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ECW ANNUAL MEETING
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of the Rocky Mount Convocation

At the Historic Calvary Episcopal Church,
 Tarboro, NC

All the details about Annual Meeting will be in the next edition of ECW Works and posted on our website, www.ecw-nc.org, by September 1.

Make plans now to attend this special event, which will focus on how best to *discern and use your God-given gifts*. There will also be prayer, worship, fellowship, information sharing and some surprises!



Oars in the water Ready, Set, Row!

The President's Address Delivered at the 191st Diocesan Convention, January 27, 2007, Greensboro, NC

One year ago I stood before you and announced I was going to challenge the Executive Board of the Diocesan ECW to commit at least 0.7 percent of our annual budget to help meet the Millennium Development Goals as adopted by our Diocese, our church's General Convention and the 1998 Lambeth Conference. Well, I did, and the response was that seven-tenths of one percent of our annual budget was too small a sum. Instead, we would offer that amount of our total assets to the Millennium Development Goals.

Like so much else we do at the largest organized lay ministry within the Episcopal Church, the commitment isn't merely about the volume of dollars and cents -- though, make no mistake, Episcopal Church



Lisa Towle, ECW President, at the 2007 Diocesan Convention

Women are very effective fund-raisers. It's about how that money helps us build ministries, which in turn helps up make disciples and make a difference.

It's about being **DOERS OF THE WORD**.

As our new Presiding Bishop said when she addressed the women gathered at General Convention last June for the Triennial Meeting of the ECW: *(continued on page 2)*

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"In the beginning, this church was run by men but it was funded by women. Today, you continue to do the hard Martha-work that blesses this body called the Episcopal Church."

Being doers of the word on the global scale required to meet the MDGs won't be easy, but God never promised us easy. So far as I know, he never said, "First and foremost, take care of those most like you ... those living closest to you." If anything, God's promise of grace, again and again and again, extends to those not considered the chosen, wherever they are.

The Executive Board of the Diocesan ECW agrees: We are ALL God's children. There's no room for quibbling about the meaning of that. There's no need for a litmus test based on politics or gender or skin color or geography or anything else.

At my parish, Good Shepherd in Raleigh, there are, on average, two to three baptisms a month, so we have many opportunities to renew the Baptismal Covenant. And no matter how many times I hear it, my throat closes with emotion when we get to the part about respecting the dignity of every human being. That's every human being. Part of the beauty of the Episcopal Church is that we have that phrasing in our Baptismal Covenant. Do our actions show we believe the words we say?

While at the ECW Triennial Meeting last June, I attended a workshop led by James Nutter, Rector of Palmer Memorial Church in Houston. The workshop was about first love, meaning God's love, and the nature of that love. Reverend Nutter pointed out that maintaining a loving relationship of any kind takes discipline. And he noted how you can't be a good disciple without exercising some discipline.

Dedication to a ministry helps when it comes to learning how to be a good disciple, he said, because everyone must put their oar in the water. Think about it: Those who are rowing the boat have a lot less time to rock the boat! And when we arrive at the shore, we're there to do one thing – share the love that came first. We're not there to judge someone else's salvation. That's not our job. Our job is to share what we've been given.

We who have so much are, I argue, obligated to share our knowledge and our resources. Such little things can mean so much. But for some vitamins, but for some mosquito netting, but for some of the inexpensive, high protein food packaged and distributed by groups such as Stop Hunger Now, based in Raleigh, so many lives could be saved.

The Episcopal Church Women of this diocese will in the coming months be hearing about the things they can do, individually or as a group, to begin to address the Millennium Development Goals. These will be very practical things.

We are going to be a whole bunch of Marthas in boats – on that sea, calm or turbulent, Bishop Curry was talking about yesterday – rowing as hard as we can.

