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by: Martin Luther King, Jr.



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From the President's Desk

Assignments from God help us serve Him, others

In a recent study of Romans, I was struck by the opening verse. As you probably have noticed, I like the way Eugene Peterson puts things in *The Message*, so... Romans 1:1 says "I, Paul, am a devoted slave of Jesus Christ on assignment, authorized as an apostle to proclaim God's words and acts." The words that struck a chord with me that morning were "slave of Jesus Christ on assignment."

I know taking just a portion of scripture is a dangerous thing, but I've been thinking about being "on assignment." According to this, Christ has given me something special to do. According to Paul, it is to be an apostle and proclaim God's Word.

There are two different kinds of assignments that mean something to me: the kind you are given and the kind you are on. Having just finished a college degree in 2006, I have some vivid memories of assignments in the "given" category. There was one that I was not happy with when I turned it in to the professor. I really felt that I had not done the best I could and that the assignment was not as complete as it could have been. These kinds of assignments can sometimes seem like busy work and that makes it hard for me to get motivated. Procrastination and lack of

motivation meant I did not give it as much work as it required. I was very surprised when I received an A.

The other assignments – the ones you are "on" – require some kind of action. I remember an old TV show where the agents got their assignment on a tape, which would self destruct after it was played. Although there is still the paperwork and research of the given assignment, these are more "in the field" kind of items. Secret agents, military, police, and sometimes even I, can be on these assignments.

I thought about both of these as I heard the passage from Romans. I think that God gives us similar assignments. I sometimes "turn in" a finished project that is not my best: I could have organized things better or done a little more research to make the work go smoother. But God takes what I give and turns it into an A.

He also asks me to go on assignment. He calls me to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for children and widows, just to name a few that are found in scripture. Like those agents on the '60's TV show, I listen to the assignment and decide to accept it. Then, as Paul, I become a "slave of Jesus Christ on assignment authorized as an apostle to proclaim God's words and acts."

*God's peace to you,
Marcia Himes*



Marcia Himes
**ECW National
President**

ON THE COVER: This issue of *Communiqué* focuses on ECW Social Justice and ministries throughout the provinces. A special thank you to the Rev. Irene Miller Radcliff, social justice chair, and Shirley Greiman, Province I representative, for the work they accomplished and reported on from attending the 54th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. We also thank Shirley for her work on this issue's cover. A very special thank you to all women of the Episcopal Church who submitted stories and photographs not only on social justice but on all the other ECW ministries covered in this issue.

Social Justice throughout the provinces: A Special Report

Connecticut ECW work at home, abroad

Submitted by Carol Gardier and Sylvia Corrigan
Diocese of Connecticut

Issues of social justice have been called to the attention of and addressed by the Connecticut Diocesan ECW in a number of different ways.

Our Christian Education Program adopted and promoted literacy as a project beginning in the earlier part of this decade, establishing workshops which brought together educators from schools and colleges, the Greater Hartford Literacy Council and area churches.

The ability to read is fundamental to getting along in society. The most recent workshop, intended to educate people about the urgency of the literacy problem, yielded several new literacy volunteers in the Bridgeport area. Thais Gordon is the current Christian Education Program leader for the diocesan board. The project was begun by Rachael Desmond and Cathy Seibyl.

More recently, the Connecticut ECW befriended Mugisa Insingoma, the wife of Bishop Henry Insingoma of Boga, Congo (now archbishop of Congo, also). We were introduced to her by Bishop Andrew Smith when the Insingomas were visiting Connecticut. During her visits, we would get together for lunch and she told us about the organization United Women for Peace and Social Promotion. This organization was established by a group of 48 Anglican women from seven dioceses of the Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo to “promote and value the social life of all women through development, and to be messengers of peace.” These goals are carried out by advocating for the marginalized, circulating HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention information, educating to prevent malaria and leadership development for women.

In 2009, the organization, under the authority of the Insingomas, applied for and received a White Envelope Grant specifically to help rape victims get tested for HIV/AIDS and receive medical assistance, and to train women to manage small income-generating businesses. The need for this help is ongoing in war-torn Congo. This spring, the diocesan board gave a retirement gift in honor of Bishop Smith to this organization.

Another project we became engaged in was contributing some money for sewing machines, since the women supported themselves by making beautiful clothing. We sold the clothing at our 2009 diocesan convention and hope to sell more this fall.

In addition, the White Envelope Program, led by Carol Gardier, made two grants in 2010. One was to Pauline’s Stockpot Kitchen



Carol Gardier staffs the White Envelope Grant Program table at the Connecticut ECW annual meeting.

in East Windsor, which serves the homeless and people on low and fixed incomes. The second grant went to “Rhythms of Grace,” an organization designed to create a worship experience that is welcoming, inclusive, nurturing and therapeutic for children with special needs and their families. There are now three locations in the diocese where this is taking place.

CORRECTION

The Rev. Irene Miller Radcliff, social justice member-at-large for the National Episcopal Church Women, is the author of the story “Social justice is a moral value” on page 7 of the Spring 2010 edition of *Communiqué*. The *Communiqué* regrets the error.

Social Justice throughout the provinces

Human trafficking discussed at meeting

Submitted by Jo Anne Kilday
President, Diocese of East Carolina

Episcopal Church Women from throughout the Diocese of East Carolina traveled to Elizabeth City April 27 to attend the ECW's 122nd annual meeting. Diocesan President Jo Anne Kilday presided at the meeting held at historic Christ Church.

Guest speaker for the annual meeting was Pam Strickland of Eastern North Carolina STOP Human Trafficking Now. Citing the Millennium Goal of empowering women, Strickland asserted that empowering women will help stamp out poverty.

Using scriptural text, United Nations definitions and a wealth of experience and learning, Strickland said trafficking – the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services – can happen in our own hometowns.



Pam Strickland spoke to the ECW of the Diocese of East Carolina during their annual meeting on the topic of human trafficking. She is shown here with Jo Anne Kilday, president of the Diocese of East Carolina ECW.

Where are the victims? Strickland said they can be found in bars, poverty situations, massage parlors, strip clubs, escort services, near military bases, at truck stops, at convention centers, in migrant work camps, at the furniture market, at sports events and tourist destinations.

Strickland advised against intervening personally. There is a National Hotline – 1-888-373-7888. Calls in North Carolina go directly to the Pitt County's human traf-

ficking officer.

Strickland asked, "Do we have a responsibility to do something?" Then she used **Isaiah 1:17** as the answer:

Learn to do right. Seek justice. Encourage the oppressed; give the orphan his rights, plead the widow's cause.

Following the presentation, the Rev. Brent Melton celebrated the Holy Eucharist and Bishop Clifton Daniel installed the new officers for 2010-2011.

CEDAW ratification needs nationwide support

Submitted by Barbara Pace
President of Anglican Women's Empowerment

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly Dec. 18, 1979, and entered into force Sept. 3, 1981.

The convention is an international legal instrument that requires respect for an observance of women's rights and represents an international human rights norm of women's equality. Countries that have ratified the convention have pledged to actively promote the equality of both men and women in all areas of life and have also pledged to end discrimination against women.

The United States has yet to ratify the convention and is the only democracy in the world not to have ratified CEDAW. In fact, the United States is one of only seven countries, including Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Nauru, Palau and Tonga, that have not yet ratified CEDAW.

More than 100 U.S. organizations support ratification of CEDAW including the League of Women Voters, AARP, the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church USA. The main opposition comes from conservative groups and the religious right.

Promoting and protecting human rights is fundamental to America's core values. Under the leadership of Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton, the U.S. ratified similar treaties on genocide, torture, race and civil and political rights. Isn't it time to protect women?

Ratification of CEDAW requires 67 senators to stand together for women. There is no financial cost involved in the ratification process. For more information, contact Selene Kaye, advocacy and policy strategist, ACLU Center for Liberty at 212-549-2645 or by email at skaye@aclu.org. Let your senators know your views on the ratification of CEDAW, because women's rights are human rights.

Social Justice throughout the provinces

St. John ECW/Her Place and ministry

Submitted by the Rev. Irene Miller Radcliff
Member at Large, Social Justice

The Rev. Lee Anne Reat, vicar, Deacons Craig Foster and Irene Radcliff and several parishioners of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio, often have lunch at Tommy’s, a Franklinton neighborhood restaurant. St. John’s is also located in this neighborhood.

The group is often served at Tommy’s by a waitress named Marie. Marie had been incarcerated for six years at the Ohio Women’s Reformatory for drug and embezzlement crimes. She also had a dream. Marie dreamed of a place for women released from prison to live and obtain the skills necessary for sustainable living outside prison. She was aware of the importance for women released from prison to be in a safe place that offers programming that can help prevent recidivism. Marie shared her dream with the Rev. Reat and a plan was put in motion.

Marie was successful in obtaining a house. Seven women were soon released to the house, which could house up to 10. It was named the Marie Celeste Center of Transitional Living and hereafter referred to as Marie Celeste Center or just The CCWenter. The house still needed furniture, appliances, bed linens and blankets, kitchen supplies (utensils, dishes, pot/pans, and electric appliances), clothing and personal and hygiene items. This is where St. John ECW and Her Place were called to action.

