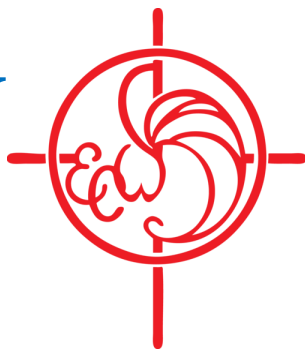


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**136th Annual Meeting + Harris Evans Conference
Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of North Carolina**

Navigating the Chaos with Grace



When: Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3, 2018

Where: St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1520 Canterbury Rd., Raleigh, NC

**Holy Eucharist: The Rev. David F. Sellery, Canon for Congregational Mission and
The Rev. Samuel Gregory Jones, Rector, St. Michael's Episcopal Church**



Been in a heated argument recently? Differing views about government, legislation, how children should be raised, how money should be spent, and a myriad of other subjects can easily escalate into hurtful and harmful words. This program will give you insight, understanding and tools to help you navigate today's volatile topics ranging from family and religion to politics. We will also address some of the characteristics of our culture which seek to pull us from a peaceful heart, such as over-busyness, technology and the "I-can-do-it-all" syndrome.

Our guide will be the ancient and relevant 6th century Rule of Benedict, along with other contemporary voices of wisdom. Benedict lived in tumultuous times not unlike ours. He can help us learn to be a presence of grace and hope as we struggle with others over the issues and conversations of today. We can become peace-makers centered in Christ, and in the process, receive the gift of maintaining our own sanity!

The Rev. Dr. Jane Tomaine is a priest in the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey and a nationally known retreat leader. She is the author of the *Tenth Anniversary Edition: St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living* (Morehouse 2015) and *The Rule of Benedict: Christian Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living* (Skylight Paths Publishing, 2016).

Raised in Minneapolis, Jane received a Bachelor of Music degree from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and a Master of Music degree from Ohio State University, both in organ performance. Following an eighteen-year career with the Bell System and AT&T, Jane was ordained a priest in 1995, earning a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry degrees from the Theological School of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

Jane served as rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Livingston, New Jersey for 12 ½ years, leaving parish ministry in April 2008 in order to pursue a ministry of teaching and writing on Benedictine Spirituality. She currently leads retreats and workshops at parishes, monasteries and retreat centers, and is a Priest Associate at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit, New Jersey where she offers a weekly 7am Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer and leads the Benedictines of Calvary, a spirituality group. Jane and her now-retired husband John live in Mountainside, New Jersey where they are serving staff to four family members— Ricky, Esperanza (Espy, for short), Nikki and Winnie – the resident cats.

Agenda
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Episcopal Church Women-Diocese of North Carolina
November 2 & 3, 2018
Hosted by the women of the Raleigh Convocation
Navigating the Chaos with Grace

All events except the service of Holy Eucharist will be held in the Parish Hall, adjacent to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1520 Canterbury Rd., Raleigh NC 27608

Friday, November 2

- 12:00 noon-1:00pm Registration check-in, exhibits & bookstore open, pre-ordered 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 The Rev. Dr. Jane A. Tomaine, "The Reality of Chaos: Our response, role and desire
- 3:00-3:30pm Business Session II
- 3:30-4:15pm Convocation Sharing Time
- 4:15-4:30pm Break- Move to the main sanctuary for Holy Eucharist
- 4:30-6:00pm Holy Eucharist with The Rev. David F. Sellery, Canon for Congregational Mission and
The Rev. Samuel Gregory Jones, Rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church
- 6:10-7:20pm Dinner-St. Michael's Parish Hall- Reservations required.

7:30pm May we suggest an evening of organ music after dinner

- ◆ Organ Concert, in St. Michael's Sanctuary. Free Admission.
- ◆ Visiting Soloist Eric Plutz, *Organist at Princeton University*
- ◆ Contributions will be welcomed in support of concerts at St. Michael's

Saturday, November 3

- 8:15-8:45am: Check-out of hotel before returning to St. Michael's Parish Hall for Morning Devotions.
Complimentary Continental Breakfast at St. Michael's Church Parish Hall for commuters.
RSVP Required.
- 9:00-9:20am Morning Devotions led by The Rev. Dr. Jane A. Tomaine
- 9:20-9:30am Welcome and Introduction of Retreat Leader
- 9:30-10:15am Part I. Relationship and Communication: Honoring one another through difference.
- 10:15-10:30am Break- Exhibits and Bookstore open
- 10:30-11:15am Part II. Spiritual Grounding: Preparing our hearts to be creative and steadfast peacemakers.
- 11:15-11:30am Break - Exhibits and Bookstore open
- 11:30-12:30pm Part III. Navigating with Grace: Being a presence for transformation in community
and relationship
- 12:30-12:45pm Passing of the President's Gavel - Blessing and Adjournment

Navigating the Chaos with Grace

136th Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of North Carolina Annual Meeting + Harris-Evans Conference
November 2 & 3, 2018

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Make copies as needed. Please print. You may also register and pay on-line at www.ecw-nc.org

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Mission/Parish _____
 E-mail Address _____
 Convocation _____

STATUS (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE): Each church may have five delegates. A current pledge to the Diocesan ECW gives a church voting privileges for the business sessions. 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 a pledge of \$10.00 in the name of their church and be entitled to voting delegate status.

