



138th Annual Meeting

Episcopal Church Women † Diocese of North Carolina

November 6, 2020 Online 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Living as a Christian in Times of Uncertainty: Sharpening Our Focus On Our Mission



About the Speaker

The Rev. Hershey Mallette Stephens is Dean of the Chapel and Spiritual Life at St. Augustine's University, Raleigh NC.

Most recently, Hershey has worked in the Presiding Bishop's Office of Evangelism, where she was Project Lead for the Beloved Community Storysharing Campaign. This work afforded her the joy and opportunity to hear stories of faith, grace, and discovery from Episcopalians of all ages and backgrounds from around the country. Hershey enjoys listening and learning from children and young people, and dreaming up new and fresh ways to tell the story of God in Christ



THE BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA

October 2, 2020

Dear Episcopal Church Women of North Carolina,

Welcome to your 138th Annual Convention!

I so look forward to being with you this year, if only virtually. Your ongoing commitment to Becoming Beloved Community is at the heart of the mission we share in the Diocese of North Carolina, and I am grateful for your legacy of leadership, and the ways you continue to place relationship at the center of our life together.

Your theme this year, *Living as a Christian in Times of Uncertainty: Sharpening our Focus on our Mission*, is a clear reminder of where we are called to turn our attention in these challenging times. The keynote speaker, the Rev. Hershey Mallette Stephens has a gift for interpreting God's call to us in our particular context and circumstances. Her message that evangelism and the five marks of mission are a touchstone and place to ground ourselves as we navigate this strange landscape is pastoral and missional at the same time. She is doing inspiring work as Chaplain at St. Augustine's University, and we are blessed to have her back here in North Carolina. On a personal note, Hershey was doing an Evangelism workshop in Massachusetts the very day I was elected your Bishop here in North Carolina, back in March of 2017. We are grateful to the many ways Hershey faithfully calls us to recognize the movement of the Holy Spirit among us, directing us to helpful and hopeful practices, as we continue to try and live as faithful disciples in our own day. Becoming Beloved Community and the five marks of mission go hand in hand.

You will all be in my prayers as you prepare for your annual meeting. Please know of my deep gratitude for your continuing witness in North Carolina, as women of faith who take seriously the call to follow Jesus and to lead the church. Blessings on your leadership and service, and see you on Nov. 6th!

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Samuel S. Rodman".

The Rt. Rev. Samuel S. Rodman
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Proposed Agenda

138TH ANNUAL MEETING EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

November 6, 2020

An Online Meeting for the Women of the Diocese of North Carolina

Friday, November 6 7-9pm

- 7:00 Call to Order- Mary Hawkins, Annual Meeting Coordinator
7:05 Bishop's Message- Bishop Rodman
7:15 Evening Prayer and Reading of Names from the Book of Remembrance
7:40 The Nuts and Bolts of ECW (Program Coordinator Reports)
8:00 Open Mic-Reimagining ECW "Joys and Challenges"-Mary Scholle, Moderator
8:20 "Living as a Christian in Times of Uncertainty: Sharpening our Focus on Our Mission."
The Rev. Hershey Mallette Stephens
9:00 Closing Prayer and Dismissal

The [Five Marks of Mission](#), developed by the Anglican Consultative Council and adopted by the General Convention in 2009, are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

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Evangelism

Leadership
Storytelling
Singing God's Word
Care for the Common Good

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Worship and Prayer

Bible Study
Youth Ministry
Confirmation

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Service

Food Banks
Clothing Ministry
Feeding Programs

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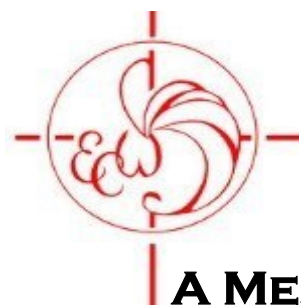
Fight Injustice

Justice and Peace
Anti-gun Movements
Human Trafficking Issues
Racial and Social
Justice Committees

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Repentance & Forgiveness

Peace Builders
Safe Drinking Water
Recycling
Protecting the Ecosystem
Community Gardens



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Hello, and **WELCOME** to the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) 2020 Annual Meeting in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. My name is Barbara Longmire, and I have been blessed to be your diocesan ECW President for the past two years. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join you this year because I have resigned as President of the diocesan ECW. I would like to give you an explanation.