The St. John ECW became a partner and gave a house warming party for the women living at the Marie Celeste Center. The party was held at a parishioner’s home. Oh, what a party it was – food, food, glorious food, fun, much needed items and gifts galore for the house and for each woman. In addition, several of the St John ECW/Her Place women took training necessary to become mentors and provide mentoring services to the women living at

the Marie Celeste Center. The St. John ECW/Her Place and the women of the center had another party. At this party the women had a joyful and rewarding time wrapping Christmas gifts for St. John’s Street Church and homeless parishioners.

The Marie Celeste Center is a Christian faith-based nonprofit, residential facility that provides housing, educational and employment services and behavior modification, conflict management, money management, coping skills and group behavior programs for women who have been released from prison. The services and programs offered are designed to support the women and prevent recidivism. There is also a requirement for the women to attend church services and participate in Bible study.

Women live at the center from seven months to a year. Residents must participate in the programs, obtain employment, remain employed and be responsible for the cleanliness and maintenance of the house. Because of an increase in demand, Marie opened a second house, also licensed and with a capacity for ten women, but because of financial restraints, Marie had to close the second house. Even though some of the women are placed at the Marie Celeste Center by the courts, the center receives no financial support from the state, county, city or the court. Marie works four days a week at Tommy’s Restaurant. The center is maintained through the personal income of Marie and her husband. Women living at the center pay \$350 per month toward the expenses. The Marie Celeste Center does receive a little financial support, office space and income-in-kind from churches in the neighborhood.

“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Matthew 25:35-37

A Call for Action:

It is essential that we urge the U.S. Senate to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Here is a sample letter or you may write your own.

Dear Senator _____,

I am writing as a person of faith to urge you to speak up an act forcefully and call the U.S. Senate and the world to action to by voting to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The United States is the only democratic industrialized country that has not ratified CEDAW. Please take the lead in seeking peace, demanding justice and an end of all forms of discrimination against women.

Thank you for your immediate attention. I shall appreciate hearing your view on this matter.

Sincerely,
[your name]
[your address]

Advocacy NGO Interventions

Edited by the Rev. Irene Miller Radcliff, member-at-large, Social Justice

ment to the views of the governments.

Interventions

One of the main involvements and responsibilities as participants of the Commission on the Status of Women is advocacy. Participants should take advantage of the opportunities for influencing governmental delegates to the CSW. Non Governmental Organizations introduce into the decision-making process the views of women on the issue under discussion.

NGO representatives may make oral interventions during the governmental sessions, which may be limited in number and length by time constraints. These statements may be made on behalf of an individual or caucus. Statements may also be submitted in writing, if they represent the concerns of their organization.

Through the efforts of the NGOs, civil society provides an alternative and/or comple-

ment to the views of the governments. For a video of the intervention by NGO representative the Rev. Irene Miller Radcliff, see: <http://www.un.org/womewatch/daw/beijing15/ievents.html>

Social Justice throughout the provinces

A 20-year partnership in South Africa

What defines a long-term mission in ministry?

**Submitted by Anne Gordon Curran
Province III UTO representative**

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia responded to a new challenge in 1991 from our bishop, Peter James Lee. Bishop Peter James Lee had recently met the Bishop Peter John Lee of South Africa, the newly consecrated bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Christ the King. Their similar names triggered a relationship, which began in earnest during the extremely challenging times of apartheid.

The basis for this new relationship was prayer: prayer for the people of South Africa in their homes, churches and lives and prayer as a way to stay in touch with them so they might not feel isolated and forgotten during extremely oppressive times. This call to prayer began a long-term ministry, building and nurturing relationships in both dioceses, on each side of the Atlantic.

Bishop Peter John Lee wanted the ECW to form a relationship with the women's ministries which were newly forming in his diocese. Not only would

these six ministry leaders be defining and addressing the needs of the families in South Africa, but they would also have the support of prayers and experiences from the women in Virginia who had a number of years of experience.

What sustains a ministry for almost 20 years? Prayers have been vital, but the actions which followed those prayers opened doors to relationships. In the last five years alone, the ECW has sent financial gifts for each of the six women's ministries in the Diocese of Christ the King. With \$2,400 of those funds, the women's ministries there purchased a patient care manikin to help train caregivers who tend the sick and dying.

A recent \$3,500 gift to these ministries helped fund the salary of the coordinator of the diocesan HIV/AIDS Program. Government funding was removed abruptly from the program despite the promise of a five-year commitment, so the HIV/AIDS Program was in serious jeopardy.

In the last three years, Virginia ECW visited the Diocese of Christ the King several times. Each visit has highlighted different aspects of the work going on there.

We are taken into confidence by Bishop Peter John and his staff, sharing ideas which could be useful to women's ministries in both dioceses. Our relationship is alive and well.

In 2004, we raised funds to bring five of the ministry leaders and the bishop's secretary to Virginia for a two-week visit. That is still a much remembered event by both the women in South Africa and in Virginia who worked hard to fulfill that dream.

For those from the Diocese of Virginia who visit our South Africa friends, the universal gifts which we bring home are the awareness of a gracious and hospitable people and the experience of deeper spirituality. South Africans live their relationship to God in their daily lives: they speak it, sing it, pray it and share it.

As visitors we feel it. We only hope we can bring a little of that deep spiritual sense home in each of us to share with you. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote in *No Future Without Forgiveness*, "Each of us have a capacity for great good and that is what makes God say it was well worth the risk to bring us into existence."

Virginia youth bring literacy camps to Liberia

**Submitted by Mary Davila
Episcopal News Service**

A handmade sign hanging on the wall of the Bromley Episcopal Mission School for Girls welcomed the 16 missionaries who traveled from Leesburg, Va. to Monrovia, Liberia. The sign read, "If love hadn't existed in your hearts, you wouldn't have come this far. Thank you for educating us and for securing our future."

The mission team, all members of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, made the church's third visit to Bromley in two years. The focus of the June visit was literacy.

St. James' offers an annual reading camp in Leesburg, working with rising third graders in the community whose reading skills are below grade level. The mission team, comprised of youth and adults, adapted the local reading camp to an international setting and led seven days of literacy camp at Bromley.

The Bromley girls expressed their appreciation for the mission, and they were especially grateful for the connections made with American teenagers. "I pray that you will continue to send

mission teams to us. And next time, please send even more teenagers," said Bromley student Kapanah Gaygay, 17. "We connect with other teens. We are so grateful that they come to visit us and help us with our education."

The St. James' youth also found the connection to be incredibly meaningful.

"At first glance, it's easy to notice the disrepair, the destruction and the trying conditions at the Bromley School. But when a girl comes and holds your hand, so eager and excited just for your presence, somehow, you see an entirely different side of the school," said Shelby Rombach, 16.

"It made me really value the simple things in life such as water, food, family, a place to call home and the power of education – things I used to take for granted," said Jessie Joseph, 16. "I went to Bromley expecting to teach the girls things, but instead I was taught valuable lessons. The girls really taught me what a true friend is and that it can be found in any race, age or gender. I cannot wait to go back to those smiling faces again someday."

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Bromley once was a premier school for girls in Liberia, but it was forced to close in 1997 during the height of the 14-year civil war in the country. Bromley reopened in 2003 with its student body comprised largely of orphaned girls, age 3 to 18. In the past seven years, Bromley has regained electricity and running water. The Bromley girls are motivated to become Liberia's leaders in the future. However, many of the high school age students struggle with literacy skills.

The literacy camp sought to strengthen students' reading skills by giving them individual attention and creative means of learning. The camp featured five literacy centers and all activities were planned by St. James' youth missionaries, age 16 and 17. The youth led a readers' theater group, a group reading center, a music and sign language station, an art center and a first aid center.

After finishing the centers, the group enjoyed an hour of free reading with the Bromley students. The younger students gravitated to *The Cat in the Hat* and *The Giving Tree*, while older students preferred *Nightjohn*. The missionaries brought about 1,000 pounds of supplies for the reading camp and gave two books to each of the 80 Bromley students who attended the camp. The faculty of the Bromley School also participated in the camp, learning how to use the resources available to them to engage the students in creative ways.

St. James' plans to send more youth mission teams to Bromley in the future, with a focus on education, both with Bromley students and faculty.

"The love that is shared in that school is breathtaking," said missionary Jane Horton, 17. "My experience in Liberia completely changed my perspective on how I live and I will never take anything for granted again."

"In America, we teenagers worry about typical high school-related problems. For teenagers in Liberia, their problems are 'Will I eat tomorrow?' It just shows us how fortunate we are."

— Mary Davila is assistant to the rector for youth and children's ministries at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Va. She led the St. James' mission team to Liberia. This story is reprinted from *Episcopal News Service*.

'Surrounded by rebels Can you send help?'

Submitted by Jacqueline Hornor Plumez

One day a couple years ago, a friend who lives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo called my cell phone. I thought she was calling to tell me her first grandchild had been born. Instead she cried, "We're surrounded by rebels. Can you send help?"

"Where are you?" I asked as the telephone line crackled so badly that I could barely understand her. She explained she was with 100 people at a diocesan meeting. I couldn't hear the name of the town, but I clearly heard the fear in her voice as she asked, "Haven't you gotten my text messages?" Then the phone went dead.