- Delegate Clergy Diocesan ECW Board Member Exhibitor
 Alternate Visitor Past Diocesan ECW President

***Please Note: No refunds for meals after October 19. All meals must be pre-purchased.**

Registration Fee Schedule- all fees are per person		
Registration Fee	\$25 per person postmarked by Friday, October 19	\$ _____
Late Registration	\$30 per person after Friday, October 19	\$ _____
Meal Reservations: Not available after Friday, October 19		
Lunch- Friday, November 2	\$10.00 per person	\$ _____
Dinner - Friday , November 2	\$26.00 per person	\$ _____
Saturday, November 3	Complimentary Continental Breakfast for commuters to St. Michael's	
8:15 –8:45 am.	Please check if commuting and wish to have breakfast	_____
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Friday Lunch \$10.00 per person (select one sandwich): Catered by Lip Service Contemporary Catering, Cary NC (Bottled water will be provided.)

- 1/2 Roast Turkey: Jack, Avocado Local Tomato and Lettuce, Lemon Basil Aioli whole grain bread
 1/2 Southern Style Chicken Salad: Celery, Sweet Pickle, Duke's Mayonnaise, Bibb Lettuce, & Local Tomato
 1/2 Veggie Hoagie (Vegetarian): Swiss, Provolone, Marinated Eggplant, Local Tomato, Cucumbers, Onion, Olive Spread, Shredded Greens, Herbed Olive Oil and Vinegar, Tribeca Bakery Roll.

Each lunch will include field green salad, bag of chips and cookie.

Friday Dinner \$26.00 per person: Catered by Neighbor Cater of Raleigh NC. (**Wine will not be available at dinner.**)

Entree (select one)

- Herb Roasted Boneless Chicken Breast seasoned in an herb blend
 Beef tips in a homemade mushroom gravy
 Vegetarian Stir-Fry-Assortment of mixed seasonal vegetables
 Entrees served with mixed veggies and Garlic Mashed Potatoes w/Smoked Gouda Cheese
 Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake or Sweet Potato Cheese Cake
 Infused Water: Sweet and Unsweetened Tea

Make check payable to **ECW- Diocese of NC and put Annual Meeting 2018** on the memo line.

Mail this form with check (**postmarked no later than Friday, October 19**) to the Annual Meeting Registrar:

Mary E. Hawkins, 1805 Primrose Place, Durham NC 27707 (919-682-4647) communications@ecw-nc.org (cell 919-452-7635)

Questions? Contact Mary Gordon at president@ecw-nc.org or 336-869-7642.

Elbow Grease and More: Still Honoring Our History

Lynn Hoke, ECW Historian & Diocesan Archivist



1979 Installation of new ECW officers. Mary Harris (3rd from r), Scott Evans (4th from r)

ECW President Shara Partin reported to the 1995 Diocesan Convention: “Women’s involvement in hands-on efforts is the elbow grease that turns the wheels in many parts of the Diocese.” This is true now, as it was in 1995, in 1895, and ever since the Diocese was organized in 1817. We have documentary evidence of this involvement in our two Bicentennial collections on the ECW website.

“**The Story Goes On**” collection features more than 250 excerpts from early journals and reports that highlight the many contributions of women since 1817: <http://www.ecw-nc.org/the-story-goes-on/> “By Word & Example: Women Who Graced the Episcopal Church in North Carolina, 1817-2017” offers tributes to 92 women whose “elbow grease” turned all sorts of wheels in their churches and communities: <http://www.ecw-nc.org/by-word-and-example/> And, let’s not forget the hundreds of women who found themselves featured on our Annual Meeting exhibit boards and collector cards during this past decade.

In addition to the women referenced above, the “history focus” for this year’s Annual Meeting will also feature the Harris-Evans Conference itself and its inspiration. In 1982 our Diocesan Trustees received the sum of \$1,000 from an anonymous donor to establish the permanent “Mary Harris – Scott Evans Scholarship Fund.” Scott Tyree Evans (now Hughes) served as ECW President from 1976 to 1979, followed by Mary Varden Harris from 1979 to 1981. (Mary died in 1994; Scott celebrated her 97th birthday this July.) In their honor, the annual income from this fund was designated for use to reduce the costs (across the board) of Episcopal Church Women’s conferences, “with preference being given to the Episcopal Church Women seminar which is currently held each autumn.” In this era the “Fall Seminar” usually focused on social issues, and a spiritual retreat was offered in the spring.

