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You Are Cordially Invited to the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of NC November 11-12, 2005—Christ Church, Raleigh (Registration also available on-line at www.ecw-nc.org)

You Have Been Called. Now What?



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On Sunday, June 12, 2005, the gospel reading came from book of Matthew. The passage described Jesus at work preaching, teaching and healing, and his calling of the twelve disciples to engage in such essential tasks as well. ...go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'the kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, and cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Bill Bennett, the associate rector of my church, Good Shepherd in Raleigh, gave the homily that day. Referencing the gospel, he acknowledged such a call isn't always easy. Among other things, it makes us, as it did the disciples, "members of the community of the vulnerable heart." However, it is that very membership which helps move us from the margins of Christian faith to the center. And then Rev. Bennett challenged us a bit more. He asked us to consider this: "What difference does it make to anyone under the sun that you are a baptized Christian?"

What difference indeed. God calls each of us at different times and in different ways. Are you hearing Him? What is it

exactly He is asking you to do? Will you answer and do things His way? What difference do you make both as an individual Christian and as a member of this organized ministry known as Episcopal Church Women?

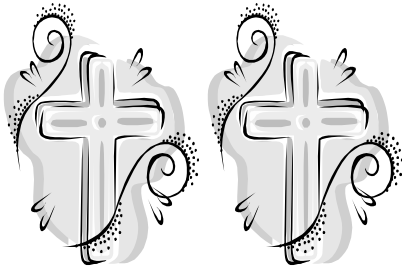
Call and discernment are the twin issues we're going to explore at this year's annual meeting, scheduled for November 11-12 at Christ Church in Raleigh. The theme of our gathering is, *You Have Been Called. Now What?* Leading us in this exploration will be Martha Horn, founder of 100 Fold Life Ministry (more about this elsewhere in the newsletter.) Among other things, Martha is a wife, mother and grandmother, a South Carolinian, and a spiritual director. She is also funny, engaging, and an Episcopalian who is "totally obsessed with Jesus Christ," believing "if He is calling you to do something then He will equip you to do it."

The title of Martha's keynote address is: **Discernment: What is it? Do I have it? Can I get it?** It will take place in two parts on Saturday, but on Friday night she'll give us a bit of a preview. Martha Horn has so much to teach us. May you

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answer the call to come to Raleigh in November to learn, worship and share in a community of vulnerable hearts.



I want to acknowledge the recent passing of two of our sisters in Christ, **Margaret Motsinger and Shirley Howsam**. Margaret, who died on July 10, was a member of Galloway Memorial Chapel in Elkin and served as president of the Diocesan ECW from 1967-70.

Shirley, a parishioner at St. Michael's in Raleigh, passed away on September 1 and had once been a member of the Diocesan ECW Executive Board as the United Thank Offering Coordinator. These were women who made sure that their lives as baptized Christians mattered. Their families, their church (at the local, state and national level), and their wider communities needed them, so they gave, each in their unique way and continuously. We are all the better for it. They will be missed.

Lex Mathews Scholarship Update

Every year Lex Mathews Scholarships are awarded to adult women (age 23 and older) in the Diocese of North Carolina who are seeking to improve their lives through higher education or vocational training. The Lex Mathews Scholarship Committee, headed by Velma Bradshaw, vice president of the Diocesan ECW, met in early May to make a final decision about scholarships for the 2005-06 school year. In all, \$15,500 was distributed among 15 applicants. You'll be hearing more about this as well as the Lex Mathews Scholarship Fund Challenge over the next few months

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to all chapters that have made a pledge for the current year. It is important to remember that pledge payments are due *in full* by November 1. In addition, our Constitution Bylaws 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."* Chapters that have not paid their pledges will not have voting privileges at this year's Annual Meeting scheduled for November 11-12.

Please note that anyone belonging to a church that does not have an ECW chapter and who would like to participate in the Annual Meeting as a voting member can pay a pledge of \$10 in the name of her church and be entitled to be a voting delegate.

Letters with 2006 pledge cards and 2005 pledge and payment status have been sent to all churches in our Diocese. These letters were sent to the last name received as the primary contact, in most cases the ECW Treasurer or President. If you have not received this letter, please contact me (information below) and I will resend the letter.

It is a pleasure and honor to serve as the Diocesan Treasurer. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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HARRIS-EVANS CONFERENCE

The theme of this year's Harris-Evans Conference is,

"You Don't Know Me: Domestic Violence and the Church's Response." The conference will be held October 7-8 at The Summit at Haw River State Park. For more information visit www.ecw-nc.org or contact Polly Redd at (704) 332-4171, ext. 209 or christianeducation@ecw-nc.org



Meet Martha Horn: Annual Meeting Keynoter **“Discernment: What is it? Do I have it? Can I Get it?”**

Martha M. Horn is at the helm of 100 Fold Life Ministry. The name of the organization was inspired by Galatians 5:25, and its mission statement says it best:

To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to produce ‘100 fold’ disciples who will exhibit the very character of Jesus – the fruit of the Spirit.

