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Annual Meeting 2011 Edition

Program Leader

“I Love to Tell the Story”

*You don't really know a story
when you only know how it ends.
To get to the heart of a story
you must go back to the beginning.*



The 129th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina will be hosted by the women of the Durham Convocation on November 11-12, 2011 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Durham. All are invited.

Katerina Whitley, an author, dramatist, and extraordinarily gifted storyteller who now makes her home in the western part of our state, will lead the program, “I Love to Tell the Story.” By exploring this multi-purpose theme she will, in a very real way, help us back to the future. Let me explain.

First, “I Love to Tell the Story” will launch our preparations for the Diocese of North Carolina's bicentennial in 2017 by providing a framework for the coordinated gathering of the stories of the women - named and unnamed - of the church in North Carolina. (See the related article by the ECW archivist and historian, Lynn Hoke, on page 5 of this newsletter.) One of our contributions to the bicentennial celebration will be **By Word and Example: Women Who Have Graced the Episcopal Church in North Carolina, 1817-2017**. This success of this ambitious long-term project will rely on the gathering of information from people in places large and small throughout all three dioceses (remember, we used to be just one diocese).

To inspire us for the work Katerina will first take us back to the time of our biblical fore-sisters. Through Bible stories we will learn how women lived and used their faith to meet the challenges of their time. She'll then walk us through the ages to present day, offering

Katerina Katsarka Whitley has felt captured by God's grace all her life. Her earliest memories are filled with questions about God within a family that was immersed in the reading and discussion of biblical stories. So it was inevitable that she would continue her life with that storytelling, biblically-centered focus.



Born and raised in Greece she left home at 16 to study in the States. She has lived in several states, but mainly in North Carolina where she has taught both high school and college age students, something she feels she was born to do. After bringing up two daughters she started writing for publication and working for the Episcopal Church—first as diocesan editor during the '80s, and then as the communication and public relations person for the then Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief in the '90s. In that capacity she visited almost every diocese in the nation and many of our Anglican

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dramatic monologues about various women whose faith informed their lives and the life of the church in many different ways.

Second, and equally important, having claimed our past and present, we will begin charting a 21st century way, a new beginning for the ECW in NC. There cannot be growth without change. What will our ministry's story be by 2017 -- and beyond? Won't you help us as we start writing the next chapter?

Strength and blessings,
Lisa Towle
ECW President
Diocese of NC

Agenda

129th Annual Meeting

Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of North Carolina

November 11 & 12, 2011

Hosted by the women of the Durham Convocation

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Location: St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 1737 Hillandale Road, Durham, NC

Friday, November 11

Lunch on your own. There are many dining options in the immediate area of the hotel.

- 12:30-1:15 pm:** Registration; exhibits & bookstore open
- 1:15-1:30 pm:** Welcome and introductions
- 1:30-2:00 pm:** Opening session: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Ruth Tells her Story to her Son Obed
(performed by Katerina Whitley)
- 2:00-2:15 pm:** Break
- 2:20-3:20 pm:** Business session
- 3:30-4:30 pm:** Convocation meetings
- 4:40-4:50 pm:** United Thank Offering presenters meet for instructions
- 5:00-6:30 pm:** Holy Eucharist with the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina
- 6:30-7:00 pm:** Reception
- 7:00-9:00 pm:** Dinner and playlet (RSVP required): *Yet We Persist*, written by Katerina Whitley and performed by women of the Durham convocation

Saturday, November 12

- 8:00-8:45 am:** Continental breakfast at St. Luke’s; exhibits open
- 8:30 am:** Morning Prayer
- 8:50-9:00 am:** Announcements

NOTE: All sessions will be led by Katerina Whitley and will include break times.