I ask you today, especially those clergy and vestry members present, to support us in this doing. When women of your parish or mission come to you and ask for your cooperation as they fund-raise on behalf of the MDGs or plan hands-on mission work related to the goals, please give it to them. This isn't about depleting your resources. This is about believing and living into mission. Do we believe in a generous god or a god of scarcity? That's a question Bill Wrenn, our diocesan Missioner for Congregational Development, Stewardship and Evangelism, asks. The God we worship is, I think, a generous god. The more we give, the more we have.

This call to action will renew all our lives. We are His body on earth and we are called to give all that we have and all that we are to all, not just to spread it amongst ourselves. If I didn't believe this I wouldn't ask it of the ECW, which has been such a force for good for so long.

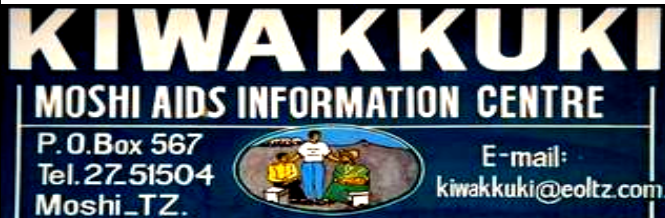
St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary use words." So I'm done talking, except to say, "Watch us. Watch us be **DOERS OF THE WORD.**"

Better yet, join us.
Blessings to each of you.



About That grant

In keeping with the promise to devote resources to the Millennium Development Goals, not just in word but deed, the Diocesan ECW has made its first MDG grant. In the first quarter of 2007, \$600 was sent to a non-governmental organization in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania known by its acronym, Kiwakkuki. In the Kiswahili dialect, this stands for “Women Against AIDS in Kilimanjaro.”



At its planning retreat in February, the Diocesan ECW Executive Board agreed that whatever we do on behalf of the MDGs as an organized ministry, our foundation will be MDG #3: Promoting gender equality and empowering women. This goal will always guide our thoughts as we, who have so much as part of a developed and rich nation, do our part to seek and serve all God’s, especially those in poor and underdeveloped countries.

Given those things, Kiwakkuki was a good first step as its work directly addresses four of the eight goals – 3,4,5 and 6 (see the accompanying list of goals.) Begun in 1990 by women as a response to the pandemic’s affect on women in the region, Kiwakkuki educates and advocates for the prevention of AIDS, offers material and emotional support for those affected by HIV/AIDS, and cares for thousands of children in the area orphaned as a result of AIDS.

Upon receiving the grant, Dafrosa Itemba, Kiwakkuki’s Executive Coordinator, wrote to the ECW of North Carolina. She said, “... Your letter was read yesterday morning at prayer time. We were indeed thrilled to hear the content and we thought we were greatly privileged to be given the honor.”

(To learn more about Kiwakkuki, please visit our website, www.ecw-nc.org.)



Embracing the Millennium Development Goals

The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) form a blueprint agreed to by all the world’s countries to respond to the world’s main development challenges by 2015. They also provide a key focus for the churches of the Anglican Communion, including the Episcopal Church U.S.A.

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of ECUSA, defines the Church’s first priority as “the kind of deed-based evangelism that shows the world the good news of God’s love through the actions of Christians. We cannot speak much in the way of good news to people who are starving or dying of preventable disease or living in slums.” She adds that the work of achieving the MDGs is “intimately wrapped up in the promises we make in the baptismal covenant to engage in God’s mission.”



The Millennium Development Goals are big and ambitious, no doubt about that. However, they also present us with wonderful opportunities to meet our obligation as Christians “to seek and serve Christ in all persons,” and as Episcopal Church Women “to make known God’s love throughout the world.”

This is why the Executive Board of the Diocesan ECW has elected to make the MDGs a top priority for 2007-2009.

Don’t worry, we’re going to help you break it down so that **no matter the resources of an individual or ECW branch there will be a variety of ways to meet the MDGs.**

Over the next two years, at least, there will be on these pages and on our website suggestions about how and where to focus your MDG energy.

