

September, 2006

ECW WORKS



Biblical Women, Today's Women: Doers of the Word

You are cordially invited to the 124th 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:** Combination worship retreat and annual meeting. The theme is **Biblical Women, Today's Women: Doers of the Word**
- When:** November 10-11, 2006
- Where:** St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 82 Kimberly Dr., Durham, NC
(*Note: this is a change of venue from previous announcements.)

Annual Meeting and Worship Retreat 2006

What a treat we have in store for you!

Our guides for this event will be an extraordinary clerical tag team. He is the Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells, who in 2005 became the first Anglican dean of Duke Chapel. She is the Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells, who was a member of the first group of women to be ordained to the priesthood in the Church of England and now heads Anglican Studies at Duke Divinity School. They preach, teach and write with wit, wisdom and passion. Learn more about them elsewhere in this newsletter and on the ECW website

Joining them will be another passionate and wise preacher and teacher, the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry. Bishop Curry will give the homily at Holy Eucharist on Friday, November 10.

We will pray. We will worship. We will learn about some women in the Bible, both named and unnamed, who were doers of the Word. While their motivations and the consequences of their actions differed, they did share certain characteristics. We will think about those characteristics and explore ways in which the lives of our biblical and spiritual fore sisters can inform, even transform, our ministries.



Bishop Curry



Samuel Wells



Jo Bailey Wells

More on our presenters on next page

Meet the Presenters

In the summer of 2005, Samuel Wells became the fifth Dean of Duke University Chapel.

Sam was born in Chatham, Ontario, Canada and grew up in England in a village between Bath and Bristol, about 100 miles west of London. He graduated from Merton College, Oxford, with an M.A. in Modern History, from Edinburgh University with a B.D. in Systematic Theology, and from Durham University with a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics.

Before training for ordination Sam was a community worker in inner-city Liverpool. From 1991-2005 he served in parish ministry in the Church of England. In 2004 he became an honorary canon of Chichester Cathedral, an appointment which involves contributing to the theological education of clergy and lay people in Sussex: he has kept up this role on moving to North Carolina.

Sam's responsibility at Duke Chapel is to keep the heart of the university listening to the heart of God. As the recognized leader of the life of the Christian faith at Duke, he prays and speaks at major university events, interacts with and prays for all levels of the university, and oversees the diversity of religious life on campus. He seeks to offer the university an embodiment of Christian worship and community in the life of the Chapel: his role in this includes preaching, leading worship and overseeing the Chapel's 20 staff. He is also committed to extending the positive influence of Duke Chapel beyond its walls. This means helping members of the university to see the connections between Christian faith and theology and the pressing issues of the day, making the Chapel and the poorest neighborhoods of Durham more visible to one another, and developing the role of the Chapel in the American church scene.

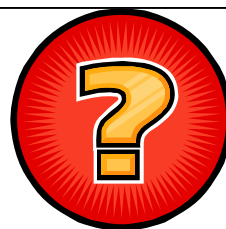
Sam is also Research Professor of Christian Ethics at Duke Divinity School. His published works include 'Transforming Fate into Destiny' (Carlisle: Paternoster 1998 and Eugene: Cascade 2004), 'Faithfulness and Fortitude' (with Mark Thiessen Nation, Edinburgh: T & T Clark 2000), 'Community-Led Estate Regeneration and the Local Church' (Cambridge: Grove 2003), 'The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics' (with Stanley Hauerwas, Oxford, UK and Cambridge, Massachusetts 2004), 'Improvisation: The Drama of Christian Ethics' (Grand Rapids: Brazos and London: SPCK 2004) and 'God's Companions: Reimagining Christian Ethics' Oxford, UK and Malden, Massachusetts 2006). His next book, 'Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection', will be published by Zondervan in early 2007.

Jo Bailey Wells earned M.A.'s from both Cambridge University (Corpus Christi) and the University of Minnesota. She graduated from the University of Durham (St. John's) with a B.A. and Ph.D., and now teaches Old Testament and biblical theology, particularly in relation to its contemporary relevance for ministry. She also directs Anglican Studies at Duke University Divinity School. This program (currently under development) is designed to meet both academic and formational interests of the growing number of Episcopalians who come to study at Duke.

