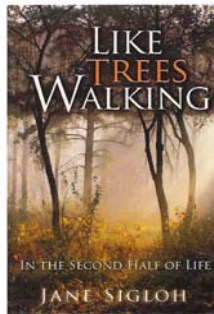


September 2007

# ECW WORKS



## The Rev. Jane Sigloh, Keynoter at Annual Meeting: Sharing Her Gifts



## Many the Gifts, Many the Works

*You are cordially invited to the 125<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina*

**Who:** All – women and men, laity and clergy – are welcome (You may register at the door, but advance registration is preferred)

**What:** A business meeting and spiritual learning experience, all in keeping with the theme, **Many the Gifts, Many the Works**. We'll explore the gifts God has given each of us and how, individually and as members of an organized ministry, we're living into them. Are we saying "yes!" to God? Are we, no matter our age or circumstance, using these gifts for the purpose of unifying the body of Christ and for the growth of God's kingdom?

**When:** November 9-10, 2007

**Where:** Historic Calvary Episcopal Church, 411 E. Church, St., Tarboro, NC.

(Be sure to read this issue's "Archives in Action," about the invaluable ways the women of the Rocky Mount Convocation have, by acting in concert for more than a century, contributed to life in the Diocese of North Carolina and beyond.)

*"Hermann Hesse, in his essays on art and life, said, 'A man who hates being old and gray, who fears the nearness of death, is no more worthy a representative of his stage of life than a strong young person who hates and tries to escape his profession and his daily tasks. ... To fulfill the meaning of age ... one must say yes to it.'*

*"... Being old is just as beautiful and holy a task as being young. That's what Sarah discovered when three strangers appeared at the Oaks of Marmre. ... She hears one of the strangers say that she, a barren woman of ninety, will have a child. ... If what the stranger said was true, she would be restored to dignity and her older years would have meaning and purpose. Sarah laughs at the absurdity of God's grace."*

These excerpts are taken from the opening chapter of Jane Sigloh's book, "Like Trees Walking: In the Second Half of Life." As in her book (which will be available for purchase and autographing at Annual Meeting), Rev. Sigloh will talk to us about God's grace and God's gifts. And she will also pray with us for understanding that it is never too late and we're never too old to accept them.

Rev. Sigloh is a retired Episcopal priest who travels nationally serving as a teacher, preacher, and story keeper. She lives with her husband in the foothills of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, where the two of them are laborers in a small home vineyard. They have six children and 14 grandchildren.

(Her full education and professional profile can be found in the Annual Meeting section of the ECW website, [www.ecw-nc.org](http://www.ecw-nc.org).)



## Taking Stock

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find a spiritual gifts inventory. Those people attending the Annual Meeting are asked to spend 10 minutes or so completing the inventory **before** the Saturday session of the meeting. Bring the results with you. If you prefer to take the inventory online, it is available in the Annual Meeting section of [www.ecw-nc.org](http://www.ecw-nc.org).

## 125th Annual Meeting

### “Many the Gifts, Many the Works”

Episcopal Church Women Diocese of North Carolina  
Hosted by the women of the Rocky Mount Convocation  
November 9 and 10, 2007



### Location:

Calvary Episcopal Church, 411 E. Church Street, Tarboro, NC 27886  
The Rev. William E. Smyth, Rector • The Rev. Velinda E. Hardy, Deacon

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, November 9

Lunch on your own. There are many dining options in the area of the hotel (see lodging information)

1:00 - 2:00 pm.:	Registration. Exhibits & bookstore open
2:10 - 2:30 pm:	Welcome and introductions
2:30 - 3:30 pm:	Business session I
3:35 - 3:45 pm:	Break
3:50 -4:50 pm:	Business session II
4:50 - 5:00 pm	United Thank Offering presenters meet for instructions
5:00 -6:15 pm:	Holy Eucharist. Celebrant, the Rt. Rev. Alfred C. “Chip” Marble, Jr., Assisting Bishop. Preacher, the Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Assistant Bishop
6:20 - 7:15 pm:	Reception
7:15 - 8:15 pm:	Dinner (RSVP required) & entertainment (Tar River Boys)

