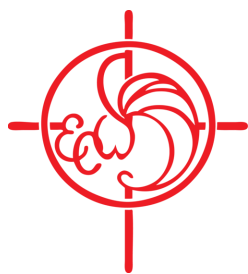


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2019 Annual Meeting Edition

137th Annual Meeting Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of North Carolina



Traveling the Way of Love: Responding to Human Needs through Loving Service

Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3, 2019
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1737 Hillandale Rd., Durham NC 27705



What is the Way of Love?

It has been described as a tool for understanding the different parts of Christian life and its simplicity enables one to recognize and take those steps in one's own life. Traveling the way of love is about practices for a Jesus-Centered Life for understanding and living the different parts of a Christian life.

About the speaker:

Kendall Vanderslice explores the practice of eating together as Christian worship from her book **"We Will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship and the Community of God."**

The gospel story is filled with meals. It opens in a garden and ends in a feast. Records of the early church suggest that believers met for worship primarily through eating meals. Over time, though, churches have lost focus on the centrality of food-- and with it a powerful tool for unifying Christ's diverse body.

But today a new movement is under way, bringing Christians of every denomination, age, race, and sexual orientation together around dinner tables. Men and women nervous about stepping through church doors are finding God in new ways as they eat together. Kendall Vanderslice shares stories of churches worshiping around the table, introducing readers to the rising contemporary dinner-church movement. *We Will Feast* provides vision and inspiration to readers longing to experience community in a real, physical way

Kendall Vanderslice is a baker and writer on the intersection of food and faith. She is a graduate of Wheaton College (BA Anthropology), Boston University (MLA Gastronomy), and Duke Divinity School (Master of Theological Studies).

Proposed Agenda

137TH ANNUAL MEETING EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN - DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

November 1 and 2, 2019

Hosted by the women of the Durham Convocation

Traveling the Way of Love: Responding to Human Needs through Loving Service

All events, including the service of Holy Eucharist, will be held at
St Luke's Episcopal Church, 1737 Hillandale Rd, Durham, NC 27705 (919) 286-2273

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- Noon-1:00 pm: Registration check-in, exhibits and bookstore open, pre-ordered lunches available
- 1:00-2:00 pm: Call to Order, and President's welcome
- 2:00-2:15 pm: Break - exhibits and bookstore open
- 2:15-3:00 pm: Business Session One
- 3:00-3:30 pm: Business Session Two
- 3:30-4:15 pm: Convocation Sharing Time
- 4:15-4:30 pm: Break - move to the main sanctuary for Holy Eucharist
- 5:00-6:00 pm: Holy Eucharist
- 6:10-7:20 pm: Dinner - St. Luke's Parish Hall – **reservations required**
- 7:30 pm: 8pm Special Music

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Check out of hotel before returning to St. Luke's Parish Hall for Morning Devotions

- 8:15-8:45 am: Complimentary continental breakfast at St. Luke's Parish Hall for commuters (**RSVP required**)
- 9:00-9:20 am: Morning Devotions
- 9:20-9:30 am: Welcome and introduction of speaker
- 9:30-10:15 am: Kendall Vanderslice: "A Theology of Bread"
- 10:15-10:30 am: Break - exhibits and bookstore open
- 10:30-11:00 am: Kendall Vanderslice
- 11:00-11:15 am: Break - exhibits and bookstore open-Final Opportunity
- 11:15-11:45 am: Kendall Vanderslice
- 11:45-12:00 N: Closing: Noonday Prayer and dismissal led by ECW President Barbara Longmire



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A Message from the President

Hello, all.

Hello, all. My name is Barbara Longmire, and I was elected President of ECW at the 2018 ECW Annual Meeting. Terms for ECW Presidents are 3 years. Prior to my election as President, and continuing until recently, I was the ECW UTO Coordinator for our Diocese. I would like to give you a little bit of additional background about me before addressing my goals for the coming year. I am a North Carolina native, and grew up in Raleigh, NC. My early religious formation was in a Protestant church, except for the 1st grade when I attended an Episcopal School in Raleigh. Much later I joined the Episcopal Church (1978), right on the cusp of the change from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer to the 1979 BCP. I never looked back, and I love our church and our traditions. I am married and have 6 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren. Unfortunately for us, they all live out of state. I have been a communicant at St. Luke's in Durham for 12 years, and have served in a variety of roles, including being an EfM Mentor for the past 9 years.