Martha is an anointed teacher who exudes a tangible joy that is undeniably present in her life and her teachings. Her career began more than 25 years ago when she led a Bible study for seminary and faculty wives at Virginia Theological Seminary. She is also a trainer for Victorious Ministry Through Christ, an international ministry focusing on the healing of the whole person. Martha is also the ECW Spiritual Life Chairman for the Diocese of South Carolina.

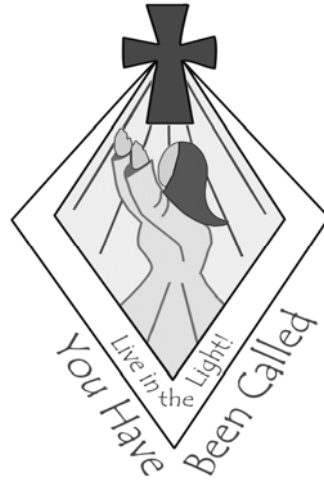
She possesses a personal knowledge of the scriptures that empowers her to teach with authority and unfold the Word in ways that give understanding and application for daily life. Martha, who has just finished her first book, “Total Commitment – To What?” (now being edited for publication), is the wife of the Rev. Robert Horn, Associate Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC. They are the parents of two children: Legare, a 25-year old college student pursuing a degree in psychology, and Joseph, who died in 1999.

And here’s what others

have had to say about Martha:

From Ketty Palau Green, International Ambassador for the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, Portland, OR and Santa Cruz, CA: “I have had the privilege of sharing the platform with Martha Horn on a number of occasions and always have been inspired and impressed with the way she skillfully presents the Word of God. Her teachings are totally Biblical and practical while pointing the way to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As you hear Martha speak you will know she has knowledge, a heart for God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. If you hear her once, you will surely want to hear her again.”

From Cathy Grill, Director of Women’s Ministry, Fowlerville United Brethren Church, Fowlerville, MI: “Well, the verdict is in and you were a slam dunk. They love you, your southern charm and your infectious joy. The fruit is already blossoming! We want you back next year.”



Living in the Light

The every three-year gathering of Episcopal Church Women from around the country is rapidly approaching. Triennial takes place June 13-21, 2006 in Columbus, Ohio. (This is a parallel event to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, USA.) Delegates from the Diocese of North Carolina will be elected at the Annual Meeting in November.

The theme for the next triennial is “live in the light.” Its logo can be found in this newsletter as well as on the cover of the 2006 Handbook, which will be distributed at the Annual Meeting. A colorized version, along with the artist’s comments, is on our newly revamped web site.

"You Have Been Called. Now What?"

123rd Annual Meeting— November 11-12, 2005
Episcopal Church Women-Diocese of North Carolina
Hosted by the women of the Raleigh Convocation



Schedule of Events

All activities will occur at Christ Church, 120 E. Edenton St., Raleigh

Friday, November 11 (*Lunch is on your own. A light snack will be available at check-in.*)

- 12:30— 1:30 pm. Question & comment period about proposed changes to ECW Constitution and Bylaws
- 1:00— 2:00 pm. Registration, exhibits & bookstore open
- 2:00— 3:00 pm. Welcome and business session I, including election of officers
- 2:50— 3:00 pm. UTO presenters meet for instructions
- 3:15— 4:30 pm. Holy Eucharist and UTO Ingathering
- 4:40— 6:00 pm. Break (transportation to and from hotel available)
- 6:00— 6:45 pm. Reception
- 6:50— 8:30 pm. Banquet (reservations required) followed by introductory comments of keynote speaker, Martha Horn

Saturday, November 12

- 7:30 am. Morning Prayer
- 8:00— 8:45 am. Continental breakfast. Exhibits & bookstore open
- 8:50— 9:00 am. Announcements
- 9:00— 9:30 am. Keynote I - Call and Discernment: What is it? Do I have it? Can I get it?
- 9:35— 10:05 am. Directed reflection. ***Bring your Bible***
- 10:10— 10:20 am. Break
- 10:25— 11:10 am. Keynote II – wrap-up
- 11:15— 11:45 am. Convocation meetings
- 11:50 am— 12:50 pm. Business session II, including invitation to the 124th Annual Meeting
- 1:00 pm. Blessing and adjournment. Boxed lunches available (pre-order required)

