

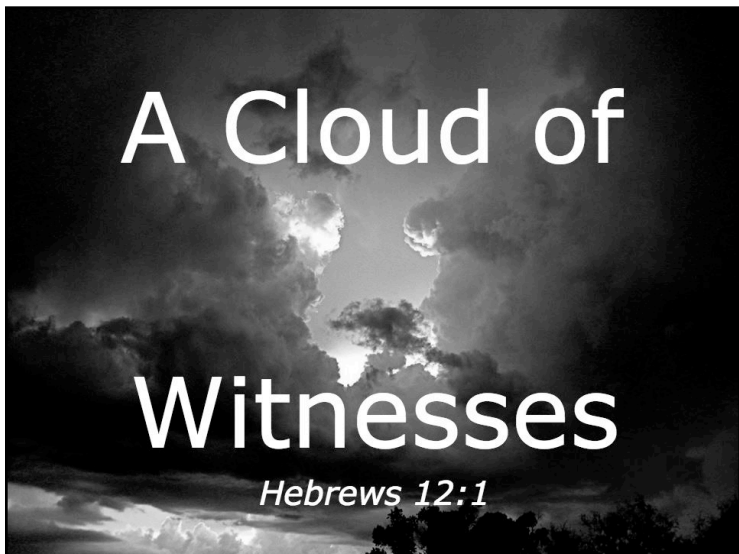
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Annual Meeting 2013



Annual Meeting 2013: Nov. 8-9

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Huntersville

What better theme than "A Cloud of Witnesses" to inspire our continuing celebration of church women in North Carolina? What better place than the Charlotte Convocation to honor the rich and lasting legacy of Episcopal Church Women's work in North Carolina? What better keynote than our first female bishop to inspire us as witnesses today where love can make a difference?

As has been our custom since the 2007 ECW Annual Meeting, our history focus this year will again be on the women and churches in the convocation where the gathering takes place. You are invited to come, see and experience. Maps of the Charlotte Convocation will pinpoint the location of all the present and past Episcopal Churches, most of which, as the documents show, would not have been founded, funded, built, decorated, maintained or expanded without the inspiration, enterprise and love of many faithful church women. Historical sketches and vignettes will introduce us to some earlier "witnesses" who made a difference in their time. By looking back at real lives, we can see how

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The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of NC, to Address the 131st ECW Annual Meeting

On the morning of June 15, 2013, the Diocese of North Carolina ordained the Rt. Rev. Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple as its sixth Bishop Suffragan and the *first female bishop in Province IV*. Over 1,400 people attended or participated in the service, held in the historic Duke Chapel on the campus of Duke University in Durham. Formerly the rector of St. Luke's, Durham, Bishop Hodges-Copple was elected at the 197th Annual Convention out of a field of five candidates on January 25, 2013.



In her new role, Bishop Hodges-Copple will assist Bishop Curry in leading the Diocese into Galilee by focusing especially on ministry in higher education, young adult ministry, ministry among Spanish-speaking communities, the ordination process for the diaconate, companion diocese relationships with Costa Rica and Botswana, ecumenical and interfaith work and pastoral care of retired clergy and their spouses.

Bishop Hodges-Copple will be the Diocese's first bishop suffragan since the Rt. Rev. Gary Gloster retired in 2007.

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Agenda

131st Annual Meeting

Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of North Carolina

November 8 & 9, 2013

“A Cloud of Witnesses”

Hebrews 12:1

Location: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 8600 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd., Huntersville, NC 28708

Friday, November 8

Lunch on your own.

- 1:00-1:45 pm:** Registration. Exhibits open (Parish Hall).
- 1:50-2:15 pm:** Welcome and introductions (The Church)
- 2:15-2:45 pm:** ***Keynote Address by the Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of North Carolina - “Join the Cloud”***
- 2:45-3:00 pm:** Break
- 3:00-4:00 pm:** Business session
- 4:00-5:00 pm:** Convocation meetings, including votes on convocation grant requests
- 5:10-5:20 pm:** United Thank Offering presenters meet for instructions
- 5:30-6:30 pm:** Holy Eucharist
- 6:30-7:00 pm:** Reception
- 7:00-9:00 pm:** Dinner and entertainment (RSVP required)

Saturday, November 9

- 8:00-8:45 am:** Pre-ordered Continental breakfast at St. Mark's. Exhibits open. (Parish Hall)
- 8:30 am:** Morning Devotion (The Church)
- 8:50-9:00 am:** Announcements (Parish Hall)
- 9:00 am:** **SHARE FAIR** begins

Now's the chance to be the source of information and inspiration, to share your passion for a ministry at the diocesan, parish or individual level, to learn why Episcopal Church Women are asked to participate in certain things, and to talk about how we can be even better witnesses for Christ.