I've thought quite a bit about what I hope that we, the Episcopal Church Women ("ECW") organization in our diocese, might strive for and achieve during these next few years. What we now know as "ECW" at the national level was founded in 1871 when the General Convention authorized the Board of Missions to organize "The "Women's Auxiliary". The name change to "Episcopal Church Women, Episcopal Church, U.S.A." did not occur until the Triennial Meeting in 1985. During all these years we've had a long, interesting, and impactful history throughout the reaches of the Episcopal Church, as well as in our own Diocese of NC. As an aside, be sure to make time to peruse the history display by Lynn Hoke, our Diocesan Archivist. Just stop and think of all the changes, everywhere and in nearly everything over these past 148 or so years. How would you explain electronic communication, or .jpeg, or a ZOOM meeting, to those early women? They only knew physical gatherings, where they were able to physically look their sisters in the eye, literally hug a sister who was grieving, or hold hands when praying. However, one thing has not changed over these many years, and that is our ongoing commitment to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, and to enable and empower others to do the same.

Some of the terms, axioms, and wording may have changed since our beginnings in 1871, but ECW's core purpose remains "... to empower the women of The Episcopal Church to carry out Christ's work throughout the world". In the upcoming months I would like us to think about how we might "empower" others. Let's look deeper into what it might look like if we, each in our own way, "Provide opportunities and tools to grow relationships with God and others through spirituality, prayer, and worship" (see "About Us/Living the Ministry" at <https://www.ecwnational.org/about>). Let's keep an eye to the future. Look again at the rich history of service left by those who came before us. What legacy do we want to leave for those who follow us? In 2016, Lisa Towle, our former ECW diocesan President, and former ECW National President, spoke at the Program Center at DaySpring Episcopal Center in Southwest Florida. She was quoted as saying, "Our elders laid too sure a foundation, they worked too hard, they lifted us up in the face of a lot of negativity and at great personal expense. And the anger they faced down from the church that they loved. Every single person in this room is too valuable to lose." Lisa's suggestion: "The solution is for ECW women to move over a bit, but not to leave the table. For instance, a meeting might be held at Starbucks, and the meeting should end in time for moms to be able to pick up children in the carpool line...Make room at the table for the new to come over and sit down to talk to us," said Towle. "You are in it. You will always be in it."

I hope to see each of you in the months ahead, and do not hesitate to contact me at any time. God's Peace to each of you.

Barbara Longmire
ECW President, Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7



Traveling the Way of Love: Sarah Hunter's Loving Service for Saint Agnes' Hospital

By Lynn Hoke, Archivist, the Diocese of North Carolina

Today we might call them an Episcopal Church *power couple* – Sarah Lothrop Hunter and the Rev. Aaron Burtis Hunter. These two were married in January 1888 in New York, then moved almost immediately to Raleigh. They made their home on the campus of Saint Augustine's Normal School and Collegiate Institute, now called Saint Augustine's University, on Oakwood Avenue. Here Dr. Hunter served first as Vice-Principal and instructor in theology, then as Principal from 1891 to 1916. His own story is remarkable – but this year's ECW history focus will feature Sarah, the Woman's Auxiliary and Saint Agnes' Hospital.

"Mrs. Hunter" first appeared in the 1891 Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary annual report as a representative for Saint Augustine's School. By the next year an Auxiliary branch had been organized among the pupils, and by 1894 "Mrs. A. B. Hunter" was Directress of the school's Girls Friendly Guild. The Woman's Auxiliary became and remained a major part of Sarah's story.

When she noted a great need for hospital facilities "for Negroes in the Raleigh area," Sarah determined to do something about it. The Hunters traveled together to the 1895 General Convention

meeting in Minneapolis, where Sarah addressed the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. She first described the urgency of the need, then made her first plea for funds to support a hospital on the Saint Augustine's campus. The result was two gifts, one from the Woman's Auxiliary in the sum of \$500.00. "The other was in the amount of \$600.00 from a Mr. I. L. Collins of Orange, California, in memory of his wife, Agnes Collins. Thus arose the oft repeated statement that "Saint Agnes Hospital was founded with faith, love and \$1100.00."*

