Main St.)

#### Via NC 147 N Durham Freeway via I 40W (from East)

Follow signs to NC 147 N/Durham Freeway
Take Exit 12B to Roxboro St/Mangum St/ 15/501Business Exit
Merge onto Jackie Robinson Dr/N Service Rd E W
Turn right onto S Roxboro St
Turn right onto E Main
St Philip's parking lot is on left. (ON THE CORNER OF
DILLARD ST. and East Main St.)



# In an effort to act in the best interest of you, the members of ECW, we are "GOING GREEN IN 2018"

This is the last copy of the ECW Works that will be printed and mailed by US mail so we need your **current preferred e-mail address.** All ECW statements and/or documents will be sent electronically in 2018.

If you prefer not to receive your communications by e-mail, but would like to receive them in printed paper form, we will be happy to send printed written ECW communications to you for \$10.00 per year. Please send your check for \$10.00 by Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Write your check to ECW Diocese of NC and send it to Mary Hawkins at 1805 Primrose Place, Durham, NC 27707. Please put ECW Communications on the check memo line