- 9:00-9:20 am:** **Session 1—What does the Diocesan ECW do and why should you care?**
- 9:30-10:10 am:** **Session 2—Give & Take: Bring your ministry ideas and any related material to share. We can all use some new ideas.**
- 10:20-11:00 am:** **Session 3—Mystery guest**
- 11:00-11:55 am:** **Session 4—Give & Take, part II**
- 12:00-12:40 pm:** **Short Takes - A closing ceremony with a twist. Make sure you're present to represent your parish and yourself.**
- 12:45 pm:** Blessing and adjournment; pre-ordered boxed lunches available
- 1:30-3:00 pm:** Diocesan ECW Executive Board meeting

A Cloud of Witnesses *Hebrews 12:1*

131st Annual Meeting - November 8 & 9, 2013

Episcopal Church Women – Diocese of North Carolina

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

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

Status (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)

Each branch may have five delegates. A current pledge to the Diocesan ECW gives a branch voting privileges for the business sessions. Anyone belonging to a church that does not have an ECW Branch and who would like to participate in the Annual Meeting as a voting member can pay a pledge of \$10.00 in the name of the church and be entitled to voting delegate status.

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

Registration Fee Schedule – all fees are per person		
Registration Fee	\$25.00 per person postmarked by October 30	\$
Late Registration Fee	\$30.00 per person after October 30	\$
One Day Registration	\$15.00 per person (Friday or Saturday session only)*	\$
Meal Reservations: Not available after October 30*		
Dinner on Friday, November 8	\$25.00 per person	\$
Continental Breakfast – Saturday, November 9	\$ 4.00 per person	\$
Boxed lunch - Saturday, November 9	\$ 8.00 per person	\$
		Total Enclosed: \$

*Please note: No fees refunded after October 30, 2013. All meals must be pre-purchased. Catering by SueChef of Charlotte.

Dinner salad choices (please select one):

- Baby spinach with bacon, hard cooked eggs, red onion, Parmesan cheese, red wine vinaigrette
- Mixed baby greens and romaine, red onion and Craisins, spiced pecans, raspberry balsamic cider vinaigrette
- Garden salad of arugula and romaine with cherry tomatoes, carrots, onions, white balsamic vinaigrette

Dinner entrée choices (please select one):

- Maple glazed pork tenderloin, mashed sweet potatoes, roasted broccoli
- Chicken Marsala, fettuccine, medley of roasted winter vegetables
- Cheeses tortellini in a Parmesan cream sauce with grilled vegetables

Dinner dessert choices (please select one):

- Apple crisp
- Orange blossom chiffon cake
- Carrot cake with cream cheese frosting

Boxed sandwich lunch choices. All lunches will include bottled water (please select one):

- Chicken salad (contains pecans) on croissant, potato chips, brownie (without nuts)
- Grilled veggie wrap, Sun Chips, pecan bar
- Ham and cheese on a soft roll, potato chips, Snickerdoodle cookie

Make check payable to **ECW – Diocese of NC** and note **Annual Meeting** on the memo line.

Mail this form with check (postmarked no later than October 30) to the meeting registrar:

Mary Hawkins
1805 Primrose Place
Durham, NC 27707

Note: Individuals are responsible for reserving their own lodging. A block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte North has been set aside with a special ECW rate for Thursday, November 7 (for a more leisurely arrival) and Friday, November 8. Reservations must be made by October 18 to get this rate. See "Lodging and Directions" section for more information.

Questions? Contact: ECW President Lisa Towle, president@ecw-nc.org or (919) 228-8329

changing times may change the goals, but not the motivation, of women's work in the Church.

In this centennial year of her death, we will celebrate the life of Jane Renwick Smedberg Wilkes (1827-1913), who is pictured here. In 1875 she was elected in her parish as the first President of The Church Aid Society of St. Peter's Church in Charlotte. This group of 36 women proceeded to pursue the Society's three main objects: (1) to promote social acquaintance among the members of the church; (2) to care for the sick poor; and (3) to promote in every way possible the interests of St. Peter's Church.