The past 18 months or so have been extremely difficult for me. My husband was not well for some time, and in September, 2019, he had quadruple bypass surgery at Duke. His recovery has been slow, but steady. We live alone with none of our children in the area, but our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Durham have been a wonderful support; our 3-year old Irish Setter Kyla still makes us laugh. Just a few months after his surgery, my sister had a recurrence of the lymphoma she was diagnosed with 5 ½ years ago and survived, but this time the lymphoma is in her brain and liver. She lives in Apex with her daughter, who works full time in addition to caring for her own two children and now her mother. I therefore spend quite a bit of time on the phone with my sister and provide most of her transportation back and forth to Duke, as well as to various other appointments. She and I are the last of our generation, and I am certain that my current call is to offer my time to her, her daughter, and her grandchildren. I often reflect on the quote from Julian of Norwich's Revelations of Divine Love: "He said not "Thou shalt not be tempested, thou shalt not be travailed, thou shalt not be diseased"; but he said, 'Thou shalt not be overcome.'"

These past months have presented numerous challenges to all of us with the arrival of the corona virus. Never before this "pandemic" have I attended church on ZOOM, or even imagined that as a possibility. My father, a WWII vet, would occasionally use the phrase, "May you live in interesting times", as a caution or admonishment of sorts. I often think of those words, too. Their origin, the exact wording, and their meaning, remain ambiguous, so we are left somewhat to our own interpretation. In my mind there seems to be a bit of an either-or decision we must all make, but on a continuum. I believe we each have some degree of choice, and therefore pose the question: Where are you inclined to be on that positive/negative attitude continuum?

One option is to view our current "interesting times" to be one of opportunity rather than fear, love rather than hate, and peace rather than war. I believe that from our families to our communities, countries, and the wider world, the thoughts, voices, and actions of each of us are far more important than we realize, especially when we speak and act with love and kindness. A starting for each of us can be the ECW Women's prayer below.

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. – Amen.

Linger on the new website a bit. Look around and get a sense of who we are as Episcopal Church Women in our individual parishes, the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, Province 4, and further within the wider Episcopal Church. Follow the links, make suggestions, and do not hesitate to contact any of the ECW Board Members listed herein if you have questions. Come back often!

...and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

History Focus for 2020 ECW Annual Meeting

BISHOP TUTTLE MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL

by Lynn R. Hoke, Diocesan Archivist

What follows is a slightly revised version of my "story" about how our Diocesan ECW commemorated the Bishop Tuttle Training School in 2009. Built, furnished and funded primarily by members of the National Woman's Auxiliary and local branches, the Tuttle School was a national institution from 1925 to 1941 to train young black women for various positions in both social work and church work. Today, the durable 1925 school building remains as Tuttle Hall near the main campus entrance of Saint Augustine's University.

*If you would like to know more about the Tuttle School, I will gladly send you via e-mail a digitized copy of one or both of the following: (1) the 58-page commemorative booklet (cover photo right), with a wealth of vintage photographs and documentary information; or (2) the 16-page narrative history that I presented at the 2010 Tri-History Conference, which our diocese hosted for the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists, and the Episcopal Women's History Project.**



My research on the Tuttle School began in 2007, as part of a broader survey of the history of African American church women in this Diocese. For Dr. Pat Page, convener of the Southern Episcopal Women's History Project, it began several years earlier, when she was asked to conduct an oral history interview with one of the last Tuttle School graduates. For Dr. John Kayser, a professor at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work, it began a decade ago, while he was investigating his profession's history of segregation in education.