Constitutional Changes

The Diocesan ECW is proposing changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. These will be brought up for vote at the Annual Meeting. As constitutionally mandated, a written copy of the proposed amendments will be mailed to all branches at least one month prior to the meeting. These will also be posted to the web site (www.ecw-nc.org) by October 11. A time for questions and comments about the suggested modifications will be provided on the first day of the Annual Meeting (see "Schedule of Events" above)



Lodging, Driving and Parking Instructions

for the 123rd Annual Meeting of the ECW of the Diocese of North Carolina



Lodging

Clarion Hotel State Capital
320 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC, 27603
Phone: (919) 832-0501
Fax: (919) 833-1631

Each person is responsible for securing their lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved for the ECW at the Clarion Hotel State Capital, located at 320 Hillsborough Street on the corner of Dawson Street. The Clarion, which has recently undergone a change of ownership and a multi-million dollar renovation, is less than a mile from Christ Church. It offers free parking to registered guests and is easily spotted as it's a tall, round building.

Rooms with two double beds or one king size bed are available. The cost for either is \$69 a night. **To ensure this rate, reservations must be made by October 25.** To reserve a room, call (919) 832-0501. Make sure to mention you're with the ECW, and specify double or king.

(A link to the Clarion State Capital's web site can be found in the Annual Meeting registration section of the ECW's web site, www.ecw-nc.org.)

Driving Directions

Downtown Raleigh is filled with one-way streets. Following are driving instructions to keep things easy

To Clarion Hotel

From I-40 take exit 298-B, which is S. Saunders Street North/Downtown. Merge onto McDowell Street. Go two miles to Hillsborough Street. Turn left. The hotel will be on the right

To Christ Church From I-40

Exit on 298-B, which is S. Saunders Street North/Downtown. Merge onto McDowell Street. Go approximately two miles to W. Morgan Street. Turn right. Turn left onto N. Person Street. Then turn left onto E. Edenton Street.

To Christ Church From Clarion Hotel

Exit the hotel onto Hillsborough Street, turning left. Go through the first light (Dawson Street.) Turn left at the next light onto McDowell Street. Proceed through one light (Edenton Street.), then turn right at the next light onto Jones Street. Proceed three blocks, then turn right on Blount Street. Turn right again at the next intersection onto Edenton Street. The entrance to the parking lot will be on your right about half a block down, directly across from the church on the left.

Parking:

Since November 11 is a holiday and November 12 is a Saturday, the large, above-ground lot directly across the street from the church will be free of charge to visitors. Spaces marked as reserved for state employees may be used as well. It is located at the corner of Edenton and Wilmington streets.

Van Transportation

Van service to and from the hotel for Friday's break period and then after dinner can be arranged. Please indicate you're interested in this when checking in at the meeting's registration area.

Note

Raleigh's annual Veteran's Day parade will be held on Friday, November 11. If you want to avoid that traffic, don't plan on arriving in the downtown area before noon.

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120 East Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC, 27601
phone 919.834.6259
fax 919.834.8939



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 post-marked by Saturday, **October 29, 2005** in order to be read aloud at the Annual Meeting on November 11.

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 (white pages) of the 2005 **ECW Handbook**. You may submit multiple names, but please put only **one name on a form**. *Copy as many forms as necessary*

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ENROLLMENT PLEASE PRINT

Name as you want it entered in the Book	
Parish and Town/City: Example St. John's Chapel, Seattle	
Date of death	

Send by October 29, 2005 to:

Alice Herring
204 Raleigh Road West
Wilson, NC 27893
(252) 243-2757



Missionary Moment

missions@ecw-nc.org

Greetings from the missionary corner of the Diocesan ECW.

All of our missionaries continue to do great work all over the world. The Christmas Fund was dispersed to all of the missionaries as well as our retired missionary, Jocelyn Gordon. Jocelyn's gift totaled \$50 while each of our seven other missionaries received checks for \$550. This year's Epiphany Offering came to \$1,500 and went to Esther Miller. She is using the money to help the College of Christian Ministries in Malawi, Africa.

Thank you to all of the chapters and individuals that contributed to these two funds. They exist only through your support, and they make such a difference in the lives of those busy with God's work around the world.

Again I ask for your feedback and input in this area. If you are doing independent missionary work please let

me know. The missionaries supported by ECW branches in each of the seven convocations continue to need your attention and care, but we also encourage your missionary projects.

Ladies, with the conditions in the world today we are all being called to be missionaries. At the least we can still all band together in prayer and allow God to work through each of us in his own way to help others.