A little background is in order, but where should I start? First, I am an ordinary woman who would normally not even have a friend in the Congo, much less have any idea what to do in a situation like this. I am a psychologist and a writer, a member of St. John's ECW in Larchmont, NY — not someone connected with international rescue missions.

But in 2003, I met Phoebe Griswold, the wife of then-President Bishop Frank Griswold, who asked me to join a group she was founding with the Anglican Observer to the United Nations. We named the group, Anglican Women's Empowerment and decided on a mission: to bring women from around the world to the United Nations Committee on the Status of Women meetings each year to learn how to lobby for social justice and women's and girl's rights back home. During the years, I have been paired with Episcopal/Anglican women from Burma, Pakistan and the Congo. You can imagine how these experiences have broadened my world view.

My friend in the Congo told me stories about the cruelty and torture inflicted by

the rebels, so I knew all too well the grave danger she was in. If she was captured by the rebels, she would be tortured and killed. But I didn't even know how to open her text messages, much less help her.

Calm down, I told myself. First things first: find out how to open text messages.

A quick call to my daughter solved that problem. Now, at least, I knew where she was. And that the rebels had cut off two of the three roads into the town, leaving the Anglican group stranded, since they only had two cars.

I called the current Anglican Observer whom I'd met through AWE. She alerted the United Nations which tried to send peacekeeping helicopters to evacuate the group, but the rebels drove them away with rockets.

Then, through the Office of Women's Ministry, another AWE contact, I was able to connect with Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD promised to send help if the group could walk to the next town.

For the next two days I was relaying text messages to my friend and her group as they fearfully, but prayerfully, walked along the only open road and slept in the forest at night. Who knew that cell phones can efficiently get messages by text from a remote Congo forest to New York?

The good news is that the group eventually got safely home.

As I write this, AWE is going through reorganization, precipitated by, among other things, the demise of the Office of Women's Ministry. But all of us want it to continue.

I may have one of the most dramatic stories, but each of us have had exciting experiences getting to know Anglican/Episcopal women around the world through AWE.

Social Justice throughout the provinces

Grace ECW project cleans up in Oregon

By Allison Cellars
President, Grace Church, Astoria, OR

When the Diocese of Oregon ECW announced a Jubilee Grant would be awarded at the 2009 Annual Meeting, the women of Grace Episcopal Church in Astoria took a look at their community's needs and asked what they might do with some funding.

The local Women's Resource Center's data indicated single adult women in their 50s and without children are those with the most need in Astoria. They are also the ones who most often fall through the cracks and don't qualify for other programs.

The ECW of Grace envisioned using Jubilee Grant money to address some needs of these marginalized women. The idea was to use grant money to purchase laundromat vouchers and laundry soap. Women often dispose of clothes because

they cannot afford to do laundry.

In addition, the ECW decided to create and provide a list of various resources for all people in need in the county.

The excitement at Grace in Astoria about receiving the ECW Diocesan Jubilee Grant soon gave way to some focused work to bring the proposals to life.

Our first venture was to order four cases of three-wash load laundry soap boxes at wholesale cost, plus a 10 percent premium, from a parishioner who owns a small grocery. We printed and applied a sticker – "Grace Saves Socks and Souls" – to each of the boxes. Two cases went to the Women's Resource Center, and the boxes from the other two cases were distributed by our Christ Room Food Pantry at Grace. The boxes of laundry soap were appropriately sized, were much in demand and went quickly.

Currently, and with additional funding from our local ECW, bagging laundry

soap has become a youth service project under the guidance of Kathy Bowser of Grace. Their average production is 130 plastic bags with a one cup/four-wash load capability per bag at a cost of \$42, including the bags.

The project is handled off premises because of concern that soap spillage may make the parish floors unsafe.

The list of various local resources was made into a poster and became known as "Ports in the Storm for Clatsop County." Distribution has been to 12-step groups, Clatsop Community Action, Women's Resource Center, the unemployment office, bus transit center, emergency rooms, libraries, low income housing, medical coverage sites and grocery stores.

With our next printing we hope to include the sheriff's department so they can post a few of the posters and hand out smaller versions to those who might have a use for the information.

Northern Indiana ECW finds efforts pay off in raising funds

Submitted by Charlotte A. Strowhorn, president
Diocesan ECW – Northern Indiana

"God is Good," said Sara Maze of St. Anne's, Warsaw, Ind., when she gave the president of the Diocese of Northern Indiana the proceeds from the ECW's bake sale.

Then someone matched that amount. Then another donation came in and another until there was \$1,000 for St. Anne's to contribute to the Jericho Road Housing Project.

Yes, Sara, "God is GOOD," said Charlotte Strowhorn, diocesan ECW president as she gratefully accepted St. Anne's gift.

The ECW of the Diocese of Northern Indiana eagerly participated in Province V's challenge to raise \$14,000 within the province. The total raised within the Diocese of Northern Indiana was \$1500.

Those participating in this effort and whose gifts were also gratefully accepted included: St. Barnabas ECW (Gary) \$25; Daughters Of the King – Rose of Sharon Chapter (Ft. Wayne) \$50; Holy Family ECW (Angola) \$25; Gethsemane ECW (Marion) \$75; Georgine Bever (Raleigh, NC) \$25; June E. Thompson (Elkhart) \$25; Trinity ECW (Logansport) \$100; St. Augustine's (Gary) \$100.

Central New York hosts Honored Women event

By the Rev. Jennifer Kenna
Province 2 ECW President

June 5, more than 100 people gathered at Christ Episcopal Church in Manlius, NY for the Diocese of Central New York's Sixth Annual Honored Women Celebration. Hosted by the diocese's ECW Ministries Commission, 35 women were honored by 21 parishes, the bishop's office staff and the commission.

Beverly Bolton of St. Paul's Cathedral was honored both by her parish and the bishop's staff for her diligence and kindness as the smiling and care-giving greeter at the entrance to St. Paul's Cathedral and bishop's office, which share space in that building. She was the first double-honoree. The ECW Ministries Commission chose Donna Madara, the board secretary and talented computer guru, as their honoree this year.

The event began with a celebration of the Eucharist presided over by Bishop Skip Adams, who also presented the certificates to the honored women. Honorees also received an African violet plant. The Rev. Jennifer Kenna, newly ordained transitional deacon and chair of the diocesan ECW Ministries Commission, was gospeler, homilist and assisted the bishop at the altar. A \$600 offering was divided between the Province II ECW mission grant account and the Society of St. Margaret in Boston to aid in efforts to rebuild their facilities in Haiti destroyed in the January earthquake.

Social Justice throughout the provinces

Making the dream come true

N.H. ECWs help Angola Mothers Union

Submitted by Dawn Formica
Diocese of New Hampshire

In 2008, a small group from the Church Of Our Saviour, Milford, N.H., visited the Anglican Church in the southern province of Cunene, Angola, in Africa. Group members were deeply moved by the strong but simple faith and joy expressed by church members who live on less than \$1 per day.

Since relationship is important to those in the Angolan church, email and occasional phone calls were used to keep in touch. During a phone call in early March, members of the Mothers Union – their ECW – were asked “What is your dream is for the future?” They answered, “We want our children to go to school.” Mothers Union members said they would be more than willing to work with American churches to make this dream come true. The Mothers With a Dream of the Future committee was formed and its members began getting estimates on what it would take to open the school.

In 2008, the German government built a three-room structure in Angola to be used as a school. The roof was not secured properly and the wind blew it off, exposing two of the three classrooms to the elements.

The government agreed to supply teachers for grades one

through four when repairs were completed on the roof, additional classrooms and bathrooms are built and when adequate supplies are available for each classroom.

When the ECW of Trinity Church, Hampton, N.H., heard of the Mothers Union dream, they immediately wanted to know more and to help. They invited three of those who had visited Angola to come and give a presentation about plans for the church and school in Angola. At the end of the presentation, the Trinity ECW immediately voted to donate \$1,000 to help replace the school’s roof. The women also agreed to open giving to other church members.

The ECW of Trinity Church reached out to help and empower their sisters on another continent to fulfill their dream of a better future – one with less poverty – for their children. In doing so they also helped to bring the Millennium Development Goals of empowering women, providing primary education and working in partnership a bit closer to realization.

It is hoped others will want to help make the school a reality by raising the funds needed to supply one or more of the items needed to open the school.

If you would like more information, or a presentation please contact Dawn Formica at dawn_richard@charter.net. Please put “Angola School Project” on the subject line.

ECW present for 54th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

ECW National Board Social Justice Chairperson the Rev. Irene Miller Radcliff and Shirley Greiman, Province 1 board representative and Social Justice Committee member, attended UNCSW in March.

Many of the articles in this issue resulted from their experiences. For more detailed reports, please go to the ECW website: www.ecwnational.org.

Following that meeting, Radcliff offered these reflections on the meeting, its charge and its focus: “This is not your grandmother’s ECW. Nor is it your mother’s ECW. For me, it has become tiring and trying to hear women say that all they know or remember about Episcopal Church Women is little old ladies having teas. Or they recall that with changing times, ECW is no longer relevant.

“If being at the 54th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March did anything for me, it made me more aware that ECW’s ideals and what

they stand for are needed and more relevant than ever.