- 9:00-9:20 am:** **Session 1—A New Testament introduction to storytelling**
Phoebe, the first deacon: Walking in the Light as a Servant of Christ
- 9:20-10:10 am:** **Session 2—ECW through American history: What if they could tell us their stories?**
- 10:15-11:10 am:** **Session 3—General gathering: What does this have to do with my story?**
- 11:15-12:00:** **Session 4—North Carolina women share their stories**
- 12:00-12:30 pm:** **Session 5—Pulling it all together: What is my role in telling the story?**
- 12:45 pm:** Blessing and adjournment; pre-ordered boxed lunches available
- 1:30-3:00 pm:** Diocesan ECW Executive Board meeting

I Love to Tell the Story

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

Please Print

Name	Phone ()	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Mission/Parish	City	
E-mail address		
Convocation		

Status (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)

Each branch may have five delegates. A current pledge to the Diocesan ECW gives a branch voting privileges for the business sessions. Anyone belonging to a church that does not have an ECW Branch 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Executive Board Nominee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Diocesan ECW President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan ECW Board |

Registration Fee Schedule – all fees are per person

Registration Fee	\$25.00 per person postmarked by October 27	\$
Late Registration Fee	\$30.00 per person after October 27	\$
One Day Registration	\$15.00 per person (Friday or Saturday session only)*	\$
Meal Reservations: Not available after October 27*		
Dinner on Friday, November 11	\$20.00 per person	\$
Box lunch - Saturday, November 12	\$ 8.00 per person	\$
		Total Enclosed: \$

*Please note: No fees refunded after October 27, 2011

Dinner menu: A buffet-style dinner will include several entrée choices.

- Please provide me with a **vegetarian** alternative

Boxed sandwich lunch choices (please select one):

- Ham and cheese Turkey and cheese Pimento cheese on whole wheat

Make check payable to **ECW – Durham Convocation**

Mail this form with check (postmarked no later than October 27) to the meeting registrar:

St. Titus' Episcopal Church
 Attn: Willette Crews – ECW Registrar
 400 Moline Street
 Durham, NC 27707

Note: Individuals are responsible for reserving their own lodging. A block of rooms at the Courtyard Marriott–Duke University/Downtown Durham has been set aside with a special ECW rate for Thursday, November 10 (for those who want a more leisurely arrival) and Friday, November 11. Reservations must be made by October 27 to get this rate. See “Lodging and Directions” section for more information.

Questions?

Before October 1 contact: Durham Convocation chair Sharon Salazar Massey, durham@ecw-nc.org or (919) 361-2623
 After October 1 contact: ECW president Lisa Towle, president@ecw-nc.org or (919) 228-8329

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 Branch 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 branches 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 branch and who would like to participate in the Annual Meeting as a voting member can pay \$10.00 in the name of the church and be entitled to voting delegate status.

The diocesan ECW treasurer, Mary Hawkins, has recently mailed statements to current pledging branches. If you don't receive your statement or have questions about it, contact Mary at treasurer@ecw-nc.org or (919) 682-4647.

At its heart, the NetsforLife campaign to eradicate malaria in Africa is about the promise of the Episcopal Church to raise up the Millennium Development Goals and use them as a mission orientation. Of the eight Goals, NetsforLife, an initiative of Episcopal Relief & Development, particularly focuses on goal six: "Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases." Malaria, which disproportionately affects women and children, is a scourge that can be prevented. One bed net costs only \$12 and can protect up to three people from malarial mosquitoes.



The ECW of North Carolina pledged itself years ago to the MDGs. Last November, in his "Lyn' Midwives" homily given at Holy Trinity Church in Greensboro during the Annual Meeting of the ECW, Bishop Michael Curry asked that we continue to lead the way by working on behalf of NetsforLife. Lots more information about the NetsforLife campaign and how you can contribute is on our website.

Many, many thanks to those individuals and ECW branches who've already stepped up.

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partners around the world. "This was my best job," she says. "Photographing women and children and telling their stories for Episcopalians in our churches to see, hear, and read. I felt the connection we all have as children of God, as created in God's image."

During that time, Katerina was developing the story-telling style that would be the basis of her five books—that of dramatic monologues in the voices of biblical characters. "I love speaking in another's voice," she says. "I love thinking of them in their historic and religious context; I ask: 'Who was Jesus to this woman, this man? What did it mean to see him and hear him for the first time before any layers of theology and interpretation influenced our understanding of his person?' or 'What is God revealing to us through this particular prophet or ancient person?'" It is very exciting and very rewarding.