Speaking of elbow grease – after Mary Harris died in January 1994, the March ECW *Patchwork* newsletter noted: “You may recall that Mary was President when the original money was raised to build the ECW Cottage at Browns Summit. As she traveled around the diocese, she carried bottles of plant fertilizer to sell as her contribution to the fund. Even in her death, Mary’s spirit and devotion live on. Her family requests that memorials be made to the ECW Cottage Campaign or the Harris-Evans Scholarship Fund.” In April 1994, ECW President Carolyn Darst reported: “after ten years of separation the Women’s Issues Committee and the Episcopal Church Women joined forces under the same umbrella drawing on the strengths of each group.” More elbow grease!

By fall of the next year the time was right for the first named “Harris-Evans Conference.” Held at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro, its focus was “Boundaries of Loving Care: Christian Responses to Some Medical Dilemmas” (1995). Subsequent Harris-Evans Conference titles include: “People on the Inside need friends on the Outside” (1998); “Migrant Ministry: Moving Beyond the Clothes Closet” (2002); “You Don’t Know Me: Domestic Violence and the Church’s Response” (2005); “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread: Fighting Hunger in Our Own Backyard” (2009); “Stopping Traffic: One Human at a Time” (2014). This year’s conference will be the seventh in this distinguished series. I hope to see you there.

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 19, 2018 in order to be read aloud at the Holy Eucharist on Friday, November 2, 2018.

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 19, 2018 to

Gertrude Murchison, 3025 Airport Road, Winston Salem, NC 27105-4058
Telephone: 336-767-4635 or you may email to: winstonsalem@ecw-nc.org

Please print

Name as you want it entered into the book
Church and town/city (Example: St. Michael's, Raleigh, NC)
Date of death

Copy this form as necessary.

ECW Welcomes Diocese of North Carolina New Canon for Congregational Mission The Rev. David Forster Sellery



The Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, is delighted to announce the appointment of the Rev. David Forster Sellery to the position of Canon for Congregational Mission. This is a new position and is different in scope and focus from a Canon to the Ordinary position. Sellery's work will be centered on providing support and resources for the congregations of the Diocese of North Carolina and working closely with the bishops, canons (regional and office-based), staff, local leadership and diocesan ministries.

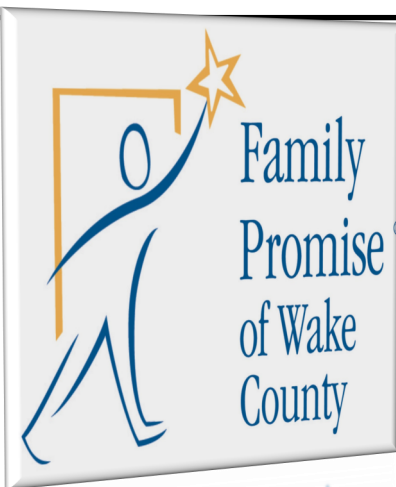
The new canon will report to Bishop Rodman, and in addition to developing diocesan and ecumenical collaborations, he will be instrumental in recruiting, developing and training teams to provide direct support and consultation to our vulnerable congregations, working with the bishop and communications department to integrate further this work's mission focus into the overall diocesan communication

plan, and expanding and deepening our global mission partnerships, especially with our companion dioceses in Costa Rica and Botswana.

Sellery brings to this work an interesting combination of leadership experience, having served a variety of parishes in Tennessee, New York and Connecticut in addition to holding senior nonprofit and fundraising positions. He has a deep spirituality and life of prayer that anchors his innovative approach to ministry in the 21st century, and he has a proven track record in using partnerships and creative outreach to build relationships within communities. In his most recent parish, St. John's in Salisbury, Connecticut, Sellery developed a ministry to those hiking on the nearby Appalachian Trail, and he was also a weekly contributor to local NPR radio and television programming.

Sellery has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, and he received his seminary degree from General Theological Seminary, in New York City, in 1992.

We look forward to welcoming Sellery, his wife, Jane, and their two sons to North Carolina. He is scheduled to begin his work with the Diocese on October 1.



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 **Family Promise of Wake County** that offers emergency shelter and meals to Wake County families experiencing temporary homelessness. They remain one of only two emergency shelters in Wake County to allow families to stay together, regardless of the ages and genders of the children and parents, sparing parents the difficult choice between keeping their families together and finding a safe place for their children to sleep.

Donation items needed: warm winter wear -- hats, mittens, coats - gently used or new for children and adults

Lodging

**Hotel reservations must be made by Thursday, October 4, 2018
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 1 (for those who want a more leisurely arrival) and Friday, November 2 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Raleigh Crabtree Valley Hotel, 2201 Summit Park Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612 (See directions below.)

The rate is the same for a single or double room: \$ 133.64, which includes all taxes, free parking, and hot breakfast. There can be up to 4 persons per room for this rate.