Over the years Society members volunteered actively and helped support the work by hosting teas, concerts, entertainments of every description, and by soliciting financial support from "good friends here and at the North." In 1875 they spent \$100 to supply nurses, medicine and food to sick and needy members of the parish. The next year they opened the Charlotte Home and Hospital, soon renamed St. Peter's Hospital. In 1899 they established a nursing school, and by 1905 they had built a 30-bed hospital that soon provided a model for similar institutions in other communities. St. Peter's Hospital served the Charlotte area until 1940, when all the patients were transferred to the new Memorial Hospital, now known as Carolinas Medical Center.

Jane Wilkes entered the larger diocesan stage in 1882, when she accepted Bishop Theodore Lyman's appointment as Secretary of the newly-organized diocesan Woman's Auxiliary. For the next thirty years she served as Secretary, then "Honorary Secretary," as the membership and mission program both grew steadily. In 1913 there were 131 branches in the Woman's Auxiliary and Junior Department, with \$6,617 (\$156,230 today) in offerings given and funds raised for mission work.

At the current point on our historical continuum stands another woman poised for leadership in mission in the "21st-century Galilee" of today's North Carolina. With Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple's historic election as Bishop Suffragan at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina in January 2013, she became the first female bishop in North Carolina as well as all of Province IV of the Episcopal Church.

After her June consecration at Duke Chapel in Durham, Bishop Anne greatly expanded the geographic and ecclesiastical territory for her life's mission – service to others. With broad experience as a community organizer, director of battered women's shelters in Wake, Orange and Durham counties, university chaplain and parish priest, she is well-acquainted with the challenges and opportunities facing women from all walks of life. Part of her charge now is to help us as a diocese find new venues for reaching out to others in love and service.

Will we respond? Will we join the "cloud of witnesses?" Will we leave a spiritual legacy tangible and rich enough to inspire others a hundred years from now?

by Lynn R. Hoke, ECW Archivist/Historian

Pledging To Make It All Possible

The constitution and by-laws of the ECW of North Carolina state, *"To have voting privileges (at the Annual Meeting) a Branch must have paid a pledge to the Diocesan Church Women's budget for the current year."* These funds help to carry out the work of women's ministries throughout the Anglican Communion, our country, our province and our diocese.

While our yearly gathering is open to all, those branches current with their pledge are entitled to send up to five voting delegates to Annual Meeting. Anyone belonging to a church that does not have an ECW branch and who would like to participate in the Annual Meeting as a voting member can pay \$10.00 in the name of the church and be entitled to voting delegate status.

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

(Continued from page 1 — **The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple**)

With her historic election, she follows in the footsteps of the Diocese's first bishop suffragan, the Rt. Rev. Henry Beard Delany, who, when consecrated in 1918, became the first black bishop to serve the Diocese. As the Bishop Suffragan, Bishop Hodges-Copple will assist the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, in leading the Diocese into what he has termed "21st-century Galilee," or the diverse modern world in which we live.

Formerly the rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Durham, Bishop Hodges-Copple also previously served as the Episcopal chaplain at Duke University; the assistant to the rector at St. Luke's; the director of battered women's shelters in Wake, Orange, and Durham counties; and a community organizer in Massachusetts and Kentucky.

Her consecrators included the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Bishop Curry; the Rt. Rev. Gary Gloster, Bishop Hodges-Copple's predecessor as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of North Carolina (1996-2007); the Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia and former rector of St. Philip's, Durham; and the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia.

Bishop Hodges-Copple's consecration featured many important symbols of her office. Her brightly colored vestments, for example, feature images of water, grain, grapes and wind and serve as expressions of our sacramental life. The handmade walnut crosier she received belonged to the Rt. Rev. Huntington Williams, Jr, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina, 1985-1989, and is a gift from Bishop Williams' family.

The people involved in the service also have special meaning for Bishop Hodges-Copple. Her husband, John Hodges-Copple, presented her with her pectoral cross, and her mother, Joan Daniel Hodges, presented her with her ring. The Rt. Rev. Robert Johnson, 10th Bishop of North Carolina and also a former rector of St. Luke's, and his wife, Connie, presented Bishop Hodges-Copple with her mitre. Her children, siblings, nieces and nephews all also played important roles.