She sees her books as one of the many ways we approach the Light. She cherishes the miracle of Epiphany in the process of her writing and, above all, she is grateful for every opportunity she is offered to share these voices with others in her many visits to parishes and women's groups.

Katerina has close connections to the Diocese of North Carolina. During the '80s she worked closely with the directors of Christian Ministries of our diocese (Lex Mathews, then Jim Lewis), more specifically on peace and justice issues and for the Farmworkers ministry served by the North Carolina and the East Carolina dioceses. Her ministry these days is closely related to the mission of Episcopal Church Women.

She has just completed a Greek cookbook scheduled for publication in Easter 2012, and a novel set in first century Corinth is in the hands of a couple of publishers.

ENGRAVED WITH LOVE: CHURCH MEMORIALS TELL THEIR STORIES

by Lynn R. Hoke, ECW Archivist/Historian

A church memorial turns out to be more than a beautiful work of art or a generous gift of money. A memorial can point beyond itself – to the honoree, and to the donor, as well. In earlier centuries a memorial was often the only place besides a gravestone where a woman's full name appeared in public. At the upcoming Annual Meeting we will continue the ECW history initiative to "name" the many women who came before us and to share their stories.



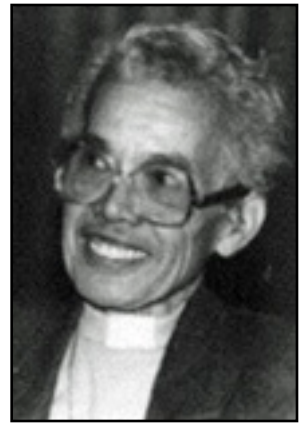
Bessie Blacknall in her caribou beaded coat

Woman's Auxiliary (now known as ECW.) Inspired then to volunteer for service in Alaska, she spent the next 27 years there. Her dedication likewise inspired 20 members of the Julian E. Ingle Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to honor her with a crazy quilt, stitched with their initials and sent with love to St. Mark's Mission in Nenana, Alaska. When Bessie finally returned home she donated the quilt to the church, where it waits today for preservation and display. A list of the names that coincide with the quilt's initials, alongside a photo of Bessie in native Alaskan dress, hangs in a small frame on the back wall of the Parish House. Twenty more names . . . at least twenty more stories!

Look around – what stories will your memorials tell? The Diocesan ECW wants to help you share them.

Two memorials in the Durham Convocation show us how to start answering the question, "What's the story here?"

What's the story behind the Eagle Lectern at Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill? Actually, the Diocese of North Carolina gave this lectern as a memorial to **MARY RUFFIN SMITH**, who at her death left the larger part of her Orange County land holdings to the Diocese. Miss Smith also provided many gifts to the parish, and she figures prominently in the story of another woman – **PAULI MURRAY** – the first black woman ordained as an Episcopal priest, and the first woman to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at Chapel of the Cross. Pauli Murray was a descendant of one of the slaves who came to church with Mary Ruffin Smith every Sunday and sat in the balcony. Research into the lives of both these women is ongoing as part of the Pauli Murray Project at the Duke Human Rights Center in Durham.



Pauli Murray

What's the story that led several donors to honor **BESSIE BELLE BLACKNALL** by giving the engraved Book of Remembrance to Henderson's Church of the Holy Innocents? At Holy Innocents in 1914 Bessie Blacknall attended a Missionary Institute sponsored by the Diocesan



Lynn Hoke, archivist/historian for the Diocesan ECW, and the Rev. Donald Lowery, rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents in Henderson, examine the "crazy quilt" made to honor Bessie Blacknall. (Photo taken by Ellen Weig)

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 ECW branches are invited to submit a list of 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 Saturday, November 5, 2011 in order to be read aloud at the Annual Meeting on November 11th.