“If it were not for the ECW, many of us would not be where we are today, serving at all levels in the church and most levels of the government; working in professions not thought of so many years ago; going into outer space; being activists for change in laws and employment and so many more accomplishments. Even though Episcopal Church Women initiated several activist issues, they were not alone in these struggles. And that is another point so well demonstrated at the 54th UNCSW. I witnessed this at every event attended.

“When I think back about the two weeks – Feb. 27 through March 12, 2010 – I was in New York City attending the 54th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, it brings to mind two poems ‘The Women Gathered’ and ‘Phenomenal Woman’ by Maya Angelou.

“‘The Women Gathered’ is about how

women gathered during the civil rights movement.

“‘Phenomenal Woman’ is a happy poem about the good feelings and thoughts women should have about themselves.

“One of my favorite songs is ‘New York State of Mind.’ Before, when I visited New York I was in a ‘New York State of Mind.’ However, at the UNCSW I was entirely focused on justice and equality, especially gender equality.

“I witnessed more than 7,000 women gathering, not necessarily feeling so good about some of the situations they and other women were forced to experience, but on a mission to bring about necessary changes.

“It was an honor and privilege to represent the national Episcopal Church Women, be a delegate of the Anglican Communion and with a group of ecumenical women on a mission, to listen, learn, testify and witness.”

Social Justice throughout the provinces

Partnership helps promote social justice

Submitted by the Rev. Irene Miller Radcliff
Member at Large, Social Justice

The Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act of 2009 would provide help for children victimized through prostitution within the United States. This bill is in the Judiciary Committee and needs as many co-sponsors as possible. The office for End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECAPT – USA), located at St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 157 Montague St., Brooklyn, New York 11021, has provided the following sample letter and information. Please consider using this to contact the senators from your state.

Date _____

Dear Senator _____,

I strongly urge the Senate to pass S.2925 “Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act of 2009.” Additionally, your leadership in co-sponsoring the bill would send a critical message about the importance of addressing this issue. I applaud Senators Wyden, Cornyn and Franken, the co-sponsors of this bill, all of whom represent states that have documented and begun to address this serious problem.

This legislation provides crucial funding to develop and enhance comprehensive, collaborative efforts to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the United States. Child victims are severely overlooked in most state approaches to fight human trafficking and to child protection. Each year, at least 1,000,000 children are victimized through prostitution within the United States. Unfortunately, only six states have shelters prepared to provide services specific to their recovery needs.

S.2925 aims to address these issues by focusing on child victims of sex trafficking. It promotes collaboration by requiring grantees to have a viable, multidisciplinary plan to address prosecution, protection and prevention. To support these plans, it creates six block grants of \$2.5 million each, spread out regionally. States will be required to promptly report information on missing, runaway, or abducted children to law enforcement for entry into the existing National Crime Information Center database. To promote the successful model already used in Dallas, Texas, to identify high-risk victims, a sense of the Senate states that a child reported missing three or more times within a year should be designated as an “endangered juvenile” in the NCIC database.

During the last decade, awareness of human trafficking has increased among federal and state legislators, government agencies, law enforcement and the public. However, trafficking is widely thought to occur overseas or only affect immigrants in the United States who are from poor countries. The “Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act of 2009” intends to address the lack of awareness, training and services regarding the commercial sexual exploitation of children within our borders. Going forward, we recommend clarifying the bill’s language so that it is clear which components of the legislation apply to which populations of victims in the United States, to avoid confusion in its implementation. In light of the great lack of services and shelters for minor victims of sex trafficking, I would like to see that 50 percent of the funds go to direct services.

In 2000, Congress passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, an important chapter in our fight against human trafficking. However, much more must be done to change how we view and assist minor sex trafficking victims. S.2925 is a much needed part of their effort. Please co-sponsor this legislation and commit to supporting its passage on the floor of the Senate.

Sincerely,

Your name _____

Your address _____

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Being relevant to women of all ages – multigenerational potluck pep rally

Submitted by Jaimee March
Vice president, ECW board
Diocese of Oklahoma

Despite differences between each generation, women of all ages can learn from one another. The tension surrounding the ongoing succession of one generation by another is easily accounted for by one word: Change. And change we must if ECW expects to continue forth with this millennial generation to meet and exceed its goals.

How do we as Episcopal Church Women bring forth this change? Our prayer re-

minds us: *“Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to 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 of 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.”*

The younger generations must embrace tradition and value the history that has led us to where we are today. The older generations must embrace the progression of

life and allow ECW to evolve into something more forward-looking. It is grossly nonproductive being a dilettante or a pedagogue: neither will further us along and we have no choice but to move.

ECW needs to become relevant to women of all ages. Now is the time for a multigenerational potluck pep rally.

In other words, Episcopal Church Women need to generate enthusiasm that will be shared by everyone.

Editor’s note: Jaimee March has agreed to be a regular contributor to Communiqué. We look forward to Jaimee’s next Episcopview.

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Calendar of Events

Information for this calendar comes from ECWs throughout the church. If your group or diocese has plans for meetings, special events, special missions or other happenings, please send all pertinent information for inclusion in the next edition of *Communiqué* to: vpinformationcommunication@ecwnational.org

Aug. 4-10 – National ECW Board meeting, Menucha Conference Center. Province VIII.

Aug. 18 – Diocese of East Carolina Board meeting.

Aug. 19 – Diocese of East Carolina August gathering.

Sept. 14-15 – Diocese of El Camino Real's Mary Lou Thompson Retreat, Villa Maria Del Mar, Santa Cruz.

Sept. 18 – Diocese of Fond du Lac attends Beth Moore event in Chicago.

Sept. 24-26 – Diocese of Indianapolis ECW and DOK fall retreat based on the theme: "Passion, Gifts and Call ... God's Design for You." Mary MacGregor, retreat leader.

Sept. 25 – Diocese of Northern California Women's Gathering Day with Bishop Barry Beisner.

Sept. 25 – Diocese of Southern Ohio ECW Annual Conference, Procter Conference and Camp Center, London, Ohio.

Oct. 1-2 – Diocese of Western Missouri ECW Fall Conference with Barbara Crafton as guest presenter. Contact Judy Turner, 417-623-1464.

Oct. 7-8 – Diocese of Alabama ECW annual meeting. Speaker: Barbara Owens, Province IV representative to

the national board.

Oct. 21 – Diocese of Long Island UTO ingathering service and lunch, Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, NY.

Oct. 21 – Diocese of Virginia ECW annual meeting at St. George's, Fredericksburg, Va.

Oct. 22-23 – ECW Diocese of New York's 47th annual Stony Point Conference. Keynote:

the Rev. Canon Titus L. Presler, Mission Formation Collaborative, Eucharist Presider: the Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam. For more information: contact Gloria West, munge2134@yahoo.com

Oct. 22-23 – ECW Diocese of Missouri annual meeting and conference. Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood, MO. Arrangements TBA.

Oct. 23 – ECW Diocese of Southern Ohio annual conference.

April 30-May 1, 2011 – Province II Annual Meeting and Conference, Christ the King Retreat Center, Syracuse, N.Y.

May 13-15, 2011 – Province V Annual Meeting, Concourse Hotel at the Airport, 4300 International Gateway, Columbus, Ohio, hosted by the Diocese of Southern Ohio ECW.

Deadline for the next *Communiqué* is Oct. 15

CPC: 121 years of grants for books

Karen D. Powers

Province V CPC representative

The Church Periodical Club allocated nearly \$33,000 in Anaheim during the CPC Triennial which met five days prior to General Convention in July 2009.

Funding for books and related material were approved for requests from the United States, Haiti, India, Kenya, Tanzania and the Dominican Republic during the National Books Fund granting period.

CPC has been in operation since 1888 and during that 121-year period has granted thousands of dollars to grantees worldwide.

What is granted?

Grants are made by the NBF for books, magazines, audio and video materials and computer software. The specific materials are

determined and purchased by the recipients.

Materials may be religious or secular, but must be used within the work of the church and its communities.

Among the 78 requests considered, two were from Province V: St. Leonard's Adult High School, Chicago, IL, and St. John's Episcopal Church, Sparta, WI.

You can be a part of this affiliated organization of The Episcopal Church. This month donate \$1 for each book you and everyone in your household reads. Send your donation to your diocesan office with "CPC – books read" in the memo line.

If you would like to be more involved with the CPC or are interested in becoming your diocesan or parish representative, I can tell you more about the work of CPC. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 920-232-0020 or via email at this address: kpowers1@new.rr.com. Or you can contact your diocesan ECW or your province representative as well.

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Sharing great ideas

Father Andrew Mudereri, left in photo at left, distributes duduza (comfort) dolls to children at St. Peter's Day Care Centre for orphans and other vulnerable children in Botswana. At right, North Carolina ECW Juli Hauser holds a sampling of the comfort dolls bound for children around the world.

NC women build bridges with comfort dolls

By Lisa H. Towle
President, Diocese of North Carolina ECW

In starting a “duduza” doll ministry, Juli Hauser, a mother, grandmother, retired teacher, and active member of ECW in the Diocese of North Carolina, found a way.

Juli heard about a project – making comfort dolls – in the Diocese of Vermont. Knitters were invited to use a pattern to create the small dolls. The dolls were then distributed to children affected by HIV/AIDS in Rwanda, Namibia and South Africa.