Jo's scholarly writing has focused on Old Testament theology. Her books include "God's Holy People: A Theme in Biblical Theology" (Sheffield, 2000) and (forthcoming) "Isaiah" in the People's Bible Commentary series (BRF, 2006). She also enjoys devotional writing (for example, with Scripture Union, the College of Preachers and *The Church Times*), seeking to bring the fruits of biblical scholarship to a wider audience within the Church.

She is a priest ordained in the first wave of women priests in the Church of England who has previously served as dean of Clare College as well as lecturer in Old Testament at Ridley Hall, both in Cambridge, UK.

The couple used to have hobbies, but now they have children – two, a boy and a girl. Their golden retriever fills most idle moments.



Just who were Mrs. Pilate, the Samaritan woman and Mary Magdalene? What can we learn from them? What do we really know about our sisters in faith today? Find out November 10-11 at St. Stephen's in Durham.

124th Annual Meeting and Worship Retreat Episcopal Church Women-Diocese of North Carolina

Hosted by the women of the Durham Convocation
“Biblical Women, Today’s Women: Doers of the Word”
November 10-11, 2005



Schedule of Events

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 82 Kimberly Dr., Durham

Friday, November 10

- 12:30-1:15 pm Registration, exhibits & bookstore open
- 1:15-1:30 pm Welcome and introductions
- 1:30-2:30 pm **“Power Behind the Throne: Mrs. Pilate. Power Beneath the Throne: Mary Magdalene.”**
By the Rev. Canon Dr. Sam Wells
- 2:35-2:50 pm Break
- 2:55-3:15 pm Guided devotion
- 3:15-4:30 pm Business session I
- 4:50-5:00 pm United Thank Offering presenters meet for instructions
- 5:00-6:15 pm Holy Eucharist, the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry preaching
- 6:15-7:00 pm Reception
- 7:00-8:00 pm Dinner (R.S.V.P. required) Entertainment

Saturday, November 11

- 8:00-8:45 am Free continental breakfast at St. Stephen’s. Exhibits open
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer
- 8:50-9:00 am Announcements
- 9:00-9:45 am **“The Samaritan Woman”** by the Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells
- 9:50-10:10 am Break / Exhibit visits
- 10:10-10:40 am Meditation and healing prayer
- 10:45-11:15 am **“Saints Today-Sudanese Women”** by the Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells
- 11:20-11:30 am Break
- 11:30-11:40 am President’s address: **“Women of Purpose and Passion”**
- 11:45-12:45 pm Business session II
- 12:45-1:00 pm Closing thoughts. Invitation to the 125th Annual Meeting. Blessing and adjournment. Boxed lunches available (pre-order required)
- 1:30-3:00 pm Diocesan ECW Executive Board meeting

TRIENNIAL RECAPS



Living in Community

by Lisa H. Towle

It was a privilege and honor to lead the ECW delegation from the Diocese of North Carolina at the ECW's 45th national Triennial Meeting, a part of the national church's 75th General Convention.

Of all the reasons for being there this summer, I was ever mindful the most important were (a) giving the women of the diocese a presence and a voice at the proceedings and (b) learning things that will make ECW an even better and stronger organization.

A little more about "a": Your presence and voice were acknowledged when *ECW Works* again won first place in ECW's national newsletter competition. A panel of judges from the International Association of Business Communicators praised our newsletter, saying it is "exceptional" and "pleasant to read" with "engaging and inspiring" content and "good headline writing." This year, for the first time, our website was entered into the national competition. It took third place honors. The IABC members lauded it for "a unity of design and ease of navigation most of the others lack." The Diocesan ECW Executive Board uses these communications tools to not only speak to you but, as in this instance, for you. Go ahead, feel proud. We do.

A little more about "b": Learning can take place in a lot of environments. That fact explains my presence at four disparate workshops, including those titled "Parliamentary Procedures 101" and "Reconciliation: The Bridge of Christ." All were useful, though one, "Returning to Our First Love" (about remembering even in the midst of conflict Jesus is at the center of it all), was interrupted by a call to the House of Deputies meeting hall because an announcement about the election of a new Presiding Bishop was imminent.