I appreciate your prayers and support during my tenure as missions secretary. It has been a pleasure to serve in this position. Keep me in your prayers.

Thanks be to God,
Valerie Dove
Secretary of Missions

Church Periodical Club



Lisa Towle, Diocesan ECW President with Patricia Barnes, who was appointed Director of the Church Periodical Club this year. Pat has sent a packet of information about the ministry of the printed word to every parish and CPC representative in the Diocese of North Carolina. In the packet, she outlined the opportunities for involvement in CPC as well as ways to help raise its profile and fund-raising. These included the creation of CPC processional banners and coin jars by ECW branches. Parishes are encouraged to display their banners and decorated collection jars at the ECW Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women in November. For more information about the "Let It Begin With Me" CPC campaign, contact Pat at 252-535-2605 or cpc@ecw-nc.org or 500 Cambridge Court, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

2005 United Thank Offering Grants Awarded

LA CASA DE SAN MARCOS/SAINT MARK'S HOUSE BREAKS GROUND

On Pentecost Sunday, a wondrous Celebration of Faith took place in Wilson. Members and friends of Saint Mark's and La Guadalupana gathered for a ground breaking ceremony held in English and Spanish and was masterfully delivered by The Reverend Philip Byrum.

The vision of La Casa de San Marcos/Saint Mark's House is to provide a community center and gathering place for the immediate neighborhood and beyond.

The \$30,000.00 United Thank Offering grant, and other gifts that continue to come, will enable the two congregations to move forward in faith to assure the completion of this venture.



Digging in: L-to R
Gregorio Luna, Jr. Warden, La Guadalupana
Marco A. Nundez, Sr. Warden



The Gathering



Shovels Poised L- R:
Gregorio Luna, Jr. Warden, La Guadalupana,
The Rev. Philip Byrum
Lisa Towle, Diocesan ECW President
Alice Freeman, Sr. Warden, St. Mark's
The Honorable C. Bruce Rose, Mayor of Wilson
Maureen A. Brown, Jr. Warden, St. Mark's
Robert Cunningham, Contractor

Student Action with Farmworkers,

Farmworker Institute was awarded a 2005 United Thank Offering grant of \$2,150.00. The grant will assist in funding a speakers' bureau and develop curricula to advance the coordinated efforts of Student Action with Farmworkers and the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry.

The speakers' bureau of farmworker advocates will address farmworker ministries, rural health issues, migrant education, legal aid and identify assisting community organizations.

Trained lay educators will present at least 30 farmworker workshops annually for approximately 600 individuals at community organizations, universities, and religious groups in rural North Carolina.



SAF Apprentice Lyndsey Beutin with Education Director Lida Santiago (Photo by Chris Sims)

Group protest: SAF interns protest Gallo Wines at the 2005 Mid-Summer Retreat
Photo by Tony Macias



In the Diocese of North Carolina



Student Action with Farmworkers engage in a variety of activities to meet program goals and objectives



Chapel of Christ the King Youth Programs, Charlotte, a 2005

United Thank Offering grant of \$5,000.00 was awarded to help expand a summer camp program to include 100 disadvantaged children, ages 4-17. The camp, held in June, July and August, provides safe, creative, recreational experiences, as well as educational opportunities for the children who will attend.



2006 grant application forms will be available at the Diocesan House after October 1, 2005. Please call Margo Acomb at (919) 787-6313 or (800) 448-8775 to request an application.

Call me at (252) 237-5020 for any United Thank Offering information or e-mail uto@ecw-nc.org.

Eva Morriss
ECW United Thank Offering Coordinator
Diocese of North Carolina

Rocky Mount Convocation Spring Meeting

As we approached the renewal of spring, just as nature renewed the beauty of its garden, we also renewed our love and commitment to Christ. The theme "A New Light is Shining", Pass It On," was paramount throughout the spring meeting of the women of the Rocky Mount Convocation.

The gathering was held on Tuesday, April 12 at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Roanoke Rapids. Nearly 50 people attended the meeting and luncheon, where they helped pass on the light by sharing their projects and ideas.

Brenda S. Edge, secretary/treasurer of the Rocky Mount Convocation, conducted the business meeting for Julia Congleton-Bryant, convocation chairman, who was absent due to illness. The business meeting was followed by Holy Eucharist. Lisa Towle, Diocesan ECW President, was the keynote speaker. She was introduced by Sylvia Nash, Immediate Past President of the Diocesan ECW. Remarks were also made by other Diocesan ECW officers: Pat Barnes, Director of the Church Periodical Club; Eva Morriss, Coordinator of the United Thank Offering; and Velma Bradshaw, Vice President and Coordinator of the Lex Matthews Scholarship Fund.