A *Book of Remembrance* enrollment form is offered here. It can also be found in the Annual Meeting section of the ECW's web site (www.ecw-nc.org) and in section IV (white pages) of the 2011 **ECW Handbook**. You may submit multiple names, but please put only one name on a form.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ENROLLMENT

Send by November 5, 2011 to:
Gertrude Murchison
3025 Airport Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27105-4058
(336) 767-4635

PLEASE PRINT

Name as you want it entered in the book:

Parish and town/city (example: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Durham):

Date of death:

(Copy as necessary)

Lodging and Directions

Lodging: Each person is responsible for securing their own lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved for the ECW on Thursday, November 10th (for those who want a more leisurely arrival) and Friday, November 11th at the Courtyard Marriott–Duke University/Downtown Durham. The hotel is located at 1815 Front Street, just a two-minute drive across the bridge to St. Luke’s church.

The rate, including all taxes, is the same for a room with one king size bed or two double beds: \$89.07. When making a reservation, make sure to say you are with the Episcopal Church Women. The deadline for the special group rate is October 27th. Reservations: direct at 919-309-1500 or toll free 888-236-2427. The website for the hotel is:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rdufs-courtyard-durham-near-duke-university-downtown/>

Food: Lunch is on your own on Friday, November 11th. Remember, registration and exhibits open at 12:30 pm. The meeting begins at 1:15 pm.

Dinner menu for Friday evening: A buffet-style dinner will include several entrée choices. Please check the box on the registration form if you would prefer a vegetarian alternative.

A Continental breakfast will be offered at the church on Saturday, November 12th.

An optional boxed sandwich lunch will be available on Saturday. The offerings include ham and cheese, turkey and cheese or pimento cheese on whole wheat. Please indicate your choice on the registration form.

Directions to St. Luke’s:

St. Luke’s (www.stlukesdurham.org) is located at 1737 Hillandale Road, Durham, NC 27705. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and meals will be in Johnson Hall. The church grounds have ample parking.

From the South: Take I-85 N to Durham. Take exit 174 for Hillandale Rd. Stay to the right and turn right on Hillandale. Keep to the right and look for the entrance to St. Luke’s immediately on the right after the turn.

From the West: Take I-40 E until it merges with I-85 N. Continue with the instructions under “From the South.”

From the East: Take US-64 W toward Raleigh. Take exit 423 to merge onto I-540 W toward US-1/Wake Forest/RDU Airport. Take exit 4B to merge onto US-70 W/ Glenwood Ave. toward Durham. Continue to follow US-70 W. Merge onto I-85 S. Take exit 174B for Hillandale Rd. Turn left onto Hillandale Rd. and cross back over the highway. Keep to the right and look for the entrance to St. Luke’s on the right just past the highway.

Church to hotel: Turn left out of the church parking lot onto Hillandale. Cross over I-85, staying in the center lane. After passing the interstate exits go about a block and turn left onto Front St. Look for the Marriott sign on the left and turn left into the parking lot, then right to the front entrance. See the map at right.



Stay In the Loop Online

The Botswana Diary. The NetsforLife campaign. The release of UTO grant application forms. The passing of the Rev. Harrison Simons, founding director of the "bookstore." The passage of time. The spring convocation meetings of Episcopal Church Women as told in pictures.