I don't want to be redundant. Thoughts about our time in Ohio and the third house of General Convention are offered in this space by other delegates. Further, while

at Triennial I kept a blog (short for web log, an online diary). It's full of pictures and impressions and news, and can be found on our website.

Here's something to further consider, though. Our time in Columbus was about being in community. At times, living in community – any community - can be messy. Not everyone is going to be happy all the time and people of serious minds, good intentions and deep faith can and will disagree. That's a fact of life. It's well documented that both the Episcopal Church USA and the Anglican Communion to which it belongs have much to work out regarding what it means to be in community, to be one holy catholic and apostolic church. I leave this to God, and I continue to marvel at the beauty of our common liturgy, the open communion table, the awesome diversity that was on display in that convention center every day in many ways, and the legion of Episcopal Church Women, now led by Kay Meyer of Georgia, who seek to be a welcoming and reconciling presence in communities of all kinds.

As Kay reminds us in the following message, we are part of something so much bigger than the walls of our parishes or the boundaries of our dioceses.



"It is with great humility, some trepidation and much excitement that I assume the position as President of Episcopal Church Women. It will be a joy to take the message of the mission and ministry of all of you to the larger church and a joy to join you in doing that ministry. As many of you serve in several capacities, I shall continue to serve as president of my parish ECW and on the Global Missions Commission of my diocese. I consider these as gifts which will keep me grounded in the work we are all about in His name and for His Sake.

As we entered the last days of General Convention and Triennial Meeting, my prayer was and is that the

decisions made work for all of us and to glorify God. This position represents ALL the women of the church, here and in the larger Anglican Communion. We are the largest network in the Episcopal Church. I have thought and said that I wish we had an Episcopal men's organization. I believe we do ever so much more for the kingdom of God when we come alongside each other whether that is in prayer, encouragement or actual ministry.

It was my privilege to be introduced in the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and to share many of these thoughts with them. I also mentioned the importance and history of our Triennial Meeting being a part of General Convention. I told them as well that we are women of deeply held convictions. We know each other from the local level to the national level. We worship together, we mission together, we pray together, we play together and we stay together. We "pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally." We pray for our bishops, priests, deacons, laity and for each other, for the Body of Christ and for the lost. We are here to serve our Lord and His church in every way from the presiding bishop to the local parish and to the world.

"As we live in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin, for He is the Light and Life that we live in." 1 John 1:7

As we live in the Light, may we be agents of Peace for the church, for Peace on earth! Let it begin with me and with you that we may all go in Peace to love and serve the Lord."

Kay H. Meyer,
2006-2009 National ECW President



Giving Thanks

by Eva Morriss,
ECW-UTO delegate



As the United Thank Offering Coordinator for the Diocese of North Carolina, the most incredible spirit-filled experience I had as a delegate to the ECW Triennial was participating in the festival Eucharist and United Thank Offering Ingathering. Presiding was the Most Rev. Frank Griswold and preaching was Dr. Jenny Te Paa, a Maori theologian and Dean of the College of St. John the Evangelist in Auckland, New Zealand. Dr. Te Paa received a standing ovation for her rousing sermon and ardent pleas for church unity. She was only the second lay person to preach at the General Convention's main worship service. The first to preach was, interestingly enough, another woman, Pam Chinnis, when she was president of the House of Deputies.

Attended by 8,500, the Saturday worship service was strategically timed with greeters, presiders and preachers, deacons and readers, musicians and singers, chalice bearers, altar guild members and more. Magnificent music filled the Great Hall from six area church choirs, directed by four conductors and accompanied by an organist. There was a trumpeter, trombonist, percussionist, tuba player and horn section. The music was spectacular! American sign language interpreters, visual artists and sound engineers added to the splendor of the service.

UTO Coordinators from 107 dioceses of the Episcopal Church participated in the service. It was my esteemed privilege to shake hands with and say a few words to the Presiding Bishop, and then present the certification of \$181,382.52 in UTO offerings from the Diocese of North Carolina since the last Triennial.