Remember, there is always a little more we can do, and that little bit more does not have to come at the expense of our earlier “call to action” and what’s already being done on behalf of other ministries. This is how we, members of a missionary diocese, make disciples and make a difference.

Annual Meeting & Worship Retreat 2006 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Durham

Some of the highlights

"Biblical Women, Today's Women: Doers of the Word" Learning from saintly example

Our speakers were a husband and wife team: The Rev. Canon Dr. Sam Wells, Dean of Duke University Chapel, and the Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells, Director of Anglican Studies and Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry and Bible at Duke Divinity School. On the second day of the meeting, Jo shared the stories of six contemporary "saints," Sudanese women priests of the Diocese of Renk in the Episcopal Church of Sudan. The accounts of their lives and what they've endured to be doers of the word deeply touched all who were present.

On 20 March 2005, six women deacons of the Diocese of Renk were ordained priests of the Episcopal Church of Sudan by The Rt. Rev. Daniel Deng Bul. The six, all of whom had been leaders in the Mothers' Union, all of whom had served as deacons since the Feast of St. Thomas 2003, were the first women to be ordained priests in Renk.

All had been sought out by Bishop Daniel; all had been asked if they would take this first courageous step into a position where previously, only men had served. All knew they would face resentments and in some cases, outright rejection.

And so, on Palm Sunday 2005, all of them took their vows and began walking on a new journey for each of them and for the Episcopal Church in this war-torn land.

In Renk Diocese itself, located in the Northern Upper Nile region of the country, peace is even more complicated. Renk is the borderland between North and South, where Arab and black, Christian and Muslim meet face-to-face on a daily basis. ... Here in Renk, more than a dozen of the nation's tribes live together, not always in peace.

Ethnic and religious tensions flare on occasion; ethnic and religious slurs are commonplace. Not only is there trouble between Northerners and Southerners, Arabs and blacks, Muslims and Christians, there is trouble at times between the various Southern tribes. Relations between the tribes have been acrimonious throughout history ... - by Lauren Stanley, Episcopal Church missionary in Sudan.



The Rev. Grace Isaiah Kpari,
St. Luke's Center, Director,
ECS/Renk Guesthouse



The Rev. Deborah Akon
Weil, Priest in Charge. Glory
Parish, Renke.



The Rev. Alice Benzine Foke,
Priest in Charge, St. Luke's
Center, Renke.



The Rev. Teresa Aduk Jer-
boam, St Matthew's Cathed-
ral, Renk Teacher and Chap-
lain



The Rev. Ludia Galia Jambo,
St. Matthew's Cathedral,
Renk



The Rev. Martha Deng
Nhial, Priest in Charge,
Acting Dean, St. Matthew's
Cathedral, Renke.

Space limitations prevent a full telling of their stories here. Much more information, including biographies of the priests, can be found on our website, www.ecw-nc.org. Print out what is on the website and use it as prayer prompts.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Among the matters addressed at the 2006 Annual Meeting was the election of officers. Here are the newest members of the Executive Board – doers of the Word -- in their own words



**Jean Alderman,
Secretary of Christian Education:**

Originally from Walnut Cove, NC, I've lived in Raleigh all of my adult life. I obtained degrees in education from UNC-Chapel Hill and an MBA from Meredith College, and worked in the real estate and mortgage banking industry for over 25 years. In 2002 I assumed the post of Director of Operations for Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief non-profit organization headquartered in Raleigh. During my five years there I was fortunate to work with many ministries and organizations whose goal is to end world hunger, and I was able to travel to South Africa and Kenya to observe some of the programs Stop Hunger Now funded. In June 2007, I became manager of client services for Grubb & Ellis/Thomas Linderman Graham, a commercial real estate firm in Raleigh.