NOTE: The deadline for the special group rate is Thursday, October 4, 2018.

**For phone reservations: Call Fairfield Inn and Suites Raleigh Crabtree Hotel:
1-919-881-9800 and ask for the Episcopal Church Women Diocese of North Carolina
Special Rate**

For Online Reservations: Use the link below to book your room. You will need to enable the link.

[Book your group rate for Episcopal Church Womens Diocese of North Carolina](#)

Directions from points west of Raleigh to Fairfield Inn

Fairfield Inn - 2201 Summit Park Lane-Raleigh, NC 27612

- 1 From I-40, after passing the RDU airport, take exit 289 onto Wade Avenue toward I-440/US 1 N.
- 2 Travel 3 miles.
- 3 Merge onto I-440/US 1 N toward Rocky Mount/Wake Forest.
- 4 Merge onto Glenwood Avenue/US 70 W using exit 7 toward Crabtree Valley Mall.
- 5 Travel .5 miles.
- 6 Turn left onto Blue Ridge Road.
- 7 Turn left onto Summit Park Lane.
- 8 The hotel is on the right.

Directions from points east of Raleigh to Fairfield Inn

Fairfield Inn - 2201 Summit Park Lane-Raleigh, NC 27612

- 1 From US 64 W/US 264 W, merge onto I-440 W using exit 419 toward Wake Forest/US 1.
- 2 Travel 7 miles.
- 3 Merge onto Glenwood Avenue/US 70 W using exit 7 toward Crabtree Valley Mall.
- 4 Merge onto Glenwood Avenue/US 70 W using exit 7 toward Crabtree Valley Mall.
- 5 Travel .5 miles.
- 6 Turn left onto Blue Ridge Road.
- 7 Turn left onto Summit Park Lane.
- 8 The hotel is on the right.

Directions from points east of Raleigh to St. Michael's Episcopal Church 1520 Canterbury Road Raleigh, NC

1. From US 64 W/US 264 W, merge onto I-440 W using exit 419 toward Wake Forest/US 1.
2. Travel for 3 miles.
3. Merge onto Capital Boulevard/US 401 S using exit 11A toward downtown.
4. Travel for 2.5 miles.
5. Merge onto Wade Avenue toward RDU airport.
6. Travel 2 miles.
7. Turn right onto Canterbury Road.
8. St. Michael's Church is on the right

Directions from points west of Raleigh to St. Michael's Church 1520 Canterbury Road – Raleigh NC

1. From I-40, after passing the RDU airport, take exit 289 onto Wade Avenue toward I-440/US 1 N
2. Travel 4.5 miles on Wade Avenue
3. Turn left on Canterbury Road
4. St. Michael's Church is on the right.

Directions from Google Maps:

St. Michael's Episcopal Church to Fairfield Inn

Take Canterbury Rd. to Glenwood Ave.

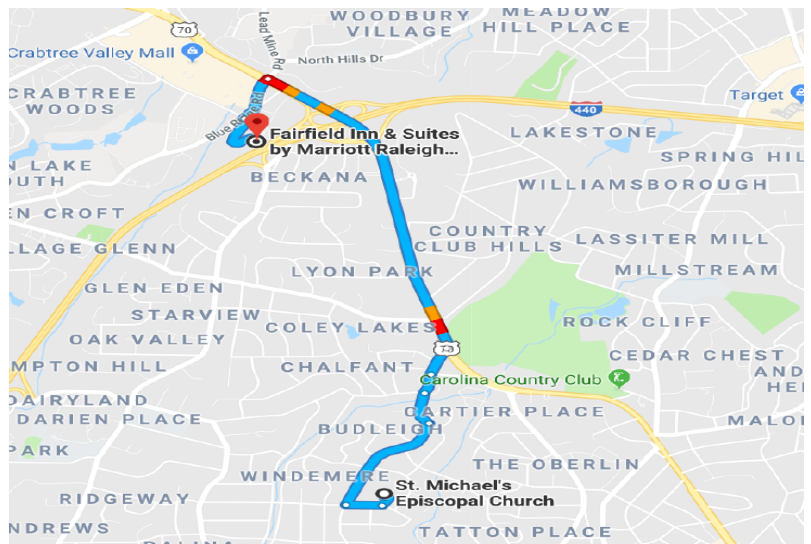
1. Head East toward Lewis Farm Rd.
2. Turn right onto Lewis Farm Rd.
3. Turn right onto Canterbury Rd.
4. Turn left onto Cambridge Rd.
5. Continue onto Lake Boone Trail
6. Continue onto Edenburgh Rd.