Juli took the idea to a knitting guild with the ECW of her parish. Its members were also captivated by the idea of children receiving what Juli calls “these bridges of love.” They got to work, praying and knitting. Soon thereafter, the first 50 dolls were ready for a home. Coordinating through the diocesan ECW, the dolls were shipped to a day care center run by the Mothers Union in Anglican Diocese of Botswana, the Diocese of North Carolina’s

companion diocese.

Now, two years on, hundreds of the dolls – now made by dozens of women in multiple parishes in the diocese – have gone to orphanages in Guatemala, Haiti (post earthquake) and the Anglican Diocese of Renk in Sudan. Each doll takes, on average, three hours to complete. And each is as unique as the child receiving it.

The daughter of an Episcopal Church Woman who was working in an American military hospital in war-torn Iraq relayed the following to her mother: “I got the dolls and gave one to an 8-year old girl who is badly burned over her face and hands. She cried when we came in, as white people in uniforms inevitably meant it’s time for debridement, which hurts no matter how much morphine is on board. You have started her along the path to learn that not all uniformed visitors equal pain. Her father was deeply touched and says, ‘thank-you.’”

From the Rev. Andrew Mudereri, an Anglican priest in Botswana who runs a www.ecwnational.org

center for AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children, came this message: “Please, please do pass our heartfelt gratitude to the ladies who did this marvelous work of love for the children. Each child now has a doll and they love them to bits. Some of them have never had dolls that were their own until now.”

When Fr. Mudereri’s words were shared with Juli Hauser, she smiled and said, “It doesn’t get much better than that, does it?”

For more pictures of the duduza dolls, including those made in the image of Bishop Michael Curry of North Carolina and Bishop Trevor Mwamba of Botswana, visit www.ecw-nc.org and click on “What a Doll.” The pattern for the dolls can also be downloaded from here

Editor’s note: What is your ECW doing to reach out and touch others – in your neighborhoods or the world? Send us your stories and let us share the great ideas that are out there.

Presiding bishop speaks at N.J. event

Submitted by Carolyn Belvin

The Women's Commission and the Diocese of New Jersey ECW sponsored their annual breakfast at the diocesan convention March 6. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori was keynote speaker for the event. She spoke about her background and the path she traveled prior to becoming the first woman primate in the Anglican Communion.

The breakfast began about a decade ago when I served as diocesan ECW president. The Rev. Elizabeth Geitz, a priest of the diocese, and I were appointed as members of the newly formed Women's Commission and began the breakfast as a vehicle for the women to have a presence at diocesan convention. Past speakers included: Bishop Catherine Roskam of New York; Bishop Carol Gallagher, formerly of the Diocese of Newark; a former woman Anglican Observer at the United Nations, the Rev. Barbara Crafton; the Rev. Elizabeth Geitz, and other noted women from this area. This annual gathering remains a joint venture of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women and the Women's Commission.



Shown following the Women's Commission and Diocese of New Jersey ECW annual breakfast, held during the diocesan convention, are from left, Carolyn Belvin, New Jersey's Honored Woman 2009, Edna Haney, diocesan ECW assistant treasurer and parliamentarian, Judy Walkes, president of the ECW New Brunswick District, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, featured speaker for the breakfast, and Greta Brown, diocesan ECW president.

Indianapolis EWM grant benefits Diocese of Brazil

By Marylin Day
Diocese of Indianapolis

The Episcopal Women's Ministries of the Diocese of Indianapolis is a newly formed organization embracing several organizations to fully identify the role(s) women have in the diocese. EWM members include chairs of organizations throughout the diocese such as ECW, United Thank Offering, Church Periodical Club and Daughters of the King.

EWM's recently developed mission statement addresses the role of women in the church and its goals statement provides the framework to help achieve those goals. The ECW will continue to be the educational format for women's ministries and serve in other capacities yet to be determined.

Women involved with EWM also like to work to encourage collaboration of the organizations under the umbrella of EWM. A good example of this collaboration effort began in July 2009, when 11 representatives from our companion dioceses of Brazil and Sudan visited to share our common faith and learn from each other.

A portion of this visit included drafting a UTO companion diocese grant application for the Diocese of Brasilia. After dis-



Bishop Mauricio Andrade, bishop of Brasilia and primate for all of Brazil, right, and his wife, Sandra, entertained a delegation from the Diocese of Indianapolis in their home during a visit to Brazil. Brazil is the Diocese of Indianapolis' companion diocese.

cerning priorities for outreach and sustainability, Bishop Mauricio and Sandra Andrade from Brazil concluded the most viable project was a girl's college dormitory in the city of Goiânia, Brazil, where several junior colleges are located. This dormitory would serve low income women and allow them the opportunity to attend college and pay room and board on a sliding income scale.

The grant application sought \$98,000 to help construction costs for this dormitory. With help from Janet Higbie (Diocese of Indianapolis ECW) and Judith Gillespie (Global National Mission Commission), the application was submitted to UTO in December, 2009.

On May 16, a group from the diocese arrived in Brazil and toured the many social and outreach programs sponsored by the mission and parish churches of the Diocese of Brasilia. With the UTO grant announcements pending, each day, I would check my e-mail for an announcement. But each day, there was no word.

Our final night with Bishop Mauricio and his wife, Sandra, we celebrated our sharing of love and faith with a meal and prayer in their home. Many clergy from the diocese had come and it was such a joyful evening. At about 8 p.m. during that evening, Bishop Mauricio whispered in my ear "Did you hear? We got \$75,000 from the grant request to UTO." We were overjoyed. What a wonderful way to complete our trip to Brazil.

During our visit to Brasilia, we learned how to pray, laugh and share together this gift of grace and love from God. We learned the Brazilians are patient and persistent in reaching for their goals. They believe in working with all parties to achieve their mission for the glory of God.

In the United States, we have much to learn from our companions in faith – collaborating, sharing and discerning – the results will amaze you!

Thanks be to God!

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Women follow path of Jesus, Biblical women

Submitted by the Rev. Jodene S. Hawkins
Diocese of Hawaii

Beneath the fragrant blossoms of a lemon tree in the garden of St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem, it all began.

Three Episcopal friends, Kirsten Peterson from Washington D.C., Simone Qumri from Jerusalem and I savored steaming Turkish coffee and talked about the dream of a women's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. And not just any women's pilgrimage but a pilgrimage focused on Jesus and the women of the Bible.

Would women be interested? Would women come? What would the pilgrim women hope for and yearn to learn and experience?

An hour coffee turned into two – time can be so elusive in Jerusalem. Clearly, the time appeared ripe for a pilgrimage for women. My experience as chaplain and guest lecturer in Pilgrimage and Spirituality for St. George's College, Jerusalem, as well as my experience leading prior Holy Land pilgrimages seemed like fertile soil for sowing these new seeds. Kirsten and Simone strongly encouraged me to actualize our shared vision.

Just one year later, May 2010, 22 women, lay and ordained, Episcopal, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Southern Baptist and non-denominational from across the United States, gathered in Jerusalem at St. George's Pilgrim Guest Hotel. Some were friends, some were mother-daughters, some mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, some knew none of the other women. Greeting us almost at first sight and smell was the lemon tree silently welcoming us "home." Home to the heartbeat of our faith: Jerusalem. Home to the hospitality of Anglican Christians of the Holy Land. Home to the



Holy Land pilgrim Rebecca Allen delights in a small turtle she met outside the Nazareth Guest House.

golden stones of Jerusalem's walls and the city's lapis lazuli blue skies.

What does a day in the life of a Holy Land Pilgrimage look like? Women rose before dawn to see the sunrise over the Mount of Olives or to tuck their prayers into the crevices of the Western Wall. No one missed the delicious breakfast buffet. Prayers for the morning were often sung – the hymns familiar and related to the day's journey. The biblical stories were our steady companion. From the shadows and invisibility, from biblical and non-biblical misinterpretations, from ancient misunderstandings, the women ancestors of Jesus and the Word of God came to light.

From the shadows and invisibility from biblical and non-biblical misinterpretations,

from ancient misunderstandings, the women ancestors of Jesus and the Word of god came to light: Ruth and Naomi, Rahab and Tamar, Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha, Mary and Elizabeth, Deborah and Jael, the unnamed Samaritan woman at the well and so many other women whose names have been lost on this earth. The woman healed from her 12-year hemorrhage, the widow of Nain. Women Leaders. Selfless givers of support and love. Women outcast and scorned. Women of Vision. Women who suffered heart breaking sacrifice and grief. Women who danced and sang with joy at God's people's victories. Women who received the Living Water of the Master himself and were resurrected to hope.

We lived with these women via their

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Mouse Moves: Summer 2010

Tips for Getting Your Email Message Across – by Christine Budzowski, Member at Large, Multi Media

The internet has certainly replaced the phone tree for communicating with large and small groups today, so here are some timely tips to help you get your message to the right destination and, more importantly, read by the intended recipient.

Tip #1 Your subject line should clearly describe your message: You have between four and eight words to describe your message in the subject line, so let recipients know what they will find when they open your email. Try to make each subject line unique. For example, say “Prayer Requests for June” or “St. Mark’s June Prayer List” rather than simply “Prayer Requests.” Try to avoid using a single word subject line, such as “prayers,” since this is known to be a trigger for junk mail filters.