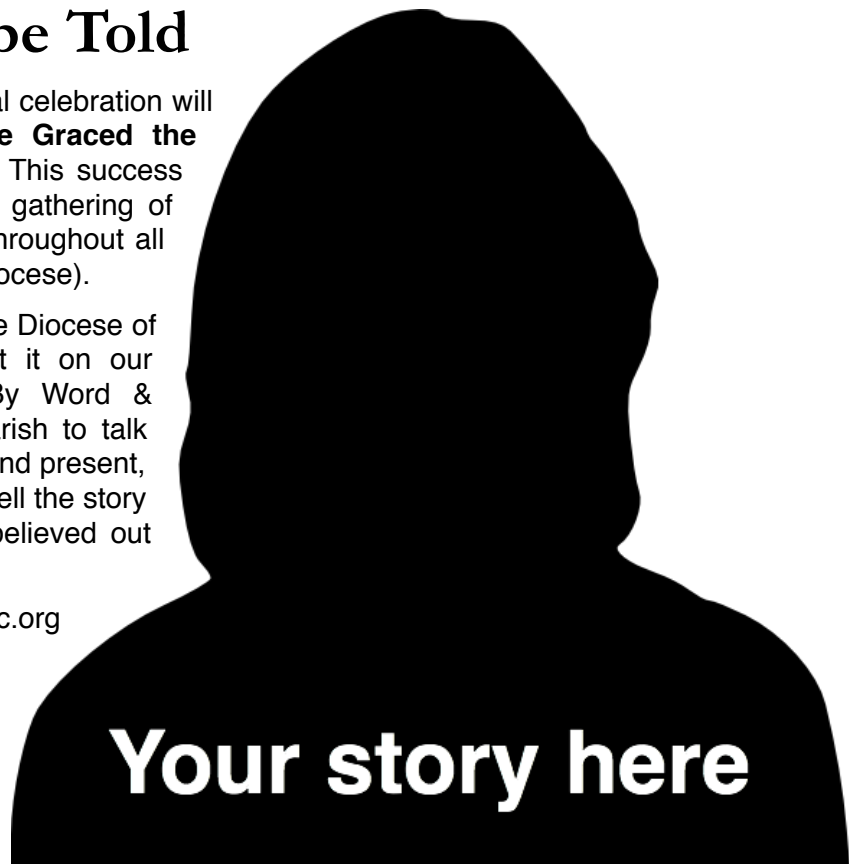
Duke Chapel also holds special significance for Bishop Hodges-Copple. She attended Duke University as an undergraduate and sang in the chapel choir. She later served as the Episcopal chaplain at Duke from 1992 until 2005.

Stories are Begging to be Told

One of our contributions to the diocese's bicentennial celebration will be **By Word and Example: Women Who Have Graced the Episcopal Church in North Carolina, 1817-2017**. This success of this ambitious long-term project will rely on the gathering of information from people in places large and small throughout all three dioceses (remember, we used to be just one diocese).

Lynn Hoke, archivist and historian for the ECW of the Diocese of NC, is spearheading this project. Read all about it on our website, www.ecw-nc.org, by clicking on the "By Word & Example" link. Lynn is also happy to visit your parish to talk about how to collect the stories of the women, past and present, who helped nurture its growth. We want to help you tell the story of how these women, in their own special ways, believed out loud.

Feel free to contact Lynn directly at archives@ecw-nc.org or (919) 602-4305.



In Remembrance

Reading from *The Book of Remembrance* is a cherished tradition at the annual meetings of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina.

All ECW branches are invited to submit a list of members who have died since the previous Annual Meeting for inclusion in *The Book of Remembrance*.

If you have a name or names you want enrolled in the book, they must be postmarked by Saturday, November 2, 2013 in order to be read aloud at the Annual Meeting on November 8th.