Since 1982 I've been a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where I have held a number of positions: Sunday School teacher for 4-year-olds for six years, as well as organist and chapel leader for the All Angels' (children's) chapel; Sunday School supervisor for two years; Stephen Minister and Stephen Minister Leader, Communications Committee member; member of a discernment committee; Vestry member from 2001-2003; developer of the original "Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts" class for the new member orientation program. Currently, I'm a member of the adult choir, hand bell choir and new Lay Pastoral Care group. I have one child, a daughter Emily, who's a registered nurse at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh.



**Sandra Suling Sanford, Chair of
Raleigh Convocation ECW:**

The year was 1995 when I moved from Southern California to Charlotte, North Carolina. With just my husband and 3-year old daughter, leaving family and friends behind, we started a new life on a different coast. Being a cradle Episcopalian, my first task was to seek out a new church home. I attended a service at St. John's. It felt like home! Then I was invited to an ECW meeting and have been involved with ECW ever since. It is my passion. It is the ministry that completes my purpose on this earth. Besides leaving family and friends in California, I left behind a well established graphic design studio. I was completely focused on being a mom to my daughter, so for about five years I picked up "mom" jobs. Working at Harris Teeter or Something Classic Catering offered flexible schedules. But the desire to be my own boss once again raged within me. What to do? I have a BA in Fine Arts and lots of business savvy. With my husband of 17 years we created a retail store called Wide Shoe Warehouse. We are now the leaders in the specialty shoe market for wide, extra wide and large sizes. Established in 2001, we are due to open our fourth store this Fall. I have a great partner. Rick does the finances and I handle the media.

We moved to Wake County in 1999. In 2001, having attending another Episcopal church in the area for two years, I found my home at St. Michael's in Raleigh. I have been active in ECW activities at St. Michael's. I belong to the St. Margaret's Chapter and served on the board as treasurer for two years. Now with that position ending I am pleased to Chair the Raleigh Convocation ECW. I see good things ahead and look forward to serving on behalf of the greater Raleigh area.



**Kay Morgan,
Secretary of Missions:**

I'm married with a grown daughter and three adult stepchildren. My 5-year old granddaughter and I are very close since I helped care for her from the age of seven months to the time she started kindergarten. We did preschool, dance, gymnastics and ballet while her mom taught school. It's been an adjustment to let her take off to school! My career included 31 years in the Winston-Salem / Forsyth County School System as teacher (English), assistant principal in two high schools, director and assistant superintendent for curriculum and development, and elementary school principal. In my parish, St. Paul's in Winston-Salem, I have worked on our Welcome! Committee and with greeters; helped coordinate and decorate two apartments in our outreach center for families who have loved ones in a Winston-Salem hospital and can't afford lengthy hotel stays; served as ECW president, as the United Thank Offering Coordinator and on the Altar Guild; been active in the St. Anne's ECW circle; and helped start a funeral reception committee.

**Barrie Gibby,
Chair of Greensboro Convocation**

ECW: Lives in Burlington; ECW president at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Burlington. Owner of barrettdesign events: events specialist, designer, speech writer, coordinator. Language arts, dance & theater educator. Theater director; past president Sacred Dance Guild, international faith-centered organization whose members seek to enrich their faith through movement and dance. Lecturer for "Building Community through Dance". Wife and mother.



The Diocese of North Carolina Climbs to 2nd Place in United Thank Offerings in Province IV

Diocese of North Carolina Receives A 2007 United Thank Offering Grant Award

With 20 dioceses in Province IV, the Diocese of North Carolina has climbed to second place in United Thank Offerings, very close to first place Upper South Carolina. The Diocese of North Carolina total United Thank Offerings for 2006 were \$55,170.44.

Announced in May 2007, The United Thank Offering Committee had 202 grant requests for over \$8 million. One hundred and four grants were awarded for \$2,439,342.46. This included the total from 2006 Ingatherings plus the interest earned. In some cases, even though the criterion was met, there was no funding available.