Continue on Glenwood Ave to Meredith

7. Turn left onto Glenwood Ave
8. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Blue Ridge Rd.

Follow Summit Park Lane to your destination

9. Turn left after McDonald's (on the right)
10. Turn right.



Directions: From St Michael's Church, 1520 Canterbury Road Raleigh to Fairfield Inn Hotel Crabtree

1. Right out of parking lot
2. Left onto Banbury Road.
3. Take 2nd left onto Brooks Avenue
4. Turn right onto Lake Boone Trail .
5. Turn left to stay on Lake Boone Trail.
6. Stay straight when Lake Boone Trail turns into Edenburgh Road
7. Left onto Glenwood Avenue
8. Left onto Blue Ridge Road (at the light), stay in left-most lane near median
9. Left onto Summit Park Lane
10. The hotel is on the right



ECW DISTINGUISHED WOMAN-ALICE FREEMAN

Distinguished Woman recognition is given at every ECW Triennial Meeting. Every diocese is encouraged to select one woman for this honor whose Christian principles are lived out in both her secular and sacred communities The Distinguished Women for the 2015-2018 triennium was recognized at a luncheon in July 2018 in conjunction with the General Convention in Austin, Texas. In addition, each Distinguished Woman had a brief bio and picture included in the Distinguished Woman booklet.

Alice utilizes every available “pulpit” in using her gifts and skills for the furtherance of God's Kingdom. She has been a deputy five times to General Convention and served on many boards and committees including: diocesan council; co-chair; outreach, and social justice; nominating and the transition committees for bishop diocesan to succeed the Rev. Michael Curry; and the education sub-committee. She has served as vestry clerk, lay reader, senior warden, ECW parish president and UTO diocesan coordinator. Alice also has had extensive experience with local community affairs and on boards: Wilson Community College; the Friendship Force International (Cultural Exchange Program); the United Way of Wilson County for 30 years; and the Wilson County Board of Education. She received a certificate as Volunteer of the Year for the United States-presented by the former President Jimmy Carter; She retired as an assistant city manager and public school teacher. We honor Alice for outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in addressing issues, and raising the consciousness of her church family, her community, and the Diocese of North Carolina.



Symbol of ECW Distinguished Woman

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 **current** 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, Kathy MacLeod, has mailed statements to current pledging churches. Contact her at treasurer@ecw-nc.org or 919-787-7012 if you didn’t receive your statement or have questions about it.

Communication with churches will be via electronic format. Requests for printed statements and/or documents will be available for \$10.00 per year, beginning Thursday, January 31, 2019.



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Diocese of North Carolina www.ecw-nc.org

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The Winston-Salem Convocation Spring Gathering was held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem. Theme: "ECW: Responding to the Needs of the Community Through Our Ministries". In attendance were women representing (two of the nine churches in the Convocation, St. Timothy's and St. Stephen's as well as Diocesan President, Mary Gordon. Trinity sent a written report. St. Paul's did not attend due to the death of the ECW President's mother).

After greetings and coffee, the Gathering began with Morning Devotions led by Valeria Dove, Devotions Chairperson at St. Stephen's. "This Little Light of Mine" was sung. Candles were lit symbolizing shining lights.

SHARING.

Diocesan President Mary Gordon, shared information on the myriad of ways by which the Episcopal Church Women let their lights shine through their ministries. She also talked about the upcoming 2018 Triennial Meeting and the NC-ECW Annual Meeting - November 2-3, 2018.

Beth Morphis represented the ECW of **St. Timothy's**. She shared their ministry of Housing the Women's Overflow Shelter in the winter months through the City Without Dwellings Program as well as other outreach programs.

Trinity- Mount Airy sent a report sharing their ministry of the Medical Supply Closet (loaning equipment). It is highlighted in the Spring edition of the Diocesan 'Disciple' and other programs.

Patrice Toney of St. Stephen's shared their annual ministry of Outreach to the Senior/Grandparents in the community-Food, Fun and Fellowship and other programs.

BUSINESS SESSION

The bank account balance is \$182.55. Churches were asked to donate to the convocation.

We will continue to reach out to the women of churches not represented, and keep the branches informed.



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919-698-0419 | durham@ecw-nc.org

Episcopal Church Women- Diocese of North Carolina Durham Convocation Spring Gathering 2018

The Durham Convocation Spring meeting was held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at St Luke's Episcopal Church in Durham. There were 8 women in attendance representing: St Luke's, St Philips, St Bartholomew, St Cyprians, St Titus' and Mary Gordon, ECW Diocesan President.

Our morning started with a continental breakfast, followed by Welcome by Robyn Furges and introductions by attendees. We moved into the newly remodeled sanctuary and Barbara Longmire, ECW President-elect and UTO coordinator, led the ladies in Morning Prayer.

News from the Diocese- Mary Gordon gave a presentation to the group highlighting all of the work the ladies of the diocese perform under the umbrella of ECW. We received an in-depth review of the Epiphany Offering, Lex Matthews Scholarship, and Church Periodical Club. The Annual Meeting will take place November 2-3, 2018. Our theme will be "Navigating the Chaos with Grace". Our spiritual leader for the weekend will be The Rev Dr. Jane Tomaine. Mary Gordon is still working on the location for the meeting. Also, she will represent the women of the diocese at the Province IV Annual Retreat at the Kanuga Conference Center June 4-6.