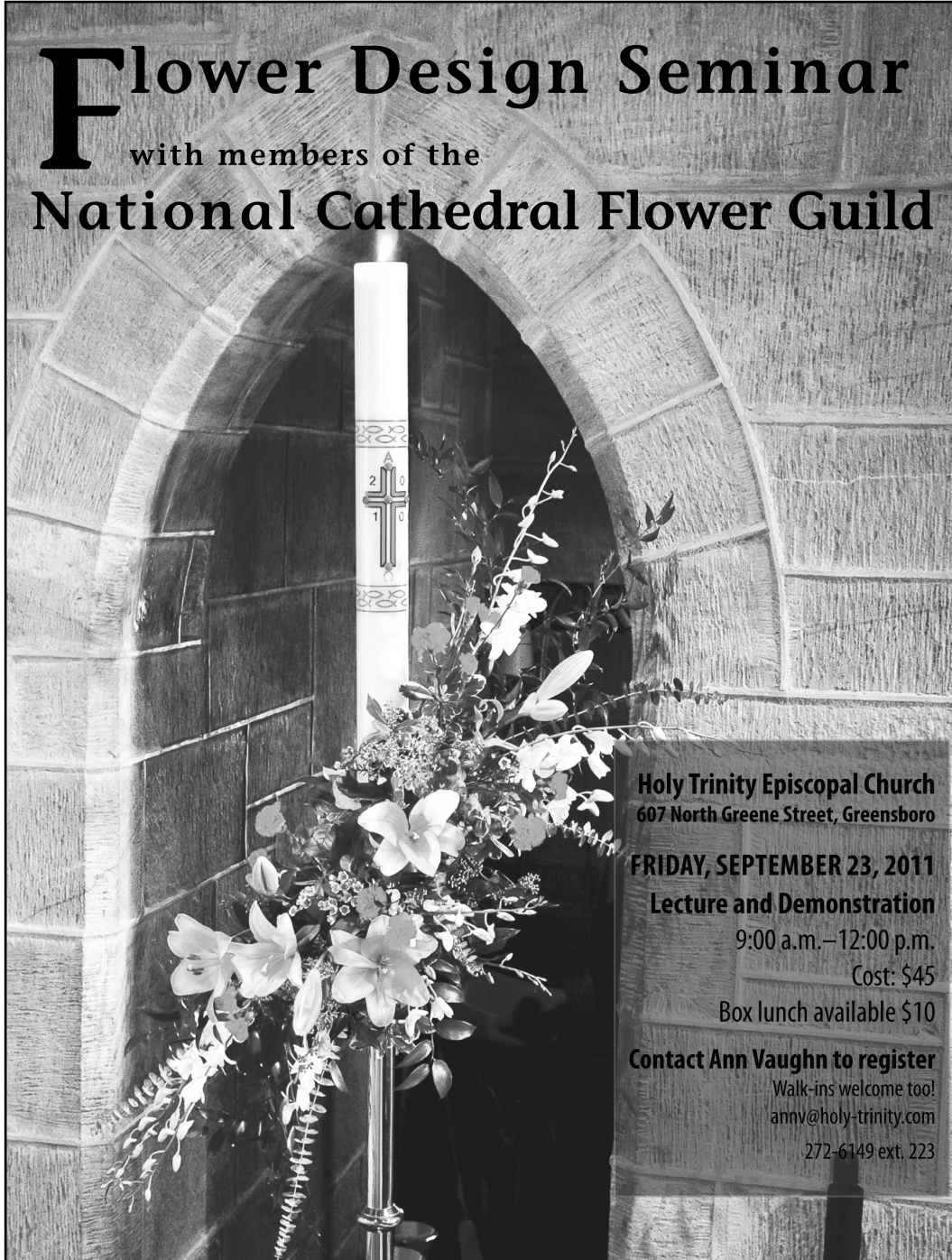
These are just a few of the things that have been posted to our website or our new Facebook page.

We are only able to produce one paper newsletter a year due to prohibitively expensive costs associated with printing, postage and labor. However, and happily, we're using other communications tools that allow us to share information about the Episcopal Church and Episcopal Church Women more quickly and fully.

We're moving forward. Won't you move with us? Our website can be found at www.ecw-nc.org, and you can now find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/ecwnc.

Flower Design Seminar

with members of the
National Cathedral Flower Guild



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
607 North Greene Street, Greensboro

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

Lecture and Demonstration

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45

Box lunch available \$10

Contact Ann Vaughn to register

Walk-ins welcome too!

annv@holy-trinity.com

272-6149 ext. 223

"Katerina Whitley has given life to biblical women who have been little more than names to us all our lives. There is no greater pleasure than seeing something familiar as if for the first time, and, in seeing it so, finding it dear." Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

See you in
Durham
November
11 & 12