Each spring, UTO Committee members review and research each grant from their respective provinces. Of the 104 grants awarded, Episcopal dioceses in the United States received 48%; overseas and regional grants received 52%.

The 2007 United Thank Offering grants responded to the call to “feed my sheep,” both physically and spiritually. The two largest grants will build a hospital in Pakistan and a church in Homer, Alaska. Other grants will help rebuild the Grace Day Care Center in New Orleans, severely damaged by Katrina; purchase a mini-bus for St. George’s, in Baghdad, Iraq, enabling children to safely attend school now being held at the church because of the war damage; and purchase a former convenience store for use as a food pantry in a rural area of West Texas. The smallest grant provides a small parish in Mississippi with Sunday

school materials and patterns to make children’s altar furnishings.

UTO is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church, encouraging daily thankful prayer and offerings. UTO grants focus on addressing compelling human needs and expanding the mission and ministry of the church.

In the Diocese of North Carolina, **RAIN** (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) received a 2007 United Thank Offering grant award of \$15,000. This grant will enable RAIN to expand the number of volunteers trained, number of Care Teams established, and pastoral care for those infected and affected with HIV/AIDS.

RAIN meets the spiritual, practical and emotional needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and sets the standard high for compassionate care. **RAIN** understands that the faith community plays an essential role in shaping the public’s knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors and can be one of the most powerful contributors in combating HIV transmission and the eradication of stigma and discrimination.

RAIN has very strong ties with the Diocese of North Carolina and Episcopal congregations. Christ Church in Charlotte hosted the 2006 Annual Covenant Renewal Service, where Bishop Michael Curry served as the keynote speaker. Five Episcopal congregations in the diocese have active Care Teams with 30 volunteers.

RAIN engages the community to transform lives and promote respect and dignity for all people touched by the AIDS crisis through compassionate care, education and leadership development. **RAIN** has been serving Charlotte and surrounding counties since 1992.



United Thank Offering Grant Award

The focus again, for two reasons, of this 2007 United Thank Offering article is La Casa de San Marcos/Saint Mark’s House, in Wilson:

First, La Casa de San Marcos/Saint Mark’s House received the largest United Thank Offering grant award in the Diocese of North Carolina in more than ten years.

Secondly, there is absolutely no way anyone could have imagined the chain of events that have taken place at Saint Mark’s Church.

The grant award was to help build an interracial and multicultural community center adjacent to a church where an established Episcopal African American congregation had invited a Hispanic congregation to share its facilities. The history of Saint Mark’s Church is rich with its ministry to African Americans in the Wilson community for more than 125 years. The first school for black children in Wilson County was established by Saint Mark’s and operated for more than 40 years.

La Casa de San Marcos/Saint Mark’s House began from a foundation made with hands and built on an eternal foundation blessed by our loving God. This venture in faith was immeasurably blessed with a \$30,000 grant from the United Thank Offering and generous gifts from parishioners and friends. Wilson contractor Robert Cunningham contributed his time and talent—

foregoing any personal profit. Since the groundbreaking, on the Day of Pentecost in May 2005, members and friends of Saint Mark's Church and La Guadalupana have gathered materials and supplies.

The new community center reaches out to residents (including more than 500 children) in a 12-block Black and Hispanic neighborhood. The Rev. Philip Byrum has expanded the Saint Mark's Church ministry to not only include regular services but has incorporated a ministry that has become a beacon of light in the neighborhood. Both congregations are committed to working together to keep a growing, worshiping community focused beyond themselves to seeking and serving Christ in their midst and in their troubled and distressed neighborhood. Saint Mark's has approximately 60 members and La Guadalupana has approximately 500 members.