Unbeknownst to each other, Pat and John both interviewed Fannie Jeffrey at her home in Maryland, John in 2001, and Pat in 2003. Not only was Fannie Jeffrey one of the last Tuttle School graduates, she also had spent a year in New York City, at Windham House, the Tuttle School's sister institution set up originally for training white women church workers. After this training, Jeffrey was hired by the Woman's Auxiliary as the national Negro secretary. One of her first tasks in this new position was closing the Tuttle Training School in 1941.

Pat Page's interview was arranged by the African American Episcopal Historical Collection, a joint effort of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church and Virginia Theological Seminary. The Rev. Lawrence Harris, Rector of St. Barnabas' Church in Upper Marlboro, MD, suggested Fannie Jeffrey as one who had a story to tell. When asked to recommend someone to conduct this interview, Barbara Schnorrenberg, then President of the Episcopal Women's History Project, suggested Pat, who was herself a 1946 graduate of Windham House.

John Kayser first learned of the Tuttle School while researching the history of the University of North Carolina's School of Social Welfare in the files of the Rockefeller Foundation Archives. Further independent research led him to Fannie Jeffrey, who had lived in Denver before she enrolled at the Tuttle School, and who was, coincidentally, the aunt of a friend of a faculty colleague. After doing an informal interview in Denver, and before conducting the official oral history interview in Maryland, he discovered the Tuttle School collection at the Archives of the Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas. A review of these files enabled him to supplement Fannie's personal story for use in professional papers and conference presentations.

In August 2007, Pat and I visited the Saint Augustine's archives, where we found numerous Tuttle School articles in the bi-monthly *St. Augustine's Record*. A month later I made a research trip to Austin and spent three days reviewing a portion of the Tuttle School collection. With photocopies in hand, I was almost ready to do a short history. Then in October, I ran "yet one more" Internet search and up popped "Tuttle School" in the title of an academic paper John had presented in Canada. Through his university I made e-mail contact and learned that he had never visited the Tuttle School site on Saint Augustine's campus. He enthusiastically welcomed my still-vague proposal for participating in some kind of program, sometime in the future. By September 2008 we began planning in earnest, after learning that John would be taking a sabbatical in Spring 2009. He participated in our Commemoration, and also spent some days in both the Diocesan and Saint Augustine's College archives, thanks to a research grant from the Southern Episcopal Women's History Project.

*For Tuttle School history requests, please e-mail me before or after the ECW Annual Meeting: lynn.hoke@episdion.org



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The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church, which was started by ECW members and grew into a national church mission. Everyone is invited to practice a spiritual discipline of gratitude, recognizing little things daily for which they are thankful, then making a small donation in the little Blue Box. Some prefer to make a mental note and write a check for the collection taken up periodically by their congregation. UTO distributes 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. Since UTO's official founding in 1889, UTO has awarded 5,257 grants for a total of \$137,094,170.52. This year the UTO awarded \$1,548,013.66 in 26 grants from the 2019 offering.

Our Diocese received one grant that will fund a project to train women who are homeless, poor, or experiencing domestic violence to become skilled in the food industry.

For more information on all the grants, go to: www.episcopalchurch.org/UTO. Our diocesan offering for fall 2019 was \$8,900.00.

Because of the pandemic, and with churches closed, there was little activity this spring. We are asking everyone who has offerings to please send them to our treasurer, Mary Hawkins, to count for the Spring ingathering.

2-YR UTO In-gatherings

Spring 2018	\$10324.34
Fall 2018	\$15141.00
Spring 2019	\$14000.00
Fall 2019	\$8900.00
Total	\$48,365.34

UTO Alert. From the United Thank Offering Board: Plans for our grant year 2021 have been altered by the current pandemic. The theme chosen for next year has been postponed until 2022. Due to the great need created by the COVID-19 virus, our focus has been changed to:



Recovering with Love and Gratitude: An Episcopal Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Local Contexts.