Tip #2 Always fill in the blanks: A blank subject line is another trigger for those junk mail filters. Sometimes we are in a hurry, especially if we are sending an attachment to the email, and we forget all about the subject line. The combination of no subject and an attachment will almost certainly send your message to junk mail. Avoid punctuation marks – !!! or ??? – or typing in all caps – URGENT!!! These are tricks junk mail senders use to try to get your attention. They now trigger junk filters.

Tip #3 Respect each other’s privacy: When you are sending email messages to a group, make sure that everyone in the group knows each another or has a related interest – such as members

of a committee. If they don’t all know one another – a group consisting of family members, your best friend from college and friends from church to whom you might want to pass along a funny joke or a prayer) – use the Blind Carbon Copy (Bcc) line to send to multiple email addresses, putting your own address in the “To” line at the top of the email address bar. There may be times when you want the members of the group to know everyone received the same message, and the best way to do this is to set up a distribution group in your email address book. That way, recipients see the message was sent to “St. John’s Prayer Team” rather than the names and email addresses of everyone in the group. Also, if someone forwards the message, they will not be sending everyone’s personal email addresses out to a wider audience. Avoid forwarding messages including email addresses of others who have received the message before you. If the message is worth forwarding, it is worth taking time to delete any email addresses of previous recipients.

Tip #4 Sign up for the new eCommuniqué to stay connected to ECW: Our new email newsletter, the eCommuniqué, is published every month between print issues of the *Communiqué*. You get all the latest news delivered monthly to your inbox. To subscribe, please visit the ECW National web site at <www.ecwnational.org>.

Women’s pilgrimage from page 16

stories told and interpreted in the places where these women lived and walked in Palestine. We walked their land; we wept with them; we rejoiced with them. And we wept at times and rejoiced heartily with our sister pilgrims in our evening reflection circle. We learned from the women ancestors of Jesus. We learned from our new Christian sisters. Women offered their gifts of music, hula, storytelling, prayer, dance, writing, art, Midrash of biblical stories and their gifts of hope and openness to each other.

Of course our footsteps trod the storied history of the Bible: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Garden of Gethsemane, Way of the Cross, the Empty Tomb, the Dome of the Rock, the Western/Wailing Wall, the healing Pools of Bethesda and the Road to Emmaus.

Sally Lange, of St. Michael and All Angels in Kauai, said, “Somewhere in Nazareth I became overwhelmed. Perhaps it was hiking and viewing the excavations ... stepping on the very cobblestones of the home of Jesus. When I began this journey, I wasn’t sure what I thought I would gain or what light might shine for me. Just



Women pilgrims dance the Sacred Hula depicting the Biblical story of the rich young man in the picture at left. Other pilgrims, right photo, walk along the Capernaum Way, following the steps of Jesus. Below, a group shot of the Kauai pilgrims, from left, Betty Moore, Sally Lang, Colette Buis, Rebecca Allen and Lindsay Kamm.

being ... at THE beginning was in itself mind-boggling and thrilling.”

I will lead Women’s Pilgrimage II in September 2011. This pilgrimage offers an optional desert camel trek into the Sinai to climb or meditate at Mt. Sinai and St. Catherine’s sixth century monastery where pages of the Codex Sinaiticus are on display. If interested, contact me at Jodene@hawaii.rr.com or 808-276-9006.



A Word about The Word

Christian ethics need active compassion

**Rahab's Sisters:
A ministry of compassion,
presence and hospitality**

**Submitted by Christine Thurston
Province VIII**

We take our name from Rahab, the harlot, whose story is told in the book of Joshua. Rahab belongs to both biblical history and to those in our own day who are labeled “prostitute” or “bad girls.” Rahab’s Sisters began its ministry in Advent 2003. Today’s growth owes its success to those whose vision, passion and experience created Rahab’s Sisters. Women clergy in the Metro-East Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon gathered at the annual diocesan convention and decided to inaugurate this ministry. Their commitment to establish this ministry recognizes there is a deep need for Christ’s healing love in the form of hospitality and respect.

Like the original Rahab, we strive to give “friendly welcome” to those marginalized on the streets. Also like Rahab, we operate at the edge of the city. In our name we claim solidarity, not just with one another in this ministry, but also with those on the street who bear the label “prostitute.” Rahab’s Sisters’ location is in the Columba Center of Sts. Peter and Paul Episcopal Church on SE 82nd Street, Portland, which is said to have the highest concentration of prostituted women in Portland. Our guests often comment they have passed this church many times without notice, until Rahab’s became part of their life.

In the Gospel of St. John, we find the woman of Samaria, a known prostitute, at the well, where Jesus recognizes her spiritual thirst and tells her about his “living water.” This water will become “a spring of water welling up to eternal life,” and she will thirst no more. We take the image of thirst to be a metaphor for the needs of prostituted women who are thirsty for care and safety. As we began spreading the word about this new ministry, we started by walking the streets. For the first few months, we walked in the dark on those

cold and rainy streets, carrying thermoses of hot coffee and small bags of cookies and condoms. We had our ministry cards to hand out to women on the street, telling where the ministry was located and when it was open.

As the word spread, and women cautiously came for a visit, we gradually opened the ministry to two, then four Friday nights each month, within the first year. Our ministry is straightforward: we offer a served hot meal on tablecloths with candles. We sit with the women as they get to know us and we them. Conversation gradually becomes easier and shared stories begin to be told. Every volunteer expresses the feeling it is a privilege to be invited into the space of friendship and trust by our guests.

Each Friday, the women are welcomed, offered some daily supplies, and given the opportunity to be in a safe place. Safety has always been a priority, for both our guests and our volunteers. We contract with a security agency to provide a guard during our open hours. The guard gets to know the women and the guys who wait for them outside. He intercedes if required, but mostly he visits with the men who are waiting for the women to leave Rahab’s Sisters.

Initially, our funding came from the diocese and the Metro East Convocation parishes. We have received funding also from UTO and ECW. We have semi-annual newsletters that update our donors and supporters about the growth of this ministry. We have begun to submit grant requests to various organizations that fund non-profit groups.

Rahab’s Sisters has developed a model for this ministry that is available for replication. Our first adaptation of the model has occurred in another location in Portland and is the direct result of our training of their volunteers. We are increasingly invited to participate in relevant discussions with public entities and other non-profit and religious groups concerned about the safety and emancipation of prostituted women.

Women do not voluntarily choose this life, but are often exposed to it by their

families who want them to bring in money. When teen girls are either escaping violence at home for the streets or are sent there, they are looking for love and someone to care for them. The girls/women learn quickly that addictive drugs, provided by their pimps allow them to perform work with a deadened sense of self. Other causal circumstances are interwoven with ongoing poverty, domestic violence, lack of education, poor health that leads to chronic untreated illnesses, both physical and emotional, and the organized system of human trafficking.

Our philosophy for this ministry is fairly simple: we provide unconditional acceptance; we do not proselytize or expect that any of our women will join our faith, or any faith, for we know that they have been subjected to “belief requirements” for service by other religious groups; we believe that the women are capable of making choices for theirs and their children’s lives; we will support them whether they do or do not seek help. We also do not see ourselves as experts or advisers regarding their life choices. We do not assume that we really know what is best, or that we can “walk in their shoes.” Our belief, supported by the evidence, is that when our women experience being valued as individuals worthy of a better life, they are then free to make choices. Another important feature of this ministry is that we set out a Prayer Journal in which the women spontaneously write about their deepest concerns, and they know that we will pray for them.

Rahab’s Sisters is unique among outreach ministries in that women in prostitution are sought out as a particularly vulnerable population. They often are vilified by religious groups and frequently denied access to support and care because of their work on the street.

As Jesus taught us through his words and actions, we accept these women as our sisters. It is our hope that just as the woman at the well said to the people of her village, these women will say to others, “Come and see.” Come and see what life can be.

Radcliff, Cash, Chan honored for efforts

Three Episcopal Church Women leaders have been honored for their service and work.

Margaret Ann Cash earns the New York Bishop's Cross

During the 233rd diocesan convention, Bishop Mark S. Sisk awarded the Bishop's Cross, one of the highest honors that the Bishop of New York can bestow, to Margaret Ann Cash and four others who have displayed exemplary integrity in their Christian witness and extraordinary service to the church. In recognizing Margaret Ann, the bishop noted her "fidelity to the faith that she has so consistently displayed." She has been a leader in her parish of St. Andrew's Church, Harlem, for more than 40 years and is credited with the parochial restoration of the ECW chapter, many years of service as a member of the vestry along with several important parish committees, organizations and projects. This dedication to the ECW and its ministry led to her extensive involvement on the diocesan and national levels. She has served six years as president of the diocesan ECW and was recognized with the Distinguished Award at the national Triennial Meeting in 2006. This labor of prayer prompted her participation in two of the annual conferences sponsored by the Anglican Women's Empowerment, in conjunction with the United Nations Committee on the Status of Women. She has distinguished herself in the Diocese of New York by participation on the Commission on Ministry, the Congregational Life and Mission Commission, the Global Women's Task Force and the ECW of Province Two. Prior to her retirement she served as the assistant director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Community Service Society of New York. She now enjoys life with her husband and three daughters, continues work as a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and serves as an adjunct lecturer and faculty adviser in the master's program at the Hunter College School of Social Work.