The new facilities are providing for the distribution of more than 6,000 pounds of food items delivered to Saint Mark's from the Food Bank of North Carolina. Members from many faith communities in Wilson gather on the first Tuesday of each month to assist with the food distribution. Food is supplied to approximately 125 families with 400 to 500 family members. La Casa de San Marcos/Saint Mark's House also provides facilities for evening and summer programs as well as Bible School programs in English and Spanish. Spanish-speaking men gather four times each week for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. This summer, there is a 5-day-a-week feeding program for school-age children. A new reading program has been started, focusing on children 0-5 years. The reading program welcomes older children and their parents. The church will also focus on migrant workers who are guests in our area.

In the summer of 2006, the community center was ready for putting the finishing touches inside the facilities and preparing for landscaping and paving when the unimaginable happened. On August 13 Saint Mark's Church was severely damaged by fire set by an unknown arsonist. Demolition crews have removed the parish hall attached to the church. Saint Mark's Church has been cleaned. The challenge before the congregation now is a thoughtful and wise consideration of the restoration of their church building.

Lost in the fire were the vestments acquired by Rev. Byrum over the past 40 years, as well as books, Christian Education materials, altar linens and hangings, historical artifacts, oil paintings, tables, chairs and filing cabinets. The kitchen was a total loss. Located a mere 12 feet from the church, the new community center escaped the wrath of the fire. Within the church, the lovely hand-carved

wooden Italian Madonna and Child, given in memory of Anne Byrum, remained unscathed.

There is a huge **BLESSING** in all of this! The community center/parish hall, begun because of a grant award by the United Thank Offering, has become, for now, the "church" and with great planning and dedication, the "church" is truly sacramentally inviting. Since August 13, the day of the fire, there have been 40 Baptisms, seven weddings, six Quince Anos, 12 First Communions, and five Requiems.

Loving gifts in many forms from throughout the Diocese of North Carolina and far beyond have come. Though a tragedy was felt, the two congregations have grown closer and each has grown closer to the communities beyond. *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (John 20:29).*

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Past and Present

The Diocesan ECW has named Lynn Hoke archivist and historian for the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina.

Lynn, who lives in Raleigh and is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in that city, is a professional archivist and historian whose experience includes serving as the archivist for 200-year old Grace Episcopal Church in New York City and the Baylor College of Medicine archives and oral history project. (Her full resume may be viewed online at www.ecw-nc.org.) She started working part-time on behalf of Episcopal Church Women last January. Her first assignment: Review, catalogue and preserve in archival quality storage all available documents related to the history of the ministries of the women of this diocese.

The collection, which as of now dates to 1882, contains annual reports, yearbooks, handbooks, correspondence, meeting minutes, financial records, photographs, promotional resources, conference materials, scholarship and grant applications, historical sketches, newsletters, pamphlets, books, memorabilia, audio and video recordings.

Two primary goals of the ECW archives and history program are to tell the story of *all* the women of the diocese and to help parish's capture the history of their ECWs. You'll be hearing more from Lynn about how these things can be accomplished, so stay tuned. ***The ECW archives are located at Diocesan House, 200 W. Morgan St., Raleigh. The collection is open by appointment only. For an appointment or to arrange a donation to the archives, contact Lynn Hoke at archives@ecw-nc.org or (919) 834-7474.***



Three of the 12 Lex Mathews Scholarship winners happen to be from All Saints' Church in Hamlet. Pictured left to right are B. J. Lowry, president of All Saint's ECW; 31-year old Kim Sharpe, scholarship recipient; Gina McDonald, 48, scholarship recipient; the Rev. Marty Stebbins, Cluster Missioner. Not shown, Kathy Inman, scholarship recipient.

The Diocesan ECW administers and helps finance the Lex Mathews Scholarship program. The program began as a way to honor the ministry and memory of the Rev. Lex Mathews, who before his death in 1985 served as Director of Christian Social Ministries for the Diocese of North Carolina. It is for women of the diocese, age 23 and older, seeking either specialized training in vocational or technical skills, a degree or certification below the masters or doctorate level, or continuing education courses for upgrading job skills.