The former home of the school's past president served as the hospital's first building. A Training School for Nurses was always part of the plan and the first class of two nurses graduated in April 1898. Many of the staff nurses and physicians, including Dr. Catherine P. Hayden Hospital., Dr. Jeanne A. Duncan and Dr. Mary V. Glenton, were funded over the years by the United Offering, known after 1920 as the United Thank Offering. In 1928 the National Woman's Auxiliary provided a \$30,000.00 gift for a new Nurses Home. Over the years, many individuals and Auxiliary branches, both in North Carolina and elsewhere, help fund the building, re-building and operations of Saint Agnes'



Saint Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh (row of three smaller windows probably the Chapel)

Dr. Hunter reported about "Mrs. Hunter" to the School in 1909: "The care of her household, which includes three of the teachers and often other visitors, would be enough for an ordinary woman; but in addition to that, she has the superintendency and entire financial responsibility of Saint Agnes' Hospital and Training School for Nurses and she is my bookkeeper for the school, keeping at least 200 accounts of mine, and many more of her own. She has charge of all the missionary boxes and missionary store and the correspondence connected with them. She is in charge of the Sunday School, of the mothers' meeting, gives occasional counsel in working and sewing departments, and is resorted to generally by everybody who has any questions to be answered or difficulty to be solved."* Loving service, indeed!

For more of the Sarah Hunter/Saint Agnes' story – with an update on the future of the former hospital's historic site – you are invited to stop by the Annual Meeting exhibit area.

*Both quotes from W. Montague Cobb, M.D., "Saint Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh North Carolina, 1896-1961," *Journal of the National Medical Association* 53 (September 1961), 441; 446.

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Hotel reservations must be made by Saturday, October 5, 2019 to get the ECW group rate

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

Name _____	Phone _____
Street Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Mission/Parish _____	
E-mail Address _____	
Convocation _____	
<p>YOUR STATUS (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE): Each church that has made a donation or paid a pledge to the Diocesan ECW operating budget in 2019 may have up to five voting delegates 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 the church and be entitled to voting delegate status. Visitors are welcome as non-voting attendees.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan ECW Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor <input type="checkbox"/> Past Diocesan ECW President </p>	

Registration Fee Schedule- all fees are per person		
One day Registration	\$15 per person per day postmarked by Friday, October 19	Amount enclosed
Two day Registration	\$25 per person postmarked by Friday, October 19	Amount enclosed
Late Registration	\$30 per person after Friday, October 19	Amount enclosed
Visitor Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Day \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> 2-days \$25	Amount enclosed
Meal Reservations: Not available after Friday, October 19 * No refunds for meals after October 19. All meals must be pre-purchased.		
Friday Box Lunch	\$10.00 per person	Amount enclosed
Friday Buffet Dinner	\$26.00 per person	Amount enclosed
Saturday Breakfast	St. Luke's Complimentary Continental Breakfast Please check	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
CHECK MEAL SELECTIONS BELOW:		Total Enclosed

Friday Box Lunch \$10.00 per person (select one sandwich): (Bottled water, tea and lemonade will be provided.)

- Braised Turkey Sandwich:** chopped bacon mayonnaise, dried cranberries, cheddar cheese, leaf lettuce, and sliced tomato on wheat.
- Ham Sandwich:** Chopped bacon mayonnaise, dried cranberries, swiss, leaf lettuce and sliced tomato on white bread
- Vegetarian Sandwich** Sliced English cucumbers and tomato with balsamic reduction, Micro Greens-sunflower and pea shoots, and French onion spread on your choice of white or wheat Farmhouse bread.

Each lunch will include a bag of chips and cookie.

Friday Buffet Dinner \$26.00 per person: Entree (select one) (Wine will not be available at dinner)

- Herb Roasted Boneless Chicken Breast seasoned in an herb blend
 - Baked Fish in homemade mushroom gravy
 - Vegetarian Stir-Fry-Assortment of mixed seasonal vegetables
- Entrees served with a variety of veggies-and assorted desserts (caterer's choice)-Water, tea and lemonade

Register and pay online at www.ecw-nc.org

Register by mail: Make check payable to **ECW- Diocese of NC and put Annual Meeting 2019** on the memo line.

Mail this registration form with check (**postmarked no later than Friday, October 19**) to

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Questions? Contact Barbara Longmire Phone-(919.308.1211) bwlongmire@mindspring.com



ECW Designates the Annual Meeting Eucharistic Offering to Support Sabbatical Project of Canon Lee

The 2019 ECW Annual Meeting Eucharistic Offering will be awarded to Canon Rhonda Mawhood Lee.