A *Book of Remembrance* enrollment form is offered here. It can also be found in the Annual Meeting section of the ECW's web site (www.ecw-nc.org) and in section IV of the 2013 **ECW Handbook**. You may submit multiple names, but please put only one name on a form.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ENROLLMENT

Send by November 2, 2013 to:
Gertrude Murchison
3025 Airport Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27105-4058
(336) 767-4635

PLEASE PRINT

Name as you want it entered in the book:

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

Date of death:

(Copy as necessary)

Lodging and Directions

Lodging: Each person is responsible for securing their own lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved for the ECW on Thursday, November 7th (for those who want a more leisurely arrival) and Friday, November 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte North. The hotel is located at 9315 Statesville Road, Charlotte, NC, 28269, just off of I-77 and less than 10 minutes from St. Mark's Church.

The rate, including all taxes, is the same for a room with one king size bed or two queen size beds: \$102.58. **The deadline for the special group rate is October 18th.** Reservations: the easiest way to register is via our special registration web site at <http://bit.ly/13R3Zyh>. You may also call the hotel directly at (704) 597-7655 - make sure to provide the Group Code "ECW" and say you are with the Episcopal Church Women. The website for general hotel information (not for reservations) is at: <http://bit.ly/16WFEZB>.

Food: Lunch is on your own on Friday, November 8th. Remember, registration and exhibits open at 1:00 pm. The meeting begins at 1:50 pm.

All food for the meeting, beginning with a wine and cheese reception on Friday evening, is being catered by SueChef of Charlotte. Please indicate your choices on the registration form itself.

Dinner on Friday will include the following:

Choice of salad (pick one):

- Baby spinach with bacon, hard cooked eggs, red onion, parmesan cheese, red wine vinaigrette
- Mixed baby greens and romaine, red onion and Craisins, spiced pecans, raspberry balsamic cider vinaigrette
- Garden salad of arugula and romaine with cherry tomatoes, carrots, onions, white balsamic vinaigrette

Choice of entrée (pick one):

- Maple glazed pork tenderloin, mashed sweet potatoes, roasted broccoli
- Chicken Marsala, fettuccine, medley of roasted winter vegetables
- Cheeses tortellini in a parmesan cream sauce with grilled vegetables

Choice of dessert (pick one):

- Apple crisp
- Orange blossom chiffon cake
- Carrot cake with cream cheese frosting

An optional paid Continental breakfast will be offered in the Parish Hall on Saturday, November 9th, including a selection of bagels and cream cheese, cinnamon coffee cake, blueberry coffee cake, citrus fruit salad, orange juice, apple juice, coffee and tea. Please indicate on the registration form if you plan to participate.

An optional boxed sandwich lunch, with bottled water, will be available on Saturday. The offerings include (please indicate your choice on the registration form):

- Chicken salad (contains pecans) on croissant, potato chips, brownie (without nuts)
- Grilled veggie wrap, Sun Chips, pecan bar
- Ham and cheese on a soft roll, potato chips, Snickerdoodle cookie

Directions to St. Mark's:

St. Mark's (stmarksepiscopalnc.com) is located at 8600 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd., Huntersville, NC 28078. The meeting will be held in the church on Friday and in the Parish Hall on Saturday. The dinner on Friday will be in the Parish Hall. There is parking adjacent to the church and Parish Hall - see the map on the next page.

From I-85 S: Take I-85 S to exit 45B for W W T Harris Blvd. / NC 24; exit right onto Harris and follow for 7.7 mi. to dead end. Turn left onto Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd. (Walgreen's on left); go 8/10 mile; watch for church driveway on the left.

From I-77 S: Take I-77 S to exit 19B for I-485 Outer S. Take exit 21 on I-485 for W W T Harris Blvd. / NC 24; turn right on Harris and follow for 4/10 mile to dead end. Turn left onto Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd. (Walgreen's on left); go 8/10 mile; watch for church driveway on the left.