The scholarships are geared to Episcopalians or someone sponsored by an Episcopalian. They are awarded annually in the spring, and are an effort to help women, many of whom are solely responsible for their families, to achieve self-sufficiency by getting the education necessary to enter or reenter the workforce. In addition to Episcopal Church Women, family and friends of Rev. Mathews are the primary contributors to the fund. The pot of money available for scholarships each year comes from interest earned by the fund, and typically comes to \$12,000 to \$15,000. Generally, scholarship amounts run between \$500 and \$2,000 for one academic year.

The Lex Mathews Scholarship Committee, chaired by ECW Vice-President Velma Bradshaw, sorts through the 20 to 30 or so requests each year and makes decisions based on demonstrated need,

Scholarship Recipients Named

the quality of the application and the amount of money available to grant. The ECW President, in consultation with the chairperson, appoints members of the committee. This year's committee was comprised of: Anne Phillips-Rocky Mount Convocation; Carolyn Owens-Raleigh Convocation; Shirley Sadler-Winston Salem Convocation; Nancy Wood-Durham Convocation; Marcia Kephart-Charlotte Convocation; and Jenny Haase-Raleigh Convocation. More information about the Lex Mathews Scholarships, including scholarship applications, can be found online at www.ecw-nc.org or directed to Velma Bradshaw. She can be reached at lexmathews@ecw-nc.org or (252) 823-4266 or 905 St. Andrew Street, Tarboro, NC 27886.

The Lex Mathews Scholarship Committee of the Diocesan ECW has announced the recipients of grants for the 2007-08 school year. They are:

- ☛ Kathy Inman, All Saints-Hamlet \$1,500: final semester at Richmond Community College for Early Childhood Teacher Associate degree, then to UNC-Pembroke for degree in elementary education
- ☛ Regina McDonald, All Saints-Hamlet \$500: Richmond Community College for associate degree in human services/ social work
- ☛ Jamie Nichols, St. Peter's-Charlotte \$500: UNC Charlotte for degree in social work
- ☛ Kim Sharpe, All Saints-Hamlet \$1,500: UNC Pembroke for degree in elementary education
- ☛ Debbie Staley, St. Luke's-Salisbury \$1,400: Salem College for degree in music
- ☛ Janet Sutton, All Saints-Concord \$600: Cabarrus College of Health Sciences for associate degree in nursing.
- ☛ Teresa Watkins, Chapel of Christ the King-Charlotte \$500: UNC Charlotte for degree in elementary education
- ☛ Merrilee Bridgeman of Holy Comforter-Charlotte \$500: Queens University for teacher certification
- ☛ Betty Finoh of St. Titus'-Durham \$2,000: NC Central University for degree in social work
- ☛ Johneva Lea Green of St. Michael and All Angels-Charlotte \$1,500: UNC Charlotte for degree in business administration
- ☛ Katherine Hinson, St. Andrew's-Charlotte \$2,000: Empire School of Beauty for cosmetology teaching certification
- ☛ Sharon Horn, St. Mary's School-Raleigh \$1,500: Excelsior College of Albany, NY for online R.N. degree

Seen and Heard at Annual Meeting 2006



“Special breakfast at the hotel was great.”

“All in all, very interesting conference.”

“Reports in packets are excellent”



“Keep up your great leadership and diversity”

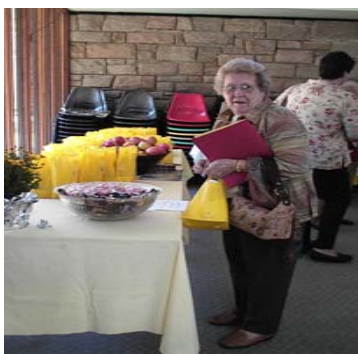
“Excellent conference!”

“Thanks for keeping things on schedule”



Most enjoyed at the meeting....

- Speakers**
- Food/Dinner**
- Eucharist**



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