### Saturday, November 10

8:00 -8:45 am	Continental breakfast at hotel or church. Exhibits open.
8:30 am:	Morning Prayer led by the Rev. Louise Anderson, Deacon, Church of the Good Shepherd, and Julia Congleton-Bryant, Chairwoman, Rocky Mount Convocation ECW
8:50 -9:00 am	Announcements
9:00 -9:45 am	Keynote address by the Rev. Jane Sigloh
9:50 -10:10 am	Break and exhibit visits
10:15 -11:15 am	Spiritual gifts workshop for all by Jean Alderman: “What Do They Mean? What Do I Do With Them?”
11:20 am -12:10 pm	Convocation Meetings
12:10 - 12:20 pm	Break
12:25 -12:35	A Meditation by Rev. Sigloh
12:30 -1:00 pm	Closing thoughts. Invitation to the 126th Annual Meeting. Blessing and adjournment. Boxed lunches available (pre-order required.)
1:30 -3:00 pm	Diocesan ECW Executive Board meeting

# Lodging, Driving and Parking Instructions

For the 125th Annual Meeting of the ECW, Diocese of North Carolina

## Lodging



**Holiday Inn Express**  
102 Market Centre  
Dr.  
Tarboro, right off US  
Highway 64-East. Exit  
at #485

**Lodging:** Each person is responsible for securing their lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved for the ECW on Friday, November 9 at the Holiday Inn Express in Tarboro. **The ECW rate is only good through October 9.**

Both single and double rooms will cost \$57 on November 9. To ensure this one-night rate, reservations must be made by October 9, 2007. To reserve a room, call 252-824-0700. Make sure to mention you're with Episcopal Church Women.

**Hospitality:** There will be a hospitality room at the Holiday Inn Express for Episcopal Church Women. Look for the ECW sign. Light refreshments and information about the area will be available..

**Food:** Lunch is on your own on November 9. There are several dining establishments in the immediate vicinity of the Holiday Inn Express. Remember, registration is from 1-2 p.m. The meeting begins immediately after. The hotel offers a complimentary continental breakfast. A continental breakfast will also be offered at Calvary Church on Saturday, November 10.

**Meeting venue:** Calvary is located at 411 East Church Street in Tarboro. The church property takes up an entire block. The four corners of the property will be prominently marked. Parking is allowed on all the streets surrounding the church.

**Driving** (the distance between the Holiday Inn Express and Calvary Church is less than 3 miles):

\*\* Those persons from towns within the Rocky Mount Convocation who don't know how to get to Calvary Church should contact Velma Bradshaw directly ([vicepresident@ecw-nc.org](mailto:vicepresident@ecw-nc.org) or 252- 823-4266) for alternative driving directions.

## Driving Directions

### To US 64 East from points west of Raleigh:

1. Take I-40 East towards Raleigh
2. After passing the exits for Durham and Chapel Hill, but before approaching RDU airport take exit 283B, I-540, toward US 70
3. Continue on I-540 around Raleigh
4. Take exit 26B, US 64 Bypass / US 264 east (Knightdale Bypass), toward Rocky Mount,- Wilson
5. See below for directions to Holiday Inn Express or Calvary Church

### Directions to US 64 East from Raleigh/Wake County:

1. Take the I-440 Beltline to the east side of Raleigh
2. Take exit 14, US 64 Bypass /US 264 east (Knightdale Bypass), toward Rocky Mount, Wilson
3. See below for directions to Holiday Inn Express or Calvary Church

### Directions to Holiday Inn Express from US 64 East:

1. Continue on US 64 East to Tarboro
2. Take exit 485
3. At the stop sign, turn right
4. Holiday Inn Express will be on the right

### Directions to Calvary Episcopal Church from US 64 East:

1. Follow 64 East to Tarboro
2. Take exit 484
3. At the top of the ramp, turn right (Note: if coming from the hotel at exit 485, turn left)
4. Go past an industrial building to the first stop sign and turn left. This road becomes Wilson St.
5. Follow Wilson over a railroad track and through the center of Tarboro and a red flashing light to Panola St.
6. Turn right on Panola. Go one block to Church St.
7. Turn right on Church St.
8. Park on this street or any of the streets surrounding
9. Signs will direct you from here
10. Registration is in Clark Hall, located in the main building (nearest the courtyard and cemetery) which houses the church offices.