The offering will help support asylum seekers and those living on our Southern Borders via our Regional Diocesan Canon Rhonda Lee. This fall, she will be using part of her sabbatical to work with parishioners in the Diocese of the Rio Grande to provide aid, comfort, and support to asylum seekers and those living on the border.

Canon Lee grew up bilingual and bicultural (English and French) outside Montreal, Quebec. She has lived in North Carolina since 1992, except for a six-year sojourn in Louisville, Kentucky, where she was ordained.

Canon Lee holds a doctorate in U.S. history from Duke University. She is the author of occasional essays and two books: *Through With Kings and Armies: The Marriage of George and Jean Edwards* and, with Craig Werner, *Love and Happiness: Eros According to Dante, Shakespeare, Jane Austen, and The Reverend Al Green*. A student of non-violence married to a military historian, Canon Lee and her husband, Wayne E. Lee, never lack material for conversation.

"Working with my colleagues at the Diocese and being inspired by the people in the Rocky Mount, Durham and Raleigh Convocations has been a joy and privilege," said Deats. "I have learned much from our work together: the resilience of folks in transition, creative mission, the importance of a sense of humor and where to find a Sheetz within 10 miles of anywhere! I will hold in my heart the saints I have worked with as I continue to discern what surprises the Holy Spirit has in store for me."

Though she will be greatly missed as a member of the diocesan staff, Deats' work within the Diocese will continue. We all look forward to seeing what form that will take, and we know the Church will continue to benefit from her gifts wherever they go to work.

Deats' last day as regional canon is September 30.

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.

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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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.

Thank you to all who, through a personal spiritual discipline of gratitude, contribute to the United Thank Offering Ingathering. For 2018 the Diocese of NC contributions totaled 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.

UTO Alert For those of you who have a UTO Fall In gathering, try to choose a Sunday close to All Saint's Day for the offering. We would like to have the funds in to report at the Annual meeting by the first of November, although they can come in as late as December 13th to count for the year 2019. If you need envelopes, bulletin inserts, Blue Boxes, brochures or other helps, you can send for them at no cost other than postage. Go to:



<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering>, and there you will find a link to our store. You can also find a report on the 2019 grant recipients there. We plan to have information about the 2020 grant applications when we meet in November. Look for the UTO table when you come. Questions? Contact Dorothy Smith UTO Coordinator at drs88@nc.rr.com or call 919-489-5515

Thanks, Dorothy Smith UTO Coordinator

ABOUT THE UTO ALMS BASIN



Mrs. Libby's Special Alms Basin by Sandy Murray

In the mid 1950s, Mrs. Libby Roberts of St. 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 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.

The alms basin can be reserved in advance by any parish in the Diocese by contacting Dorothy Smith, UTO Coordinator drs88@nc.rr.com or call 919-489-5515.

From *ECW Patchwork*, Fall 1999

UTO Ingatherings

Spring 2018	10324.34
Fall 2018	15141.00
Spring 2019	14000.00
Total	39465.34



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Winston-Salem Convocation Report

The Winston-Salem Convocation Co-chairs have worked to connect with the churches that have active ECW Chapters. Where the church has no active ECW presence, the co-chairs have worked to form connections with individuals in those churches by way of telephone calls and emails. Limited success has been realized.

St. Stephen's ECW, of which the co-chairs are members, attended St. Paul's Annual ECW Bazaar. St. Stephen's ECW also served a meal to the homeless in St. Timothy's (Overflow Homeless Shelter for Females) 'Dwellings without Borders'.

Trinity Mount Airy, St. Paul's, St. Timothy's, and St. Stephen's Winston-Salem's ECW continue to make a difference in their communities through their In-Reach/Out Reach Ministries.

Our Goals for 2020 are to:

1. Gather for a Spring Convocation Session, Continue to support the Diocesan ECW and
2. Continue to reach out to individual women in the convocation where no active ECW group is formed.

Convocation Bank Balance-\$151.43.