Irene Radcliff honored with Valiant Woman award

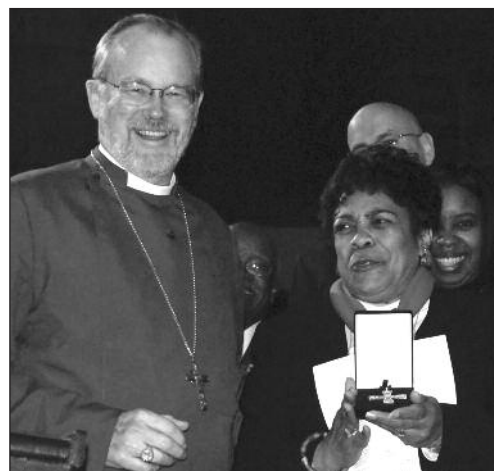
The Rev. Irene Miller Radcliff was the recipient of the Church Women United in Columbus and Franklin County's 2010 Valiant Woman Award at its 95th anniversary and May Friendship Celebrations May 7 at the Grove City United Methodist Church. She has served as a board member of Church Women United in Columbus and Franklin County for three terms. However, she is not new to the roles of social justice, civil rights activist, commu-



Irene Radcliff



Meigan Chan



Margaret Cash and Bishop Mark Sisk (Photo by Lynette Wilson).

nity organizer and volunteer. For several decades, guided by her Christian faith and a passion for justice, Irene has and continues to actively advocate for peace, social justice, prison reform and civil, human and women rights. Irene is the president of the Diocese of Southern Ohio Episcopal Church Women and ECW's representative on the Diocesan Council. In 2006, Irene was ordained in the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. She currently serves as a deacon at St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbus. In July 2009, Irene was elected as Member at Large, Social Justice of the National ECW board. In March, Irene was honored to represent the ECW National Board at the 54th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City and on March 11 addressed the United Nation's General Assembly. The focus of Irene's speech was violence against women and gender equality.

Meigan Chan receives service award

In May, All Hallows Guild at the Washington National Cathedral presented Lorna Meigan Chan, the chair and inspiration for the ECW booth, with the Florence B. Bratenahl Award for exemplary and devoted service to the Flower Mart. The All Hallows Guild is responsible for the upkeep and beautification of the Cathedral grounds.

Board seeks Women of Vision testimonials

Submitted by Kathy Mank
National ECW Secretary

Members of the National ECW Board are seeking Women of Vision (WoV) testimonials to share with readers of the *Communiqué*.

WoV has traditionally been used in leadership training for ministry roles. The scope may be much larger and extend beyond the church in application.

Barbi Tinder of the Diocese of Maine

offered the following as an example of the use of two modules of the WoV program for camp counselors working with disadvantaged children, ages 8-13, in the state of Maine.

Barbi used the modules on communication styles and on listening skills and giving feedback as part of the counselors' pre-camp training.

Most of the staff were cabin counselors and the skills helped them listen to what a child was saying and to listen for the

"story" behind the words.

The communication styles module helped the counselors understand that individuals tell the same story using different means of expression. If a person understands the different styles, there is more openness in interaction between people.

For further information on WoV, contact Kathy Mank at secretary@ecwnational.org or Barbara Owens at province4@ecwnational.org.

The Changing Face of ECW

Editor's note: Here are three composites of the way ECW is changing and adapting with the times. If your group is doing something that shows the "Changing Face of ECW," please send it for inclusion in future editions of Communiqué.

Submitted by Sue Brunson Diocese of South Carolina

As children of God, the call to glorify the Lord is written on our hearts. We yearn for love, purpose, and community as sisters in Christ.

With this said, have you ever wondered why women do not come to ECW meetings? "Who wants another meeting/another obligation/another thing to put on an already full schedule?" "And where are the younger women?" "Something is missing for me."

Have you heard those remarks? My dear sisters in Christ, as women in leadership positions for our churches, I offer to you the path the Lord has moved the ECW in the Diocese of South Carolina.

We embrace the evolving roles of women in our churches and how our view of the ECW is transcending to meet the needs of women both in our churches and outside our church walls. Our lives can go from rich, full and engaging, to overbooked, overburdened, and exhausting.

As ECW leadership, we have chosen to de-clutter and simplify. Gatherings replaced traditional business meetings. With so many ministries, studies and opportunities for women in the church, the function of ECW is the common thread that brings all of us together at one time.

Redefining the style of ECW has proven

to be highly effective and abundantly blessed. Following God's will leads us to the right presentation at the right time.

How are we working toward it? In a word, relationship; in a phrase, as sisters in Christ! God bless you, my sweet sisters. What a wonderful gift of sisterhood we have received from our Heavenly Father!

Submitted by Bonnie Chambers Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Inspired by the information and examples shared at the Triennial in 2009, the Diocese of Pennsylvania ECW Board has embarked on an examination of the focus and purpose of ECW in an ever-changing world.

This process began in earnest in November with a board meeting devoted to a "no holds barred" discussion of what is working – and most importantly, what isn't – with the traditional ECW structure. We began formulating new mission and vision statements. The board was not satisfied with just listing problems and so went on to brainstorm possible solutions. We examined our traditional events and sought ways to make them more relevant, particularly to young women and new members of parishes and the Episcopal church.

We held retreats on emergent Christianity with the Rev. Rowena Gibbons and Brian McLaren. The ECW plans to continue to work to explore the implications and opportunities emergent Christianity offers to us in the 21st century.

Be sure to read the next issue of the *Communiqué* to follow the progress of this re-energized Diocesan ECW.

Submitted by Connie Skidmore Diocese of Nevada

In October 2009 at the Diocese of Nevada convention, women interested in ECW met to talk and share ideas in preparation for establishing a diocesan ECW.

Bishop Dan Edwards has encouraged Nevada's women in various ministries – parish ECWs, Daughters of the King chapters, altar guilds and other activities – to work together to structure an organization that would bring all women under one entity. Fourteen women from eight parishes attended the meeting.

The group decided a letter and questionnaire would be sent to each parish in the diocese to elicit information about what projects their women are involved in and to solicit comments on how, when and where they would like to meet to celebrate their ministries, share activities and have fellowship. The results are expected to be tabulated soon and at that point, it should be more clear as to what the women wish to see for themselves as a formulated group.

A new ECW group has formed in the Las Vegas area at Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church. The women at Grace have already adopted their bylaws and set a governing board in place. It is hoped by the next diocesan convention in late October, a diocesan core group will be able to follow this example and establish some form of organization for all the Episcopal women of Nevada. Be sure to read the next issue of *Communiqué* to learn the results of the questionnaire and see the progress of the newly formed ECW at Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church.

Virgin Islands ECW take to the streets to show their faith

Submitted by Carol E. Thompson Diocese of the Virgin Islands president

More than 130 women gathered at St. Ursula's Episcopal Church on St. John to worship and make plans as part of the 45th convention of the ECW of the Diocese of the Virgin Islands.

Prior to the opening service, representatives from 14 parishes and missions of the Anglican and Episcopal churches attending the convention were led in a march by the host church amid great singing and much rejoicing.

The women marched from the Cruz Bay Ballpark to St. Ursula's for a service celebrated by Virgin Islands Bishop Ambrose Gumbs.

During the meeting, those gathered discussed outreach projects and other ways to help the church. The theme for the meeting was "Women standing in the gap: Making U-turns for Jesus." Dr. Kishann Duncan was guest speaker.

The Virgin Islands Daily News covered the events associated with the meeting, putting pictures of the women's march to the church on the front page of the newspaper.



The Rev. Caroline M Bain, above, is ECW chaplain in the Diocese of Chicago. Below, the ECW Diocese of Chicago sponsored a session at the annual Diocesan Leadership and Ministry Fair and invited six Turkish women from the area around the University of Chicago to help develop a statement that could stand as a truism, worthy of being recognized and agreed upon by women of faith. The resulting statement shows women of faith need to be actively working to know and understand one another and make the world a more livable and beautiful place. (Photos by Susan Lenz, Diocese of Chicago ECW president)



Parliamentary tidbits

from Connie Skidmore, ECW board parliamentarian

Two common questions parliamentarians often get are “Why does our group need bylaws?” and “Why do we have a parliamentary authority?” Usually these are accompanied by comments like “We don’t need any formality. We just want to meet and make some decisions.” My answer each time is simple: A group will function more effectively when it has some rules, guidelines and a format for its meetings. No matter what size group you belong to, everyone’s rights and privileges as a member are protected with written rules and proper parliamentary procedure. Another benefit should be the opportunity for greater participation by members.

In establishing rules for your group, you should always do two things:

- Adopt bylaws. Bylaws represent a document written in clear, concise language, usually with the help of an attorney and/or parliamentarian, which sets out the structure and some rules for the organization.
- Choose a parliamentary authority. Having a parliamentary authority – the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, Sturgis, or another authority – helps establish procedure and provides a resource for running meetings, handling motions, elections, committees, writing minutes, etc.

