

ECW PLANNING – HANDOUT #1

Directions: Gather in small groups of three persons. Take a few minutes in quiet reflection to consider the questions below. Allow each person in the group 5-7 minutes to share her responses to the questions with the other persons in the group. The object of this exercise is to get to know each other as Sisters in Christ. Sharing from the heart asks merely for acceptance. Love each other by thoughtfully listening without giving advice or responding with your similar story.

Time allotted: 25 minutes

Tell the group some highlights from your life journey – where you were born, grew up, schooling, employed positions, current family situation.

What brought you to this church? What have you found in this congregation that brings you joy? How has being a member of this congregation challenged you?

Share with the group an event, moment, or period of your life when you realized a deepening of your faith and spiritual formation.

Do you have an awareness of a spiritual gift that God has given you, and if so, what is it?

ECW PLANNING – HANDOUT #2

Directions: Jot down some responses to the following questions. There are no right or wrong answers. They are valid because they are born out of your own experience. You will be sharing your answers with the whole group.

Time allotted: Personal reflection – 10 minutes
Group sharing – 20 minutes

1. List 5 words or phrases that reflect your image of Episcopal Church Women .

1.

2.

3.

4.

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2. What was it about ECW that would draw you in to participate?

3. Describe what you need the ECW at this church to be for you.

ECW PLANNING – HANDOUT #3

Directions: Answer Part 1 by yourself. Part 2 – Share your answers with each other. In Part 3, work together to come to consensus.

Part 1 – 5 minutes

What do you think are the three greatest needs of the women of our church that can be addressed through the work of the ECW? (Keep in mind the other activities going on in the parish. Duplication of activities may create less participation. Think in terms of addressing the needs of women that are not being met.)

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Part 2 – 5 minutes

Every member of your group needs to share her answers to Part 1. Jot down some notes on the back of this sheet of each other's responses.

Part 3 – 15 minutes

As a group, come to consensus on the three greatest needs of the women of your church that can be addressed through activities of the ECW in the coming year. These will be reported back to the whole group.

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