The funds gathered in 2020 will be split into two granting cycles. There will also be two funding levels in order to fund as many projects as possible. There will be separate applications for these categories.

I will have more information about this later. Finally, practicing gratitude honors God and binds us spiritually in this important mission. Contact me for more information



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



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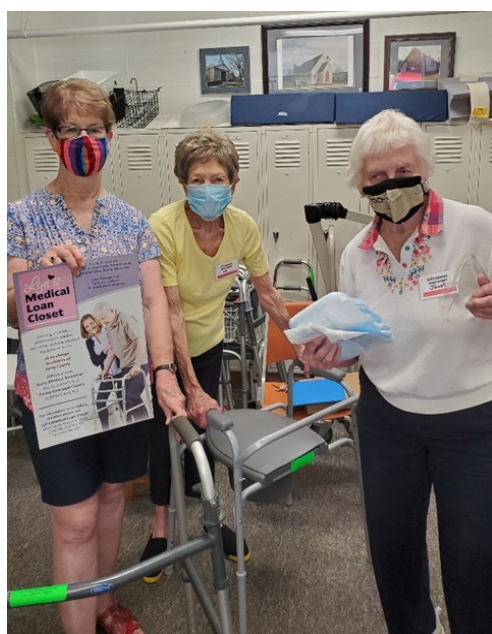


Winston-Salem Convocation Report

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



St. Stephen's ECW serving a meal-City Without Dwellings. They made "goodie bags" and donated bottled water to the homeless.

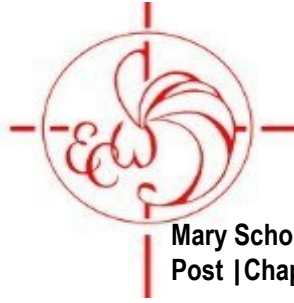


ECW -Trinity Church, Mount Airy

The Episcopal Church Women of Trinity Church are involved in many different ministries. One is Lyn's Medical Loan Closet. Named for their former priest, Lynn Stabler Tippett, who fought a long, hard battle with cancer, the Loan Closet loans durable medical equipment to residents of Surry County and surrounding areas. There is no cost to the client.

This ministry was initiated with a loan of equipment from the medical loan closet at St. James Episcopal Church in Hickory, NC. Trinity operates the loan closet on Tuesdays and volunteers from two other churches, St. Andrew Lutheran and Grace Moravian Church, have opened it on Thursdays.

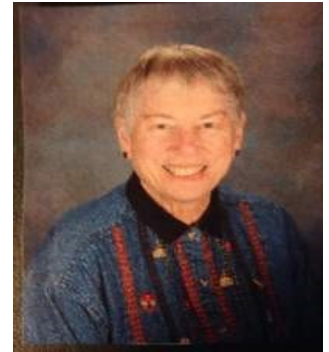
Pictured are ECW volunteers Margie Martin, Linda Michaels, and Jane



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ECW Diocese of North Carolina Missions Report 2020

Recommendations for 2020 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 made 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 made an award from this Fund to:

St. Augustine's 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's University in Raleigh, NC, 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 for 2020 will depend upon the offerings collected by the end of year 2020. Unfortunately, as of September 7, we have not received donations to either of the above Funds.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Scholle, Missions Coordinator
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20th April 2020

Ms. Mary Scholle,
Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina

Dear Ms. Scholle,

I am writing to thank you all for your most generous gift of \$1,700 through the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Though isolated from one another in so many ways, during these days of profound shared sadness we feel ever more connected to our international friends and are thankful for all who remember us and support our work and mission here.

In response to this global pandemic, we have found new ways to ensure that our services continue so that our Palestinian families in the West Bank and Jerusalem do not suffer. Given that it is currently not safe for children with disabilities to travel to us at the Jerusalem Princess Basma Center for treatment, we are now 'going' to them.