**Church office phone: 252-823-8192**



# ECW Missionaries Circle the Globe

By Kay Morgan, Secretary of Missions



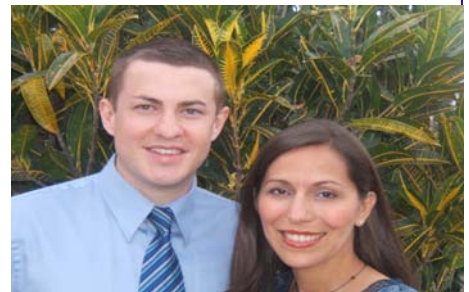
The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina help support six missionary families who are spreading the word of Christ around the world. They are working in Peru, Costa Rica, Pakistan, Turkey, Equatorial Guinea and Sudan. Each family is sponsored by a missionary agency in the U.S. which helps to keep them connected with groups like ours and helps protect them in times of crisis.

The Charlotte Convocation ECW support Allen and Rachel Hill who are in Peru; the Durham Convocation ECW support Jeff and Barbi David who are in Costa Rica; and, the Greensboro Convocation ECW support David and Pamela Meeks who serve in Turkey. Paul and Pat Stock work in Pakistan and are supported by the Raleigh Convocation ECW; Jason and Lisa Carter are supported by Rocky Mount ECW and serve in Equatorial Guinea; and, Lauren Stanley, who works in Sudan and is supported by the Winston-Salem Convocation ECW.

The Carters with their one-year old son will be leaving in September for their first assignment to Equatorial Guinea, Africa. The Stocks visited and spoke in the Southern Pines area as well as at St. Michael's church in Raleigh while on furlough this summer, and they are returning to Pakistan in September. Lauren Stanley is currently in Renk, Sudan for one month and hopes to get permission to return by January to a very dangerous area of the world. These are just examples of the busy lives these missionaries lead. Even when they are home on furlough, they are speaking to many groups, learning languages for their mission work, studying to be able to teach in their "second" homes and gathering supplies to help their friends in the mission fields.

When Lauren Stanley was home in Virginia, she came to Winston-Salem to speak to some of the women of St. Paul's ECW branch. We learned that the doctor in Renk, Sudan is marginally competent and lacking basic medical supplies. We were able to collect and send with Lauren stethoscopes, bandages and Neosporin the "magic medicine". Many of the Renk natives come to Lauren who cleans infected areas, bandages cuts and sometimes pulls teeth. Missionaries learn to do so much for people with such small amounts of supplies.

Each missionary has his or her story and I urge all of you in every convocation to learn more about them and find ways to connect and help. For additional information about the Diocesan ECW missions program, please visit the "Service" section of our website, [www.ecw-nc.org](http://www.ecw-nc.org), and click on "Missions."



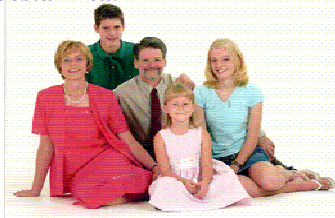
**Rocky Mount ECW Missionaries: The Carter Family, the Rev. Jason, Lisa and Kenyou, serve in Equatorial Guinea.**



**Winston-Salem ECW missionary: Lauren Stanley with her students at Renk Theological College in Sudan.**



**Durham Convocation missionaries: the Jeff David family, missionaries in Costa Rica.**



**(ECW) Raleigh Convocation missionaries: Jodi Stock, daughter of Paul and Pat Stock, talks about life in Pakistan while wearing traditional Pakistani clothes.**

# Archives in Action:

by Lynn Hoke, ECW Archivist/Historian

## Focus on the Rocky Mount Convocation

**A**fter finishing the initial phase of work on the ECW Archives – processing, describing, boxing and making computer searchable lists – I moved into the research mode of looking for those threads of history that connect our present with our past. This column is the first of a series that will offer tidbits from the Archives to let you know about the work of those initially, and quaintly, called the “ladies” of the church.