An overwhelming realization of the abundance of God's blessings came over me as I recited the UTO prayer...*Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way...* I am truly grateful for having had this magnificent experience of joy and challenge provided by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina. *Thank you!*

Triennial Meeting of the Church Periodical Club: Celebrating the Ministry of the Word

Patricia Barnes, CPC Delegate

[Editor's note: As Director of the Church Periodical Club for the Diocesan ECW, Pat Barnes represented the Diocese of North Carolina at the CPC national Triennial. This meeting was held June 8-12, 2006 at the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio's conference center. When it ended, Pat voluntarily stayed on for another week and a half in order to experience and assist with General Convention and the Triennial Meeting of Episcopal Church Women.]

I arrived at the Columbus airport in the early afternoon of Friday, June 9. From there, other Church Periodical Club representatives and I traveled 25 miles by shuttle bus to the Procter Camp and Conference Center in London, Ohio, a beautiful place, surrounded by lush wheat fields and a pond with a happy family of geese. In the lobby of the center members of the National Board greeted us and helped with luggage. Buck and Penny, stuffed toy otters, were sitting in the center of the registration table to give us a heads up on why we came -- we "otter" support Church Periodical Club.

Did you know?

☛ That our National Board members are President Ursula Bailey; Vice-President June Mendenhall; Secretary Beverly Manning; Treasurer Tom Hiller; Editor of the Church Periodical Club Quarterly Ethel Marple; Miles of Pennies Chairman Linda J. Brown; and Staff Administrator Pamela Stewart. This group of officers is high energy, ready to help, and willing to work.

☛ That we are a part of Province IV and Barbara Owens of Louisiana is CPC director for our province.

☛ That the theme for 2006 is "Be Ye Doers of the Word" (James 1:22)

☛ That Plenary Session I was a review of our history as well as where we are now and how we must impact the future. As delegates from the Episcopal Church USA's nine provinces began to express ideas, share problem areas, and ask for new ideas to get churches involved, I realized we all face same issues, namely, participation.

☛ That at the close of Plenary I, we attended small group workshops with the assignment to develop and list ideas to improve awareness of the needs of the Church Periodical Club. We had a lively discussion and made a quality list of ideas to support miles of Pennies, National Book Fund and our seminarians.

☛ That Plenary Session II was a chance for each diocese to grant monies to the 44 requests from the National Book Fund. The Diocese of North Carolina gave four grants, totaling \$300. This was a long process but fun. It was educational and very satisfying because in a year when donations are lower than in others, the committee granted almost \$30,000. Wow!

☛ That Plenary Session III was an in-depth review of our financial status reported by the treasurer, Tom Hiller. He strongly recommended that we encourage everyone to get involved and give, in order for us to continue to support the many grant requests from around the world. Ways to boost CPC revenue include: endowments, bequests, purchasing life membership for your parish, purchasing individual life memberships or annual memberships, and being sure each church celebrates Church Periodical Club In-gatherings. We must walk in faith and remember every donation given is a spiritual investment.

☛ That on the afternoon of June 12, 2006, we ladies – and one man,



Pat Preparing to distribute CPC's "energy lift" candy

Tom Hiller -- got all dressed up and hopped on the bus going into Columbus for the installation of our new officers at the historic Trinity Episcopal Church. The Rev. Richard A. Burnett, Trinity's rector, presided over the installation. Then we were off to the Westin Hotel for the big gala, the Overseas Bishops' Dinner. It was a sea of purple shirts, white collars, big smiles and much gratitude for the gifts given by the Church Periodical Club. We hosted 300 guests. Serving at the guest registration desk and being a hostess to a table of nine guests was an honor. It was an evening of food, lots of laughter and the sharing of many blessings. Thanks be to God.

☛ **That** the Rev. Abeoseh M. Flemister, Assistant Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, the Very Rev. Marilyn Engstrom of Wyoming, Chaplain of the ECW Triennial, and the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Bishop of Southern Ohio, were our guest speakers at the conference center. Each person was very encouraging and extremely supportive of our work

☛ **Finally**, meeting people from all nine provinces, sharing ideas in workshops, during meals, on the porch in the big rockers, strolling around the campgrounds, trying out the slide, swing set and jump bars on the playground, and worshipping together, brought each of us to key realizations: We have the good fortune to read and know God's words, and it is vitally important that we help others be exposed to and love his words.