Respectfully submitted:

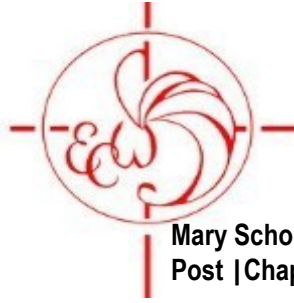
Elnora Gore and Gertrude Murchison, Winston-Salem Convocation Co-Chairs

Winston-Salem Convocation EWC Co-Chairs

St. Paul's & St. Stephen's
2018 Annual Meeting

St. Stephen's ECW serving the
homeless women at St. Timothy's

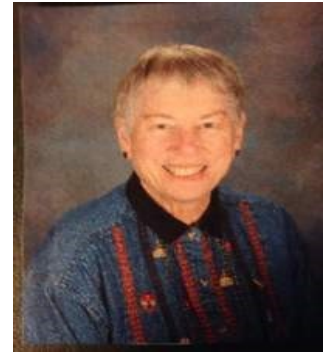




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Diocese of North Carolina Missions Report 2019

Recommendations for 2019 Mission Funds Awards

The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of North Carolina accepts offerings from churches to support two 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 2019, the Missions Committee recommends an award from this fund to:

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Twenty-five hospitals, schools, and centers for children with disabilities, are owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, and Israel. These institutions provide professional, compassionate care for children in need of medical, educational, and psychological support. They are powerful examples of Christian witness, serving children of all religions, ethnicities, and economic circumstances. Funds will provide much needed life-saving resources for the children of this Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

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2. **The Epiphany Fund** is a designated gift for missions, inside or outside the diocese. For 2019, the Missions Committee recommends and award to:

St. Augustine University Student Financial Assistance

This program is designed to support outstanding Episcopalian/Anglican students from outside the U.S. who have been given full scholarships from St. Augustine University in Raleigh, N.C., to cover their costs of tuition, room, and board. But, these students are still in need of financial aid to cover additional costs such as for taxes or health care coverage. The Epiphany Fund gift would help allay these costs.

The amount of the awards will depend upon the offerings collected by the end of year 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Scholle, Missions Coordinator
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LEX MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT-2019

2019 Scholarship Recipients

<i>Name</i>	<i>Area of Study</i>	<i>Church</i>
Caty Kendall	Yoga for Cancer Training	Durham-St. Philip's
Anne Miller	Japanese Certificate Program	Louisburg-St. Paul's
Shelia Odhiambo	Business Administration	Raleigh-St. Augustine's Chapel
Connie Surratt	Education	Durham-St. Luke's
Callie Fleece	Voice Education and Training	Winston-Salem-St. Timothy's
Caroline Stephenson	Certificate in Theology and Youth Ministry	Salisbury-St. Luke's
Gaye Dimmick	Spiritual Director Certificate	Charlotte-St. Martin's

Overview

Seven applications were received this year. Each scholarship recipient was awarded between \$1500.00 and \$2000.00. A total of \$12,400 was awarded this year.

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.

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

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Durham Convocation Spring Meeting-St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Oxford NC

June 29, 2019

Present: St. Cyprians, St. Luke's, St. Philips, St. Titus', and St. Bartholomew's.

- 9:30 Check in (Continental breakfast)
- 10:00 Morning Prayer held in the sanctuary
- 11:00 Updates from Barbara Longmire of St. Luke's Durham, ECW Diocesan President

The Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 1-2. Online registration will be available. The Diocesan ECW website is being restructured and will be up soon. Barbara remains UTO coordinator. A new UTO coordinator is needed for the responsibility. NAVAHO LAND contracts with UTO to provide the boxes, envelopes and other resources free of charge. Shipping costs are the responsibility of the group requesting resources. The Ingathering for UTO contributions may be a time appropriate for your parish for example once a year, twice a year, schedule around time of Ascension or other.

Convocation Treasurer's Report - Carolyn Townsend of St. Bartholomew's in Pittsboro. Current balance is \$152.24. One annual pledge has been received. Funds of the Convocation may be used to support requests for grants from parishes of Durham Convocation e.g. Drumming group from St. Cyprian's, Honorarium for Kidz Notes during the 2018 Diocesan Annual Meeting held in Durham. Other grants have been awarded to parishes for school support projects.

Motion by Carolyn Jokinen with second by Robyn Furges to ask a **Love Offering** today for funds to be added to the Durham Convocation treasury. \$66.00 was contributed. The Treasurer – Carolyn Townsend was directed to communicate with the parishes of the Durham Convocation regarding an annual pledge to the Durham Convocation. The amount of the annual giving is not specified but is expected to be contributed according to the resources of the parish ECW.