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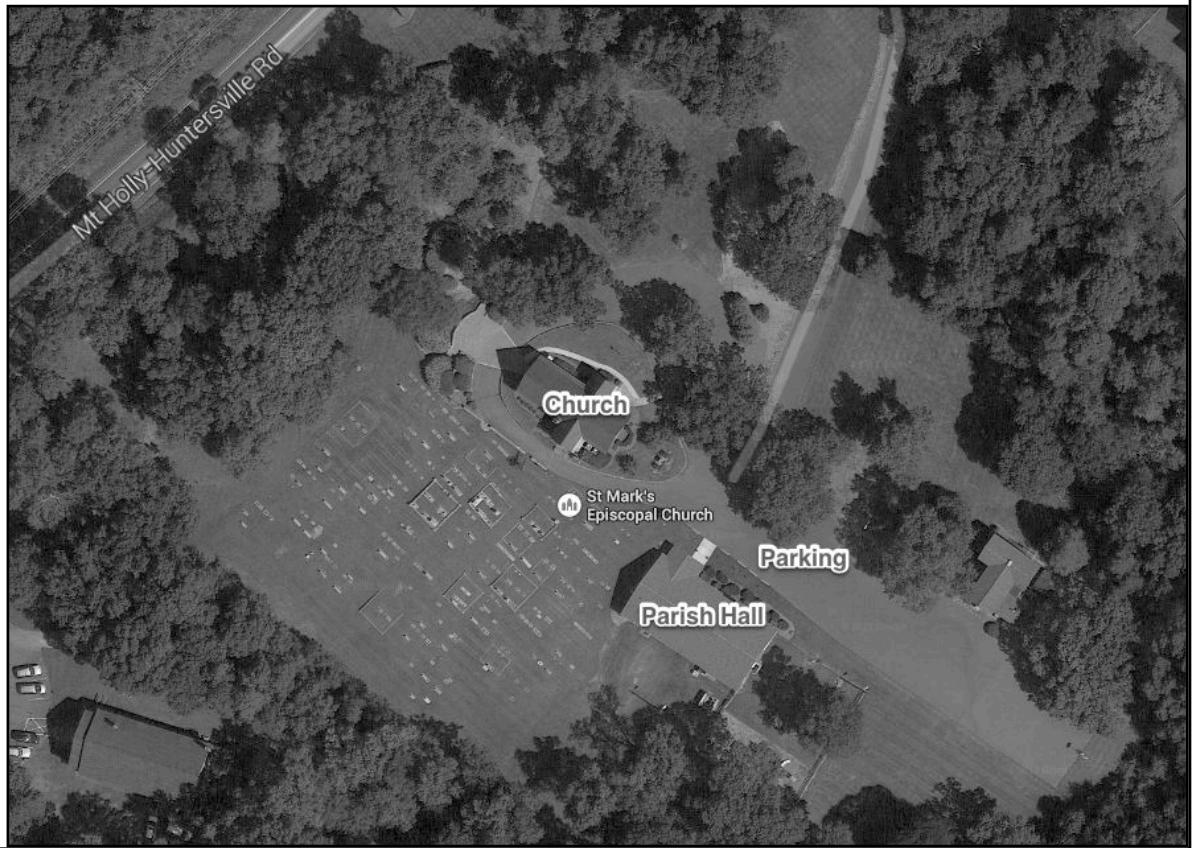
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Church to hotel:

1. Turn right out of church driveway onto Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd.
2. Continue for 0.8 mi., then turn right on W W T Harris Blvd.
3. Follow Harris for 2.0 mi., then turn left onto Statesville Rd.
4. In 1/10 mi., turn left at Smith Corners Blvd.; the hotel will be on the left.

Hotel to church:

1. Exit from the hotel and turn right on Statesville Rd.
2. Turn right on Harris Blvd. and follow for 2.0 mi. to dead end.
3. Turn left onto Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd.; go 8/10 mile; watch for church driveway on the left.



Social Media: We're There

Real time messages from a Province IV meeting at Kanuga and the national ECW Triennial. The words of Julian of Norwich. Video of happy people dancing (guaranteed to make you smile.) Pictures of visits to ECW branches around the diocese. Our diocesan ECW making news, including our national communications award and our president being elected to the National ECW board.

These are just a few of the things that have been tweeted about or posted to our website or Facebook page. There's a lot going on out there that involves the women of the church. Are you keeping up?

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

We're moving forward. Won't you move with us? Our website can be found at www.ecw-nc.org. You can find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ecwnc and on Twitter @ECWDioNC (an archive of all our tweets is located on our website.)

Can We Get A Witness?

Please join us on Saturday, November 9th for an ECW Share Fair. Here's your opportunity to share stories of how you and the women of your parish witness to God's love, and to learn more about how your support helps the diocesan ECW bear witness. There's also a surprise or two in store.

A NOTE ABOUT THE 2013 HANDBOOK

Those branches that paid for a 2013 Handbook will have that payment automatically credited for the 2014 Handbook. The Handbook, available on disk, will be mailed to you. Others who'd like to order a 2014 Handbook may do so at Annual Meeting.