NINE DAYS IN COLUMBUS

by Anne Butler, ECW Triennial Delegate



Triennial was everything promised in the promotional literature and more. All four delegates arrived in Columbus on Monday, June 12, and we kept on the go until we left on Wednesday, June 21, stopping only to sleep. It was an informative, eye-opening, fun and exhilarating nine days. I came home exhausted physically and mentally. What a ride!

Triennial is often called the third house of General Convention. While the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies are legislative bodies concerned with the business of the Episcopal Church, Triennial is primarily programmatic. We had elected our Province IV officers at Kanuga in April and spent part of one day electing our national officers in Columbus.

During the first half of Triennial, we had plenary sessions with a variety of speakers including the Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island, who spoke about her sabbatical spent as a homeless person on the streets of Providence and Phoebe Griswold, who reflected on her nine years as the wife of the Presiding Bishop. We honored one woman from each diocese, wore shirts we had ordered with "ECW of North Carolina" embroidered above the pocket for "Shirt Day" (we were stunning in apple green button-up blouses from L.L. Bean!), and celebrated 30 years of women's ordination to the priesthood. We sang, prayed, laughed and got to know lots of other women from around the country.



T-Shirt Day At Triennial: L-R: Ann Butler, Mary Hawkins, Mina Hampton, Pat Barnes, Lisa Towle and Eva Morriss

The second half of Triennial was spent in workshops we had chosen last spring. I learned about Clowning Ministry; Herbs, Gardens and God; Icons; Fireweed Evangelism (presented by the Rev. Elizabeth Geitz who was the keynoter at one of our Annual Meetings several years ago); Popcorn and Theology (about movies); and Singing in the African-American Tradition led by Dr. Horace Boyer, Triennial's music director. A total of 78 workshops were offered. They ranged from Anglican Prayer Beads to Women and Philanthropy, from Benedictine Spirituality for the Frazzled to Spirituality in Parenting, from Parliamentary Procedure 101 and 102 to Dreams as a Way to Know Christ. Obviously, there was something for everyone.

Let me share a few observations from the perspective of almost three months' time:

☪ The worship experience was phenomenal. We shared space in a huge hall with the bishops, deputies and visitors all mingled together. We sat at assigned tables of ten. My table was #137 – and I wasn't even half way across the floor. It was an overwhelming experience. We worshipped in Spanish, French, a Native American language, German, Russian, Filipino and several other languages plus every service was signed for the deaf. Incredible. The services included traditional and contemporary music as well as rock, jazz and blues.

☪ The most riveting moment of the nine days was the announcement of the election of the new Presiding Bishop. The Triennial delegates were invited into the House of Deputies for that historic declaration. There was momentary stunned silence followed by whoops of joy

and tears of disappointment - and then the rush to cell phones.

☪ It is amazing how many colors of purple the bishops wear. I was particularly fond of the Hawaiian bishops in purple flowered shirts with their white collars. I also found it fitting that the House of Bishops was the only space on the second floor and that the bishops ascended via escalator following worship each morning.

☪ We walked miles and miles on unforgiving concrete and on more comfortable carpet but, thank goodness, the hotel where our delegation stayed was under the same roof as the Convention Center since temperatures were in the 90's most of the time we were in Ohio.

☪ We all loved the mariachi band that played each morning outside the doors to the building. Somehow that whole scene was indicative of the Triennial experience – different, entertaining and altogether wonderful.

I have come back to earth slowly and with a new appreciation for our church. I was fortunate to be a delegate to Triennial in Philadelphia in 1997 at the election of Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold and this Triennial reinforced the feelings I remember from nine years ago. The Episcopal Church is big and varied and, despite our differences, we are still talking. I was surprised by some of the things I heard and saw and comforted by others. I am still processing a lot of the experience. Maybe we should all wear buttons that read, "Ask Me About Triennial." Four different delegates will give you many more than four different answers but, bottom line, it was terrific. Thank you for sending me.



Mina Hampton with the Bishop of Jerusalem



Lisa Towle accepts certificate for Gertrude Murchison, the Honored Woman of the ECW Diocese of North Carolina

2006 Honored Women receive recognition for many gifts

Seventy women representing all nine provinces of the Episcopal church were presented June 16 as honored Women from their dioceses.