One hundred years ago our Woman’s Auxiliary to the Board of Missions celebrated its Silver Jubilee at Calvary Church in Tarboro. A detailed account of this event is readily available because the ECW Archives holds a copy of the Auxiliary’s 1907 Annual Report. In fact, the Archives houses a full run of Annual Reports, beginning with the first one published in 1883. This year’s 125th Annual Meeting returns to Calvary Church to mark another milestone for the ministry of women within the Diocese of North Carolina.



Hosted by the Rocky Mount Convocation, this anniversary meeting prompted us to focus an archival search into the available records on church activity over the entire six-county Convocation area. What might we find in the ECW and Diocesan Archives about the early work of Woman’s Auxiliary branches, Ladies Aid Societies, and Parish Sewing Societies? How did members respond to mission opportunities near and far? What caught their attention or pulled at their heartstrings? What nurtured their spirits? Let’s get the Archives in action.

A first step involved some geographical orientation. A current Diocesan Convention Journal came in handy for highlighting the Rocky Mount Convocation and its fourteen

towns on a state map. Earlier Convention Journals and parish histories provided the names of additional locations where chapels or mission stations flourished for some period of time. (Several parochial reports cite the loss of one or two families in a year as cause for closure.) The cumulative list of all existing and ephemeral church locations in the Rocky Mount Convocation now numbers more than fifty.

Year by year the parochial reports in the Diocesan Journal provide telling evidence that the “ladies of the Church” worked to build, decorate, and repair church buildings all across the Convocation. Halifax County offers some excellent examples of diligent work during the 1880s.

In Enfield the Ladies Guild at the Church of the Advent “raised money to light it up beautifully; so that hereafter we shall be enabled to hold evening as well as morning services in it.” A few years later a portion of this Guild’s funds went towards paying the Rector’s salary.

The priest at St. Mark’s in Halifax praised “Our little handful of ladies,” who “by their energy and perseverance, raised upwards of \$130, with which they had the interior of the church painted, whitewashed and carpeted.”

The “ladies of the congregation” at St. Clement’s in Ringwood, “greatly improved the interior of the Church by a new and beautiful carpet, covering the Chancel, the open space in front, and the aisle, at a cost of some \$50.00.” From the proceeds of their work the “ladies of the Parish” at Trinity Church in Scotland Neck “purchased a good lot in town on which they intend erecting, during the present year, buildings for a rectory, for which they have ordered the lumber.”

During this same period up in Northampton County, at the Church of the Saviour in Jackson, the “ladies, earnest and untiring in work, by their example, have greatly increased the interest of all in the Church, cheered and upheld the Rector and drawn the thoughtful attention of others to our Communion.”



Bricks and mortar, paint and carpets, lights and lumber – who among us has not kept this tradition alive for many a year? Remember the Cottage Campaign!

# Archives

Some very interesting archival nuggets can be found in the Woman's Auxiliary Annual Reports.

Each year the President's Report provides a general outline of activities, and detailed Treasurer's reports allow us to see exactly to the penny how much each branch contributed and exactly how much funding each mission project – diocesan, domestic, and foreign – received.