The pledge contribution is to be sent to Carolyn R. Townsend, Durham Convocation Treasurer, 36 Lockville

Street, Pittsboro NC, 27312
(email)
crtownsend@embarqmail.com).

The Durham Convocation Pledge is a pledge separate from the **Diocesan ECW Annual Pledge**. That pledge is sent to Kathy McLeod, ECW Diocesan Treasurer 508 Transylvania Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27609.



12:00 Speaker Kendall Vanderslice, author of *We Will Feast*. Kendall is a writer and baker who studies the intersection of food and theology. She holds an MLA in Gastronomy from Boston University and a Masters of Theological Studies from Duke Divinity School. She has written for Christianity Today, Christ and Pop Culture, Religion News Service, and Fathom. She lives in Durham, with Strudel, her big-eared beagle. Kendall discussed her new book "We will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship and the Community of God."

A paragraph from the book is shared here "Small independent dinner-church communities emerged all around the world. These communities do not focus on worship first and then eating together later; they understand the meal itself as worship. The early church practiced Eucharist, having a meal together." The Gospel is a *story of meals....* Jesus gives us a meal of bread and wine. He served this meal throughout his ministry, loaves and fishes, changing water into wine.

12:30 pm All enjoyed a tasty lunch prepared by the women of St. Cyprian's.

Following lunch parish ECW updates were shared. Highlights included those from St. Titus' ECW hosting a Tea for young people as a way to educate in etiquette. The women also developed a program of mentoring students throughout the year.

St. Luke's with an interest in including parishioners who live in the Croasdaile community held several ECW meetings in the community room. These meetings did not generate any further interest from the parishioners. In other news there will be a new ECW President at St. Luke's beginning in the fall.

St. Philips' ECW participated in a service project with Ronald McDonald House. Other activities included a tour of Stagville. The group has not entertained any fundraisers this year. There have been 11 funerals of parishioners this year.

St. Bartholomew's ECW began hosting a brunch between services on each first Sunday.

Beginning in September, Cyprian's – President Meredith Mills and ECW participate in hosting *Hero in our Culture* with the J. Chavis Historical Society and a multicultural festival held yearly. Funded in part by the NC Humanities Council. J. Chavis was a teacher and preacher before the civil war.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of ECW

Reported by Carolyn 'CR' Townsend Treasurer





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CHARLOTTE CONVOCATION REPORT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from the Charlotte Convocation of the Episcopal Church Women. It has been just over a year that I have actively served the Women as Convocation Chair. The first Convocation meeting was a successful one held in May of 2017. A summary of our group meeting focused on what we would like to see happen and what was needed to make it happen. The consensus was for more personal communication through networking along with a deeper commitment to building bridges through better communication links. At the Board level, while committing to traditions is important, there should be no need to be fearful of change as our Church grows to meet the needs of a new generation of women living in very different communities. Over the past several years, we have lost many along the way. It is my goal to bring about a sense of renewed spirit and reactivation to the Episcopal Church Women Organization.

As Chair, during the summer months, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you as I made visitations to the parishes for a meet and greet. You also met my colleague, Joanne Jenkins, who often traveled with me. We saw so many women actively involved. In a recent visit to Charlotte, at the invitation of Friendship Baptist Church, Presiding Bishop Curry spoke of his affirmation of the role of women in keeping the Church alive through their many ministries. I am mindful the Episcopal Church Women belongs to and is composed of ALL women no matter the name of their particular ministries. The Charlotte Convocation, one of seven, is quite large with 21 Churches in 9 cities within a radius of 35 miles. The city of Charlotte has the largest with 9 Parishes.

Presently only five have active ECW's with many more involved in other ministries. We are thankful to those ministries who continue to support ECW programs namely Lex Mathews, UTO, Church Periodical Club, Christmas and Epiphany Missions. Pledged amounts, depending on parish size, are designated for Administrative Board expenses. Please keep those pledges coming!