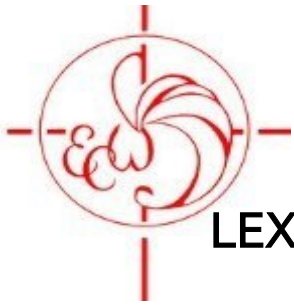
Our therapists from the Child Rehabilitation Center are using video-conferencing to continue our mission to isolated families. We are providing a range of therapies for children in their homes and training mothers to become shadow-therapists. As one member of staff explains, "Mothers are now our hands and our voice." We are also advising families how to keep safe from COVID-19 and offering pastoral support and hope to transcend these distressing times. We are most grateful for your gift at this time of crisis, which will support these new programs.

Thank you once again for sharing in this ministry.

Sincerely,



Ibrahim Faltas, General Director



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LEX MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT-2020

2020 Scholarship Recipients

Name	Area of Study	Church Sponsor
Tracey Vail	Advanced Disciple Training Program	Salisbury-St. Luke's (\$1700.00)
Jennifer T. Jones	Tuition Grant-Final Semester for BS	Durham-St. Titus' (\$2000.00)

About the Lex Mathews Scholarships for Women

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



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

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

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



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



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Durham Convocation 2020



The Durham Convocation Spring Gathering was scheduled for May 2, 2020 at St. Bartholomew's in Pittsboro, however, in response to the Diocesan directive our meeting was cancelled. Our last meeting was held during the 137th Annual Meeting at St. Luke's Durham NC.

HAPPENING AROUND THE CONVOCATION

St. Bartholomew's

ECW started to meet online but decided to move to in person meetings in the Parish Hall with the requirements of wearing masks and social distancing over the last three months. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday September 15th. The ladies of ECW continue to assist with the Community meals at St. Bartholomew: 100+ meals are served via take out or delivery.

On a sad note, I am sorry to report the death of Mary Ellen Kiesau- the daughter of our past Convocation Chair Carolyn Townsend. A scholarship fund "**The Mary Kiesau Community Fellowship Fund**" has been established with the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. The Fund will support the independent projects of artists, photographers, and naturalists working to further their own creativity, professional development, and the community's connection to the land, art, and each other. To honor Mary's legacy and support the Mary Kiesau Community Fellowship Fund, please contribute on line or send your check, payable to the Mary Kiesau Community Fellowship Fund to CFNCW, 9 South Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801

St Luke's

The St. Luke's ECW have been inactive since the Diocesan directive. Many of the ladies do not have a zoom account and the consensus is to wait and resume the meetings in person.

St Phillips'



Prior to the mandatory stay at home, the St Phillips ECW met to package toiletry items for the Women's residence of Urban Ministries.

St Titus'

The ECW had a Zoom meeting on April 9, 2020; this was an opportunity to connect with the women of the church and give an opportunity to talk about how they are handling the stay at home order. The group agree to send words of encouragement and to engage our super seniors.



St Cyprians'

Ms. Helen Othow is now the Interim ECW President. The ECW sponsored a social distance Easter Egg pick up with candy & egg filled baskets. Also, there were photos taken of the children and parents in front of the church lawn on Easter Sunday.



Durham Convocation Meeting

Closing Prayer

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen



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CHARLOTTE CONVOCATION REPORT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from the Charlotte Convocation of the Episcopal Church Women. It has been over two years that I have actively served the women as Convocation Chair. The Charlotte Convocation includes twenty parishes in addition to two local college campuses, UNC Charlotte, and Davidson College. The Parishes represent eleven cities within six counties. The convocation includes well over hundreds of women with only five that have ECW's that meet on a regular basis. In my visits to the parishes I have come to know that many more women are involved in other ministries that support our Beloved Community. As I mentioned in last year's report, while committing to tradition is important, there should be no need to be fearful of change as our parishes grow to the needs of a new generation of women living in very different communities and under so many areas of uncertainty since the beginning of 2020. Over the last several years, we have lost many ECW's along the way. It is my goal is to continue to bring about a sense of renewed spirit and reactivation.