"This woman models the Christian life," said Sally Nichols, co-chair of the Honored Women committee of the national ECW board. "She walks in the ways of God in the church and the community. She uses her God-given gifts in all she is and in all she does."

Nominees were identified in each diocese and nominated through a formal process, she said. Biographies and photos of each woman to be honored were submitted and were included in a printed booklet of the Honored Women of 2006



Mary Hawkins,
ECW Secretary of Communications

FIRST PLACE WINNER!

ECW WORKS, the newsletter of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of North Carolina took first place from entries of more than 93 dioceses represented at the Triennial Meeting.

Judges' Comments included:

- ♥ This is an exceptional newsletter.
- ♥ The content is engaging and inspiring.
- ♥ The organization of the content helps call attention to Episcopal Church Women's program of works and its successes.
- ♥ The use of photos, color and white space make it pleasant to read.
- ♥ Good headline writing helps the reader to catch the main concept of each story, even if one were inclined to skim.
- ♥ A very fine example of print communication that's right on target for the intended audience.



Having our newsletter win first place at Triennial was the fulfillment of a dream! Despite the joy I experienced, I am mindful of the help of others who submit items and the generous assistance with editing provided by our President, Lisa Towle. Without that help, there would be no newsletter!

At Triennial, each delegate chose to attend the workshops of their choice. As one would expect, my selection included those workshops designed to help improve communication skills. It was a joy to assist with the instruction, and share my own skills with participants.

Print media remains a powerful and important means of communication. The hourly production of newsletters, updates, reports etc. were very helpful as it was impossible to attend every event or to come away with an accurate understanding of what happened.

While we are limited in photos and content for this newsletter, please visit the ECW website www.ecw-nc.org and read the daily blogs by Lisa. You will also see many, more images during the ECW Annual Meeting at St. Stephens Church November 10-11.



Our delegation at the UTO Dinner

ECW WORKS AROUND THE DIOCESE



Please remember that all 2006 pledge monies are due to the Diocesan Treasurer by **November 1**. As we approach the 2006 Annual Meeting, it is important to remember that our Constitution Bylaws state that in order to have voting privileges at the Annual Meeting, a branch must have paid a pledge to the Diocesan ECW's budget for the current year.

In addition, 2007 Pledge Forms are due by **October 1**. The 2007 budget is presented and approved at the Annual Meeting and the 2007 Pledge Forms are vital in preparing our budget. Without an approved budget, our work on behalf of the mission and ministry of the church cannot move forward. Please give consideration to increasing your chapter pledge for the next year. All of our operating income, including all of our outreach grants, comes from pledge income. (Pledge forms can be found in the handbook.)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions (treasurer@ecw-nc.org or 704-366-2164). All pledge forms and checks should be sent to:

Jeanne Kutrow, ECW Diocesan Treasurer, 1305 Kingscross Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211

Women of the Charlotte Convocation Moving Forward

By Sarah Shaw, Chairwoman-Charlotte Convocation ECW
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All 24 churches from the nine cities and towns of the Charlotte Convocation were contacted in order to notify the women of the ECW spring gathering, which was held last May 6. The women of St. Alban's in Davidson hosted the meeting in their beautiful new church building. All in attendance expressed pleasure at having been called together as convocation and the desire to meet again to share ideas and friendship.



During the gathering we had Morning Prayer together, were greeted by St. Alban's rector, the Rev. Mark Bourlakas, and were addressed by our Diocesan ECW President, Lisa Towle. Our hosts prepared lovely morning treats as well as luncheon snacks.

In keeping with the season, the theme was celebrating the gifts of life and service. Before lunch, we shared the ways the women in our convocation live into mission and ministry. Among other things, we heard about:

- ☪ Work to increase preschool literacy
- ☪ Commitment to daily prayer and action through chapters of Daughters of the King

- ☪ Programs for families with new babies and families preparing for baptisms and First Communion
- ☪ Book Clubs emphasizing books and actions enriching faith and spiritual journeys
- ☪ Contributions to seminarians, the National Book Fund and Mile of Pennies through Church Periodical Club
- ☪ Work with church youth groups as well as scouting programs
- ☪ Prayer shawl ministries
- ☪ Support for abuse victims, the sick and bereaved
- ☪ Involvement in Stephen Ministry care giving
- ☪ United Thank Offering fund-raising so grants can be made to worthy projects around the world and at home
- ☪ A variety of teaching and recovery work missions

Some of these activities already address the **Millennium Development Goals**, which will be a key part of the ECW in North Carolina's call to action over the next three years. By working to be a healing, teaching, reconciling and enabling presence we, the women of the church, can continue to demonstrate that the opportunities to grow and share in Christ's love are real and present and greater than the potential for division.