Treasurer's Report- Carolyn Townsend, the convocation treasurer gave a financial report. Convocation pledges/dues are needed. The amount of the donation is at the discretion of the individual groups. A pledge is required to seat a delegate at the annual meeting. Each pledging church can send up to five delegates. Each pledging church was asked to send a pledge of \$50 or more.

Communication Report- Mary Hawkins, the Communication Coordinator advised the group of the importance of securing and maintaining an email roster of all the ladies in our churches. Please send any articles about the various activities and ministries served by the ECW to Mary Hawkins in order to share in the ECW Works Newsletter.

After lunch and a time of fellowship each church representative shared the date of their next meeting and gave a report from their church.

Our meeting was adjourned after praying together the Episcopal Church Women's Prayer.



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Diocese of North Carolina Receives UTO Grant



The Diocese of North Carolina (All Saints Episcopal Church, Concord) was awarded \$31,681 for their proposal titled, “Training for Racial Justice and Reconciliation.” The granting process focus for 2018 was “*Becoming Beloved Community: Racial Healing, Reconciliation*”.

The national UTO Board received almost \$2.8 million in requests in 2018. Thirty-four (34) grants were ultimately awarded, which utilizes the remainder of the 2017 Ingathering funds, or \$1,257,778.17.

Information on the focus of the 2019 awards and the UTO grant submission process information is expected to be available December 1, 2018.

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. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Each year UTO provides competitive grant awards to applicants with the church. As a result of your generosity and expressed gratitude \$1,283,216.21 was collected during the 2017 Ingathering. Of this, \$25,438.04 funded the 2018 Young Adult and Seminarian Grants (www.episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/2018_uto_young_adult_and_seminarian_grants/), and the remainder of the funds were awarded through a competitive grant application process to individual projects. .

Thank you to all who, through a personal spiritual discipline of gratitude, contributed to the United Thank Offering 2017 Ingathering. With your help we hope to raise additional funds for the coming year. Remember that every penny given to the United Thank Offering goes toward supporting mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church. Since UTO’s official founding in 1889, UTO has awarded 5,257 grants for a total of \$137,094,170.52.

Barbara Longmire, United Thank Offering Coordinator Episcopal Diocese of NC
(uto@ecw-nc.org)

FOUNDATION BUILDS UP THE STATUS OF WOMEN, GIRLS

One of the best kept secrets of the Episcopal Church is the Episcopal Women's Foundation. It was begun by three women visionaries who recognized the need to raise and distribute funds for women and girls, independent of the national church. With the blessing of the Women in Mission and Ministry office, an executive director, Nancy Grandfield, and a small board was established to write the foundation's guidelines and policy for distribution of money.

The EWF is a non-profit, tax-exempt entity that has funded programs that improve the economic, social, cultural or political status of women and girls, exclusive of denomination, race or income.

Money has been granted to Appalachian Women Empowered, the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, IPUPENG Elderly Women's project in South Africa, NOVA Bosnian Victims Project, and to fund a Philippine woman of the Peace Tarin and NGO conference in Beijing.

Most recently the Foundation gave \$2,000 to fund Women of Vision training in Kenya, and \$1,000 for leadership and skills training for women in the Sudan.

Grant requests are administered by the board, which seeks contributions from individuals and organizations. Contributions are the sole means by which the Foundation builds its resources.

Brochures and offering envelopes can be obtained by writing to WIMM Office, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

from *Communiqué*, quarterly magazine for Episcopal Church Women

U T O N E W S



Snow Roberts with Mrs. Libby Roberts and the alms basin at St. Philip's

Mrs. Libby's Special Alms Basin

by Sandy Murray

In the mid 1950s, Mrs. Libby Roberts of Saint Philip's, Durham, learned of a great idea that she subsequently spearheaded for the United Thank Offering here in North Carolina. She asked ECW members from throughout the Diocese to contribute silver and gold items to be melted down and re-formed into a beautiful UTO alms basin. The idea quickly caught fire as silver pieces and even gold wedding bands poured in, later to be crafted in England into the beautiful alms basin which was dedicated by Bishop Penick at the ECW annual meeting on April 20, 1955.

At the May 16, 1999 St. Philip's Spring UTO Ingathering, this same alms basin was brought forward by Mrs. Libby Roberts' beloved granddaughter, Snow Roberts, while Mrs. Roberts, surrounded by three generations of her family, proudly looked on.

As Rector Scott Benhase commented in announcing the special offering, "We are happy to have this beautiful alms basin today, but we are especially happy that we still have Mrs. Libby here with us." Mrs. Libby Roberts, now 95 years "young" and St. Philip's oldest active communicant, has been a St. Philip's parishioner since 1937.