So, what is happening to ECW's? Generational Values are impacting our organizations. The past, Women Born Before 1945 known as the Silent and Builder Generations to the present, The Millennial Generation: Women born after 1978 has very distinct differences. In my visits to meetings, many have said how they welcome younger women. Meetings held on 1st Mondays at 9:00 am is will not have younger women. Many will be interested in being supportive but are not interested and/or are unable attend meetings. Many are not aware of both the history that began in 1872 and the significant role Episcopal Church Women have and continues to play in the work of the Episcopal Church since then. The old stereotype of Episcopal Church Women as "cooks" and "fundraisers" is fading as we move into the future with new ideas, relevant programs and unlimited opportunities for spiritual growth and service. Many are doing just that as we see movement toward social justice, racial reconciliation, economic and educational disparities.

Some even question, "Why Women Only": I don't need to tell you that women rule the world. Bishop Barbara Harris led the way as the first American Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Since her consecration on February 11, 1989, many others have followed from all over the country. Women have become integrally involved in the life and work of the Church. Most importantly most offer an environment for spiritual growth and opportunities for ministry. Simply put, women enjoy getting together with other women often just for fellowship.

Women under 50 will only spend their precious free time on activities that address their needs. Older women need to be willing to experience the difficulty of change. Ministry Consultant, Mary MacGregor said it best, "The nature of organized women's ministries has changed, but the need for Christian women to be together in our Beloved Community will never go away but just get better.

Charlotte Convocation in Review:

St Peter's, Charlotte

Tour of the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro Film presentation on the HBCU's, "We Are Rising "

St Michael and All Angels, Charlotte

Women of the Bible Series honoring March is Womens' Month Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras

Christ Church, Charlotte Advent Luncheon

Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte Involving the following convocation parishes:
Chapel of Christ the King, and St. Peter's, Charlotte,
St. Albans, Davidson,
St Patrick's, Mooresville, Holy Comforter,
Christ Church, Charlotte,
St Margaret's, Waxhaw

Meet and Greet Visitations

Christ Episcopal Church, Cleveland
St Margarets', Waxhaw
St Patrick's, Mooresville
St Paul's, Salisbury

Charlotte Convocation Meeting

This past year, Presiding Bishop Curry has urged people of faith to follow The Way Of Love. It is THE way of fostering a community of people who follow Jesus by forming loving, liberating and life-giving relationships with God, their neighbors, and the environment. This was the theme of our last Charlotte Convocation meeting held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Uptown Charlotte, November 1-2, 2019.

The evening of November 1, All Saints Day, began with evening prayer with Bishop Sam Rodman. Following this Service, we all went to the movie for the Premier of Harriet Tubman. During a breakfast meeting the following day, the Convocation welcomed Dr. Catherine Meeks who addressed close to one hundred women on the theme of Love. Dr. Meeks is the retired Clara Carter Acree Distinguished Professor of Culture 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 suggests to all clergy, "Dismantling Racism in America". Signed copies of that book along with her latest, "Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as a Prophet for Our Time" was well received.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois 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 (November, 2019) for inclusion in *The Book of Remembrance*.

If you have a name or names you want enrolled in the book, they must be postmarked or received by **October 31, 2020** in order to be read aloud at the Evening Prayer on Friday, **November 6, 2020**.

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 31, 2020

to

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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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REGISTRATION
138TH ANNUAL MEETING-THE WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF
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Annual Meeting 2020 will be a virtual meeting held using the Zoom web conferencing service. **Registration is required**, but there is **no charge**. Registration is **only available online** in the Annual Meeting section of the ECW website (www.ecw-nc.org), and you may register up until **12-noon November 6**.

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

After registering you are invited to make a love donation to the chapel at Saint Augustine's University to mark the life and work of Dr. Irving Pressley McPhail, the 12th President of the University who died of complications related to COVID-19 . The Episcopal/Anglican students, who will design and plant a garden of remembrance named "All Saints Garden," hope to raise \$1,500.00 for the associated costs.

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