The 1907 Silver Jubilee report provides individual and cumulative statistics for thirteen Auxiliary branches in the Edgecombe District of the Convocation of Raleigh, which coincides with today's Rocky Mount Convocation: 235 total members sent a total of \$850.25 (\$18,398.20 in 2006 dollars) to fund mission work in such places as Roanoke Rapids, Duke, St. Mary's, Edgecombe, Mayodan, Cooleme, the Thompson Orphanage in Charlotte, Alaska, Miss Babcock's salary in Japan, and the Woman's Building in Soochow, China. Regular funding categories included the Apportionment, the Church Periodical Club, the Clergy Retirement Fund, Specials, and Box Work. The branches in Halifax, Roanoke Rapids, Thelma and Edgecombe County each listed only four or five members, but their dollar, half dollar and quarter dollar contributions appear under the designated projects they chose to support.

For anyone interested in more detail on the Auxiliary's mission projects, some is available in president's and department reports. Considerable information is also available in the monthly issues of *The Spirit of Missions*, published by the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Diocesan Archives has a sporadic collection of issues, dating from the 1800s to 1933.

Fortunately for us, the now-fragile Secretary's notebook of minutes for this same Edgecombe District, Convocation of Raleigh somehow ended up in the ECW Archives. It covers the first nine District meetings, between 1922 and 1926, with each meeting hosted by a different church. At present this notebook is the only such document in our Archives. We hope there are other such items "out there" in safekeeping – in your home, your mother's attic, your local church files.

A world of information graces the short sixty pages of this valuable primary document. Those in attendance heard from the various department chairs about opportunities for social action, mission support, educational growth, and spiritual nurture. Among the potential projects mentioned by name only were "Tin-Can Tourists" in October 1922, "Japan in Ruins" in October 1923, and "The Bishop's Cru-

sade" in October 1926. A quick check on Google fleshed out these interesting, but sparse snippets.

The "Tin-can Tourist" phenomenon had hit big by the early 1920s. According to the *New York Times*, fifteen million auto campers hit the road in 1922, most of them sleeping on cots, in tents, or in "newfangled houses on wheels." Annual rallies in Florida attracted thousands of Tin-Can Tourists, many of whom most probably traveled across North Carolina. Perhaps the ladies of the Edgecombe District saw in these transient tent camps an opportunity to spread the Word.

Japan, it turns out, had suffered a devastating earthquake of magnitude 8.3 on September 1, 1923, just a month before the Edgecombe District was discussing how to respond. The proximity to Tokyo and Yokohama, with combined populations numbering two million, made this quake one of the most devastating ever to hit Japan. Tokyo's business and industrial districts lay in ruins.

The Bishop's Crusade was an effort of the Protestant Episcopal Church, led by Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of East Carolina, to gain 100,000 new communicants. As quoted in a July 19, 1926 *Time Magazine* article, Bishop Darst said that while "the Church today is incomparably rich in money, organization, influence, power," it is "failing to produce anything like Apostolic results."

This one small notebook mentions many more projects and programs that merit further investigation. See if there's a similar notebook somewhere in your midst.

These examples illustrate how we can discover much about how our predecessors in the Woman's Auxiliary went about their branch, district and diocesan work. While the focus here was on the Rocky Mount Convocation, our research will overlap and be mutually beneficial because, then as now, the local branches followed the National program as it filtered down through the Diocesan board. Happy hunting as you get your own local "Archives in action."

(For more information about the ECW Archive, visit the "Archive" section of our website, [www.ecw-nc.org](http://www.ecw-nc.org).)





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How will you use your spiritual gifts  
to help support the Millennium  
Development Goals?



## Delegates at Annual Meeting

Each ECW branch may send up to five delegates to Annual Meeting. For delegates to have voting privileges for business, the branch must be current with its pledge to the Diocesan ECW. If you're unsure about the status of your pledge, contact Diocesan ECW treasurer Jeanne Kutrow ([treasurer@ecw-nc.org](mailto:treasurer@ecw-nc.org) or 704-366-2164.) In the case of parishes without an active branch, an individual may pay \$10 for a membership in the name of their parish. That check should be made payable to "Diocesan ECW" and mailed to Jeanne Kutrow at 1305 Kingscross Dr., Charlotte, NC 28211.