An additional blessing that can be attributed to Mrs. Libby Roberts and the special alms basin is that the St. Philip's Spring 1999 UTO offering totaled twice its recent average.

The alms basin can be reserved in advance by any parish in the Diocese by contacting Gertrude Murchison, our Diocesan UTO coordinator, 336.767.4635.



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Episcopal Church Women- Diocese of North Carolina Missions Report 2018

The Missions Committee of the Episcopal Church Women Diocese of North Carolina is responsible for recommending programs where the Christmas Mission Offering and the Epiphany Offering are donated. Your generous support of these two offerings enables us to help demonstrate Jesus' love.

The Christmas Mission Offering is used for programs inside and outside of the diocese benefiting children. The 2018 offering was donated to the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry for educational outings and workshops for the children and their families.

The Epiphany Offering is used for programs benefiting the work of missions inside or outside of the diocese. The 2018 offering was donated to the Episcopal Relief and Development Agency which provided critical emergency assistance to areas affected by devastating hurricanes and fires.

I have included a recap of activities from Juan Carabana, Programs and Outreach Coordinator of the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry. The money did indeed provide the means for enrichment of both children and accompanying adults. Also included is a summary from the website of the Episcopal Relief and Development Agency to explain how our funds were used to provide the best aid possible to those affected by the unusual number of fires and hurricanes.

CHRISTMAS MISSION OFFERING:

Juan Carabana
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Here are the activities that we organized during the summer with the children of the farmworkers.

We had a visit to the Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh to which we brought 39 children + teenagers and 11 chaperones/some parents. This was a wonderful trip of discovery and amazement. Some of the children never had been to a museum. Three of them never had been on an escalator before! And that was a great heartwarming moment. Please check our [Facebook page](#) for the whole photographic report + comments.

We had a tour/visit at the Sonoco Recycling Center in Raleigh. We brought 13 children + teenagers and 3 adults.

We are planning on going in October to the Raven Rock State Park for a geological-themed hiking trip (the park provides geological documentation that explain how the gorge/river and park were formed over time). We did a similar trip two years ago, and it was also a blast. In that occasion some parents came along with their children and they had some great experiences to share. I'll have some pictures for you after the trip!

Thank you so much to you and to ECW for this opportunity. These outings with the families are beneficial at so many levels. One is the exposure of these children to new environments, that always opens the mind to new questions and possibilities for them. Another is that the families are responding in trusting us with their children and “let the children to be exposed to new environments alone”, this is a huge improvement from before in which the children couldn’t go anywhere without the parents. I believe that this is a big improvement towards the children’s future independence.

The expenses have been mostly food (breakfast, snacks and lunches), but also the tickets to a special exhibit “The Brain”, and some gas for transportation. We are stretching the money, I think we will be able to have one and maybe two “Science afternoons” at the ministry in the fall.

We appreciate greatly ECW’s assistance with the farmworker children programs. Without your help it wouldn’t have been possible at all.

I hope that the pictures reflect what you tried to accomplish when you include us on your prayers. You are definitely in ours
God Bless, Juan

EPIPHANY OFFERING:

Helping in Time of Disaster

It’s essential to wait for the people who have been directly affected by the disaster to take the lead in indicating what they need and when they need it.

Understanding the phases of a disaster can be very helpful in determining how you can help. Most disasters have three distinct, if sometimes overlapping phases: Rescue, Relief and Recovery. Preparedness should be ongoing.

Phase 1 - Rescue

The Rescue phase is focused on saving lives and securing property and is most acute in those parts of a region that, for example, are directly flooded or destroyed by fires. This work is generally done by the police, fire departments and other government agencies. These groups have equipment that can clear roads and debris, as well as large specialized operations with mass distribution systems and strategically positioned warehouses. The Rescue phase can take one to two weeks, sometimes longer.

Phase 2 - Relief

The next phase is the Relief phase, when the focus turns to creating short-term safe and sanitary conditions. The local church is often one of the first places people go to seek assistance and shelter during this phase. Depending on the scale of the disaster, the diocese(s) and their ministries are reaching out to those in need of assistance and assessing what needs to be done. They are then coordinating with any number of organizations, such as [Episcopal Relief & Development](#), and securing the resources for the long-term Recovery phase. The Relief phase typically lasts a few months. In disasters that cause severe damage to homes and other infrastructure, communities might need financial sup-

port or volunteers to assist in rebuilding, but sometimes not right away. Again, the best approach is to wait until those affected have indicated what kind of support is most needed and whether they are ready to house and utilize volunteers. Inserting ourselves at the appropriate time alleviates additional stress and complications that can actually make things worse.