The ladies raved about the wonderful meal prepared by Sally Pierce and the beautiful decorations coordinated by Jane Deese. Many attendees left with special door prizes. Special thanks to the women of All Saints' for a memorable convocation meeting.

Submitted by: Janet Runion, President-All Saints' ECW / Spring Meeting Chairman and Julia Congleton-Bryant, Rocky Mount Convocation ECW Chairman



Lisa Towle, extreme left, shares lunch at All Saints'-Roanoke Rapids which hosted the spring gathering of the Episcopal Church Women of the Rocky Mount Convocation



Lisa Towle, Diocesan ECW President, and Janet Runion, president of the ECW at All Saints' in Roanoke Rapids, next to some art used to illustrate the theme of the spring gathering of the ECW of the Rocky Mount Convocation.

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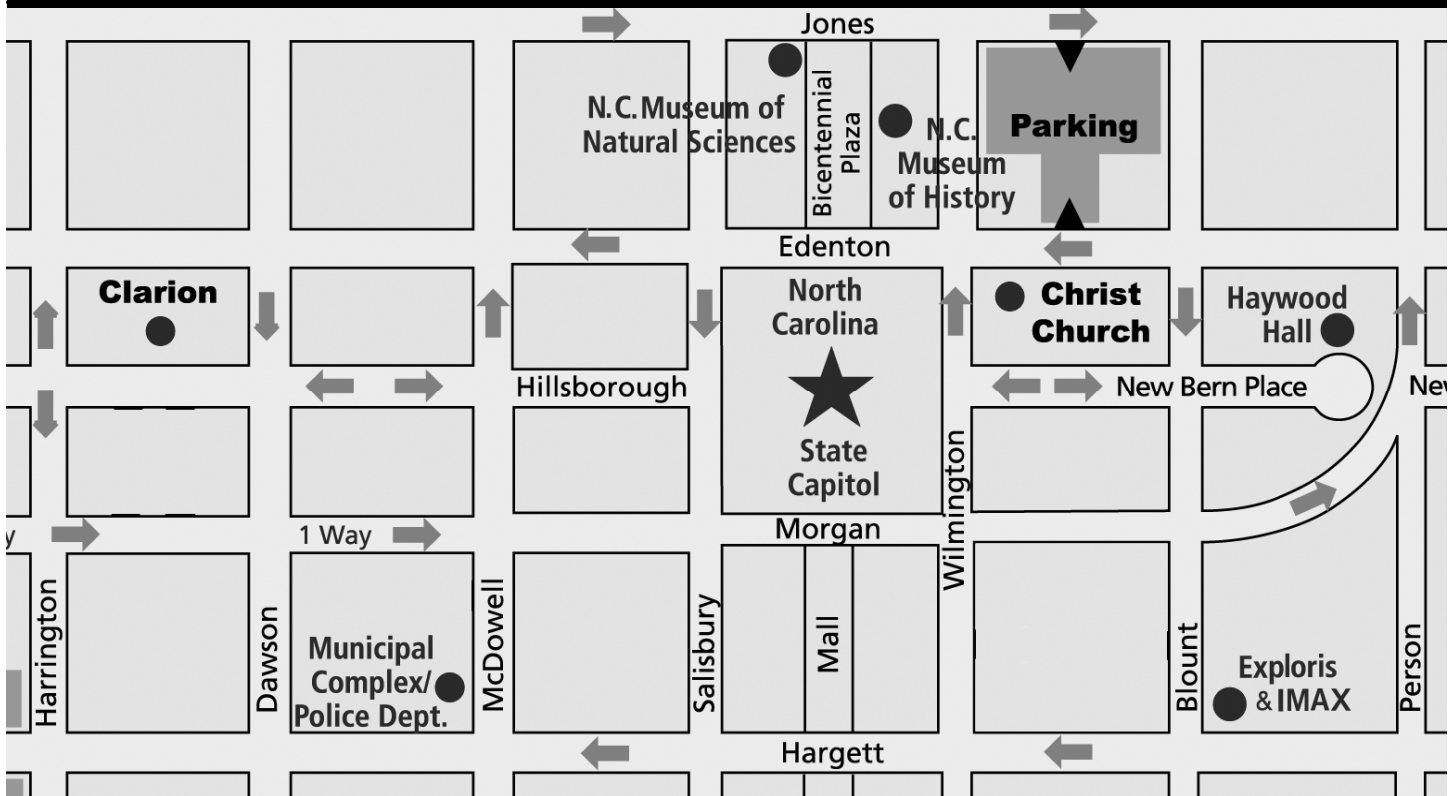
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