Resources for writing bylaws are available from the National Association of Parliamentarians website at <http://parliamentarians.org> or I can send you sample bylaws. I also welcome your parliamentary questions and concerns. Contact me at cwskid@att.net.

Province II shows glimpses of active faith

Submitted by Margaret A. Cash
Province II representative

The women of Province II continue to sustain and promote the legacy of our foremothers and their supporters, demonstrating faith through prayer and action.

Diocese of Albany: Mary Young, ECW diocesan representative, reported the ECW of that diocese are involved with mission projects for Peru, Haiti, Ireland and Bolivia. Missionaries and supplies are sent to each of these areas annually to help reach the lost for Christ. ECW chapters provide funding and supplies for the trips. The Church of Our Saviour in New Lebanon, N.Y., is sending vestments and communion supplies to Haiti: clothing, household supplies, toys and games to the Burmese Resettlement Mission in East Greenbush. Books are also being donated to the libraries in that area.

Diocese of Central New York: Congratulations to the Rev. Jennifer Kenna who was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on March 6. She is the ECW diocesan president and president of the ECW Province II board. Among the 123 persons in attendance were Doris Mardirosian and Anna Byrne, from the Diocese of Newark, also members of the Province II board. Jennifer is now serving as deacon at St. Matthew’s Church in Liverpool, N.Y.

Diocese of New Jersey: The 2010 ECW Province II annual meeting and conference hosted by the Diocese of New Jersey April 23-25 at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, N.Y. The theme for this year’s gathering was, “Art Shapes Faith Shapes Art.” We were delighted to have Ruth Tietjen Cuncell, a noted artist and illustrator, serve as the workshop leader for the program session of the meeting. Mrs. Cuncell is the wife of the Rt. Rev. George Cuncell, bishop of New Jersey.

Diocese of Haiti: I have not received information from our ECW leaders in Haiti since the earthquake. Here are some comments written by Kevin D. Hendricks on his website, <http://www.kevinhendricks.com> regarding relief efforts in Haiti. Mr. Hendricks attended a meeting in Twin Cities churches where he heard the Rev. Lauren Stanley speak about the relief efforts in Haiti as of that time. Stanley is a missionary of the Episcopal Church appointed to serve the Diocese of Haiti. She has remained in the United States coordinating immediate relief efforts and long-term development through the Episcopal Church. He reports that “of the money donated to the Episcopal Relief and Development, 93 cents on the dollar ends up in the hands of the people they serve in the form of food, water, medicine, supplies, etc. The remaining 7 cents goes to getting those supplies to the people. None of it goes to administrative costs as they are picked up by the Episcopal Church.”

Betty Patterson's legacy tells the story of grace in action

Betty Patterson was a very dear friend of ECW, starting with the Women's Auxiliary in Canada. She was a mother of five, grandmother of 16 and a great-grandmother of 27. Betty died May 16 at age 90, one month after she was honored as parish woman of the year from St. Philip's in the Hills, Tucson, by the Diocese of Arizona ECW. The honor was presented during the diocesan southern gathering.

Here is a brief summary of some of her works in the Tucson community to help God's children of all ages and to show her love of God.

Betty was chair of Community and Concern Outreach and held that position for at least 15 years. Community and Concern, an ecumenical group of citizens who enjoy lunch and a speaker each Wednesday, began in response to an *Arizona Daily*

Star survey of Tucson residents in July and August 1979 which showed people over 65 were concerned about their health, money, crime, aging and death.

Interest in this study resulted in series of programs at St. Philip's In the Hills Episcopal Church that eventually became Community and Concern. CAC continues to provide a wide variety of programs for its members' enjoyment and education. Past presentations have included lectures on medical updates, wildlife rehabilitation, the beauty of the desert, as well as historical dramas, concerts, slide shows, films, and others. Betty led each meeting, introduced each speaker and was heavily involved in obtaining the speakers.

Betty also was very supportive of the Abused Children's Fund and was responsible for raising and donating a large



Betty Patterson

amount of money and support to this group. She was past president of St. Margaret's Guild ECW, a member of Daughters of the King, and for many years, led a Bible study group, replacing her husband, the Rev. Brook Patterson, after he died.

We will miss Betty, but her legacy lives on and she will not be forgotten.

Ruth Alexander remembered as pioneer for all women

Submitted by **Inez L. Harris**
Diocese of South Dakota

Ruth Ann Alexander, Ph.D., died Feb. 1 of lymphoma at her Park Place apartment in Brookings, SD. A memorial service was held Feb. 6 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookings. Interment was in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Ruth Alexander was born Feb. 13, 1924, in Lansing, Mich. She was a graduate of East Lansing High School and received a bachelor's degree in English from Michigan State in 1945. She went on to earn her master's at the University of Minnesota and her Ph.D. at Michigan State. She taught English at South Dakota State University for 34 years. During her career, she became a full professor and was the first woman to head the English Department at the university. At her memorial service, Mary Alice Haug, who delivered the eulogy, recalled her first contact with Alexander:

"The fall of 1965, I enrolled in a course called Survey of American Literature. The class met on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m. I repeat: 8 a.m. on Saturday. ... At 8 a.m. sharp, in walked a short, stocky woman wearing, if I remember right, a belted cotton dress and soft-soled shoes. ... She marched to the front of the room, plopped (her) purse and books on the desk, picked up a folder and began to lecture.

"After about five minutes, I realized that I'd better start taking notes because this woman meant business. She lectured for 50 minutes without a pause, putting American Literature in the context of history and culture. For the first time in my life, I under-

stood that literature was not a separate, esoteric discipline for nerds who like to read, but rather the means by which we could better understand the world. That was my introduction to Ruth Alexander, a woman who was equal parts Jane Austin and Joan of Arc; Mother Teresa and pit bull without lipstick."

A lifelong advocate for equal opportunities for women and girls, Alexander earned numerous honors and appointments for her hard work. She developed South Dakota State's first courses focusing on women writers and African American and Native American literature.

A prolific writer, she wrote a column about women in the Episcopal Church called "All Sorts and Conditions of Women" for the South Dakota Church News. In 2003, she published the collected columns in "Patches in a History Quilt: Episcopal Women in the Diocese of South Dakota, 1868-2000."

In her eulogy, Haug characterized Alexander as a "tireless crusader who carried the banner of justice for the disenfranchised." She also said "because she was often seen as a fighter, some people missed the compassionate woman beneath the warrior. She loved and respected her husband, Bill, and, later in life, her 'sweetheart,' Wes. She cared deeply for her children and when they left home, she filled the void by assuming a grandmother role for young children in her parish."

Alexander is survived by three children, Jane Alexander of New Orleans; Andrew Alexander of Wayne, NE; and Sarah Alexander of Sioux Falls, SD; and by her siblings George Musselman of Grand Haven, MI; Sarah Musselman Phelps of Madison, WI; and Mary Musselman Fischer of Hastings, MN.

Triennial Meeting '12 progressing

Submitted by Cordelia Burt
National Vice President, Program

There are roughly 746 days to the Opening Celebration of the Triennial Meeting. As I write this article, we are coming up on the summer meeting of the national board and I need to begin to ask for your input.

We are all on a journey together in preparation for the Triennial Meeting 2012. Your ideas are important to us. We are looking for inspirational and or motivational speakers. Have you heard someone who motivated you to go back to your parish, diocese or province and really get to work? Perhaps someone really spoke to your spiritual being and you think this would be a good program for us in 2012. Let me hear from you with names, contact information and a little history of why you feel this person would be really, really GREAT.

Do you have someone who you think could present a great workshop that would give ideas that we could take home with us? Maybe someone who would inspire us to work toward social justice, more spirituality or _____ — you fill in the blank.

There are Triennial Meeting committees that we will need to fill at a later date but would you begin to think about these and look around for someone that will be the perfect someone to fill the positions? We'll be asking for names in about April of 2012, but keep these committees in mind and be on the out look for people to fill the spaces. These committees are: Certification of Minutes, Communication, Credentials, Elections, Evaluations, Hospitality, Resolutions and Timekeepers.

It really does take a village to raise a child and put on a Triennial Meeting. Send all your ideas to vpprogram@nationalecw.org. Together we'll make this meeting the best ever.

The applications for Triennial Meeting chaplain and musician are beside this article in this edition of the *Communiqué*. Follow the instructions and get them back to us as soon as possible.

And save the dates: July 5, 2012 at 2 p.m. in Indianapolis, we will celebrate with our opening ceremonies for Triennial Meeting. On July 11 at 2 p.m., we commission our 2012-2015 national board and close this Triennial Meeting.



ECW members sing to the strains of an auto-harp during the Province III meeting held in April 2010 in Martinsburg, WV. The meeting, which drew women from across West Virginia, included business sessions, worship, sisterhood and net-working.

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Please tell us how you know this person and what gifts they would bring to the Triennial Meeting.

Application Deadline: September 15, 2010

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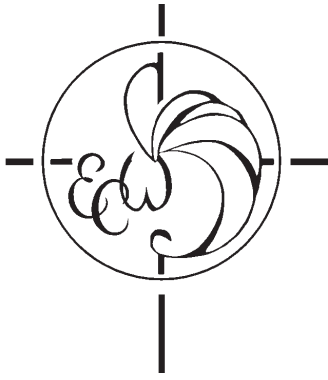
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