Phase 3 - Recovery

Eventually, we get to the third and final phase: Recovery. During recovery the emphasis shifts to restoring services, repairing houses and buildings, returning individuals to self-sufficiency and rebuilding communities. The challenge of the Recovery phase is that most of the television cameras have moved on, but the human suffering has grown. It is a chronic state, not a crisis. However, it is the phase that the Church excels in, because we are part of the communities that have been impacted, can best identify needs and work with the community to address them. Effective response requires us to discern what is most helpful and appropriate at any given time, and to continue to hold those directly impacted in our hearts throughout their recovery, long after the images fade.

Donate Money:

Episcopal Relief & Development makes helping in time of disaster easy – we work with impacted dioceses, congregations and communities to assess what’s needed and when, in order to best support the most vulnerable people impacted by disasters.



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LEX MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT-2018

Scholarship Recipients

Name	Church	Location
Brittany Bowron	St. Martin's Episcopal Church	Charlotte
Salea Dennis	St. Stephen's Episcopal Church	Winston-Salem
Pamela Haynes	St. Stephen's Episcopal Church	Winston-Salem
Kate Hindin	St. Martin's Episcopal Church	Charlotte
Caty Kendall	St. Philip's Episcopal Church	Durham
Anne Miller	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Louisburg
Shelia Odhiambo	St. Augustine University Chapel	Raleigh
Lillian Richards	St. Martin's Episcopal Church	Charlotte
Corrine Surratt	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Durham
Yeimy Tobar	St. Barnabas Episcopal Church	Greensboro

Overview

Eleven applications were received this year. One applicant withdrew her application. Each scholarship recipient was awarded between \$900.00 and \$1,900.00. A total of \$13,900 was awarded this year.

Moving Forward

1. Increase information being distributed about the scholarship. Include sending information to the
2. Offices of Financial Assistance for the North Carolina Community Colleges.
3. Send out electronic information in the fall which will talk about the process and timeline.
4. Determine other avenues for marketing the scholarship to increase applicant pool.
5. Be sure the web site is updated in all areas and include current dates, application, etc
6. Streamline the process and consider electronic applications and emailed letters of recommendation.

Miscellaneous Committee Information

Contributions have been received for the Lex Mathews Scholarship Fund from several ECWs. Thank you letters are sent to the contact person or the church.



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Mindy Bliss (Asheville)

Since 2001, I have been working in the field of Higher Education. This has given me the opportunity to work with students from all over the world and assisted me in gaining a better understanding of the world in which we live. My goal is to provide students the resources they need to help them realize their potential and take steps to achieve their goals. My interest in participating with this committee is to learn more about students and their needs.

Megan Delph (Greensboro)

I develop and teach courses around Life Design. In the end I help students (and at times faculty and staff) find their purpose in college and in life. I am constantly trying to find ways to volunteer my time within the community to better the world around me. I believe in servant leadership and I know my place on this earth is to give. I would love to give to others through love, time, and any guidance that is asked of me.

Nan Fiebig (Fayetteville)

I've been in Higher Education for nearly 15 years, both on the Advancement and Development side of the house and in Residence Life for nearly 9 years. I am a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Fayetteville and serve as a Deanery Representative for the Upper Cape Fear Deanery of the Diocese of East Carolina. I love to see young women succeed and support any way of breaking down barriers, including scholarships that may help students afford school.

Ann Kent (Tarboro)

I have been married for 41 years and have 4 children. I attended East Carolina University and have a BS in Education with concentrations in English Language Arts and Science. I also have a K-12 Reading Certificate; I have a MA ED and a CAS in Reading Education with concentrations in Learning Disabilities. I taught for 34 years at Edgecombe Community College where my last job was Chair of Transitional Studies. I have been on the Edgecombe County Board of Education for 6 terms.

Maggie Simon (Raleigh)

I am an assistant professor of English at North Carolina State University where I teach and research sixteenth- and seventeenth-century English literature and culture, and the contemporary graphic novel. I also direct the English Department Honors Program. I enjoy sharing research and teaching with the public and have worked with North Carolina elementary schools through the NC State Humanities Extension Program. I earned my doctorate in English Language and Literature from the University of Virginia. In addition to serving on the Lex Mathews Scholarship Committee, I recently led a series of discussions about the history of the Book of Common Prayer for an adult formation class. I've assisted with Children's Chapel and the EpiscoPals group.

Chris Ziemba-Tolbert (Gaston County)

For the last several years I have been working at a North Carolina community college as an instructor for a course that emphasizes the transfer process from the community college to the four-year institutions, as well as other community colleges for specific programs and trainings. Working at the community college level has given me the privilege to work with many non-traditional aged students (those 23 and older) in providing support, encouragement, and guidance on furthering their education and options.

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2018 TRIENNIAL PHOTO GALLERY



See insert : A Delegate's Report submitted by Elnora Gore

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Each Delegate is presented a Triennial Meeting Cross, usually blessed and distributed by the Presiding Bishop.

***Goodbye
Austin!***



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