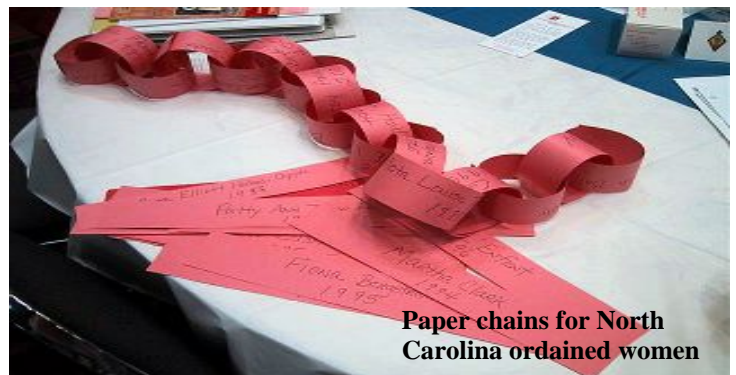
After lunch, the beauty of God's creation was on display. We were first treated to a container gardening presentation by Master Gardener Florence Trevor, a member of our convocation. Following that was salsa dancing demonstrations and instruction by a striking and award-winning dance pair. Video from this part of the spring meeting can be found on the Diocesan ECW's website (www.ecw-nc.org).

Service marks 30th anniversary of ordained women

*Excerpted from Communique, Summer 06.
 Article by Eva Guillot, Diocese of Western Louisiana*

A joyous celebration and reaffirmation of the vital role women have in the church took place as part of Triennial Meeting 2006 with "Walking in Their Light: A celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Women's Ordination."

Organized by the Rev. Bindy Wright Snyder, chaplain and dean of Chapel at Memphis Theological Seminary and priest to Calvary Episcopal Church in Osceola, Ark., the



Paper chains for North Carolina ordained women

ceremony featured song, dance, prayer, presentation and reflection.

“It’s been wondrous hearing from so many of the dioceses - old friends and new,” Snyder said. And she had the pictures to prove it:

Projected on a screen at the back of the stage throughout the celebration were images of ordained women collected as part of the program. Snyder, immediate past president of the Episcopal Women’s History Project, said the project originated with that group.

Dr. Deborah Harmon Hines, vocal soloist, and Dr. Horace Boyer, Triennial Meeting musician combined their talents for the event. Three reflections on the past, present and future of women clergy were presented by the Rev. Dr. Peggy Bosmyer-Campbell, the Rev. Dr. Thea Joy Browne and the Rev. Dr. Fran Toy. A prayer quilt was presented to the Rev. Barbara Schlacter during the ceremony honoring Schlacter’s ordination in January 1977. The Rev. Margaret Rose, director of women’s ministries for the Episcopal Church, introduced the Rev. Dr. Cao Sheng-jie, president of China Christian Communion.

At the end of the program, pink and red paper chains were made by each diocese with each slip of the chain



containing the name of an ordained woman from that diocese. When finished, the individual chains were linked together and, in the end, the chain circled the entire room. Participants held the chain in the air and sang “Lift High the Cross” to end the program.

Lisa Towle, Diocesan ECW President, prepares chain containing names of ordained women from North Carolina.



St Michael’s-Raleigh Evening in Parish: Successful Fundraiser



Event organizers L-R: Ann Catalano, Barbara McInnis (Auction chairs), Allison Reed and Lyne Dempster

Over 200 people turned out for St. Michael’s “An Evening in Parish” on April 29, to feast on cruise food and drink, and to support seven faith-based organizations that provide services in Wake County, Peru, and the parish mission trip efforts on the Gulf Coast.