In closing, please Save the Dates: November 1 and 2, 2019 for our Fall Convocation Meeting. It is the same dates as the Annual Meeting that will now take place in Durham, the home parish of Board President Barbara Longmire. Why the disconnect? I had advocated to have the Annual Meeting in Charlotte. I had noticed the absence of parishes in the Charlotte Convocation and upon investigation, the last meeting held in the Charlotte Convocation was 6 years ago with a prior one in the 90's. The Board voted in favor and I gladly made the decision to make this the best attended Annual Meeting ever. A team of representatives from Charlotte Convocation Parishes and I began planning and had in place, the meeting venue, the hotel, a suggested caterer, the featured speaker and Bishop Sam's confirmation to attend the All

Saints Eucharist on November 1st. An unfortunate turn of events ensued regarding misrepresentation of costs and the Board voted in favor of St. Luke's, Durham.

As the 2019 Annual Meeting Chairwoman, I made the decision to keep the meeting in the Charlotte Convocation because there was much disappointment and so much had been confirmed. Each and every gathering of our women, no matter where it happens, is a celebration of faith, hope, stewardship, renewal, and resilience. As we listen to each other, we receive strength for the journey, and we affirm what our sisters are doing where they are with what they have. In addition, featured speaker, Dr. Catherine Meeks of Atlanta, Georgia had confirmed flight and hotel arrangements. I also felt there was more to be gained through fairness to one, if not the largest, number of women of all the seven Convocations. I can now confirm the Charlotte Convocation Activities, involving the All Saints Eucharist and Meeting, will take place at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1510 East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC. The All Saints Eucharist will take place there on Friday, November 1 with the presence of Bishop Sam officiating. Dr. Meeks will be the featured speaker for the Convocation meeting following breakfast on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Further details will be forthcoming.

This past year, Presiding Bishop Curry has urged people of faith to follow The Way of Love, fostering a community of people who follow Jesus by forming loving, liberating and life-giving relationships with God, their neighbors, and the environment. Dr. Meeks will speak to this theme. She is the retired Clara Carter Acree Distinguished Professor of Cultural Studies at Wesleyan College and the Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, Georgia. As an author, community wellness activist and midwife to the soul, Bishop Rodman suggested her book, *Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America*, for all Clergy. Her latest book, *Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet for Our Time* is expected on September 17, 2019. Signed copies of both will be available at the November Charlotte Convocation Meeting.

All for now! Please feel free to contact me at the email noted above.

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

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, 2019** in order to be read aloud at the Holy Eucharist on Friday, November 1, 2019.

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, 2019 to

Valeria Dove

2505 Bethabara Pointe Dr. Winston-Salem, NC 27106

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Please print

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.

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Lodging

**Hotel reservations must be made by Thursday, October 4, 2019
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 Comfort Inn and Suites. (See directions below.)



The rate is the same for a single or double room: **\$ 103.00 including taxes; free parking, and hot breakfast. There can be up to 4 persons per room for this rate.**

For phone reservations Call Comfort Inn Suites: 919-724-4566. Ask for the special rate for the Episcopal Church Women-Dioocese of North Carolina.

Although check-in begins at 3 pm, for your convenience you may check-in after dinner Friday, November 1.

**1816 Hillandale Road, Durham, NC
Phone: 919-724-4566**

Driving Directions to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. 1737 Hillandale Rd. Durham NC Phone 919.286.2273

Driving South on I-85: Take Exit 174-B.

At the top of the exit turn left. Cross over I-85. St. Luke's is then the first driveway on your right. Go around the church to your right. Parking is behind the church.

Driving North on I-85: Take Exit 174-B.

At the top of the exit turn right. Go around the church to your right. Parking is behind the church.

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AS WE CONTINUE TO PRAY the effects of Hurricane Dorian will be minimal throughout North Carolina, we also need to consider those devastated by the storm so far, especially our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas.

SPECIAL NEED

This particular storm also brings the need for relief even closer to home. More than 60 students at Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh, call the Bahamas home, and Hurricane Dorian has impacted their families in ways we cannot yet measure as news and updates from the islands are still hindered by spotty communication. We do know there has been horrific flooding along with destruction of both family homes and commercial buildings.

The Gamma Psi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at Saint Augustine's is working to raise funds specifically for the students' families affected by the storm. To contribute to this relief effort, donations can be made by check to (make checks payable to "Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Gamma Psi Chapter" and note "Hurricane Dorian Relief" in the memo line):

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Gamma Psi Chapter
c/o Lavar Stubbs
St. Augustine's University
1315 Oakwood Avenue
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Donations to the Bahamian families of Saint Augustine's students can also be made [online via the Diocese of North Carolina](#)