The Parish Hall was dressed to the nines with grass-skirted tables sporting such delicacies as calypso style pork loin, Confetti Shrimp, Beef Empanadas, jerk chicken wings with Peach Salsa and a fountain overflowing with chocolate fondue. Birds of Paradise, hanging ferns and bamboo lanterns added a tropical touch to the festive evening.

Beneficiaries of the over \$28,600 raised are Oak Ranch, a residential community for at risk children; Emmaus House, a residency program for men in drug recovery; Amigos del Peru, the ministry of former parishioners Rachel and Alan Hill; St. Michael’s Katrina Relief Mission Team; and the Brooks Avenue Church of Christ Food Pantry.

Parishioners and guests had a chance to bid among 187 auction items which included a signed framed print of “Amen Corner” at Augusta National, a beautiful stone sculpture of a family made in Zimbabwe, getaways from the mountains to the beach and a raffle for a laptop computer.

Over 75 volunteers helped orchestrate this annual event, which is hosted by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Michael’s.

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Lodging, Driving and Parking Instructions

for the 124th Annual Meeting of the ECW of the Diocese of North Carolina



To St. Stephen's from I-40 eastbound: Exit onto NC 751 / Jordan Lake. Turn left at the top of the ramp and continue on Hwy. 751 following the directions noted above.

To St. Stephen's from downtown Durham: Take Business 15-501 towards Chapel Hill. Once past Forest Hills Park, take the left fork and stay on University Drive. Make a left turn onto Hope Valley Rd. / NC 751. Proceed south. Make a right turn onto Rugby Rd., and then take the left fork onto Kimberly Dr. The church will be on the left.

To the Brookwood Inn from St. Stephen's (total of 7.4 miles): Turn right out of the church's parking lot and go down the hill. Turn left onto Hope Valley Rd. / NC 751 and proceed 2.7 miles. At the light on University Dr. / NC 751 turns left and go about half a mile. At the second light, turn right onto Academy Rd. / NC 751. Go 2.6 miles. (At a big curve to the left, Academy Rd. becomes Cameron Blvd., but it's still all NC 751.) At the second light after the curve, turn right onto Erwin Rd. Go 1.4 miles. The VA Hospital is on the left and Duke Medical Center on the right. Turn left onto Elba St. The Brookwood will be on your right, just past the parking deck.

From the Brookwood Inn to St. Stephen's: From Elba St., facing Duke Medical Center, turn right onto Erwin Rd. and go 1.4 miles. Erwin Rd. ends. Turn left onto NC 751 / Cameron Blvd. Go 2.6 miles (in about 100 yards, NC 751/Cameron curves to the right and becomes Academy Rd.). The road will "T" into University Dr. Turn left and go about half a mile. Still following NC 751, turn right onto Hope Valley Rd. and proceed 2.7 miles. Turn right onto Rugby Rd. at the Episcopal Church sign. St. Stephen's is at the top of the hill, on the left.

Parking: The hotel offers free parking to registered guests. There is ample parking at St. Stephen's, as well.

This information, along with additional links, can be found on the ECW website (www.ecw-nc.org).

Lodging. Each person is responsible for securing their lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved for the ECW at the Brookwood Inn, 2306 Elba St., Durham, near Duke University Medical Center and the VA Hospital. The Brookwood has a restaurant.

Rooms with two double beds (as well as microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker and safe) will cost \$73.39 a night total. To ensure this rate, reservations must be made by **October 25**. To reserve a room, call (800) 716-6401. Make sure to mention you're with Episcopal Church Women.

Driving:

To St. Stephen's from I-40 and the Raleigh area: Take 40 westbound past RDU International Airport, Research Triangle Park and the Streets of Southpoint shopping complex. Exit onto NC 751 / Jordan Lake. Turn right at the top of the ramp and continue on Hwy. 751. Go through the light at the auto dealership and onto the 2nd light, which is a major intersection. Proceed through the intersection's middle lane and continue on Hope Valley Road through three traffic lights for about 1.3 miles to Rugby Rd. and the Episcopal Church sign on your left. (If you cross the little bridge you have missed it). Turn left onto Rugby Rd. At the top of the little hill the road branches. Bear left on Kimberly Dr. St. Stephen's Church will be clearly visible.