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Report to Diocesan Convention

Talking About Servant Leadership—The President's Message January 22, 2005

Hello! It is my honor to speak to you this morning on behalf of the Episcopal Church Women. It is also, truth be told, a little scary speaking on their behalf because if I learned nothing last year—my first year as president of the ECW -- it's that the women of this diocese speak their minds very well on their own thank-you very much. And they usually don't need a lot of prompting. Nevertheless, here it goes.

Last November, women representing parishes across this large diocese of ours gathered at The Summit for our 122nd annual meeting. The theme of the meeting was servant leadership. Ruth Anderson and the Rev. Elaine Kebba of the Servant Leadership School of Greensboro led our discussions, and in his address the first day of the meeting Bishop Curry spoke to the theme. He told us that at the heart of the call to the liberated servanthood of Jesus is the reorientation of our lives, not around our own intentions and desires, but around God's intention, vision, and dream for life

as it has been unveiled in the teachings, life and Spirit of Jesus Christ.

O-k-a-y. This is not easy stuff. Then again, it's not supposed to be. In many ways in this society in which we live – both secular and religious – servant LEADER ship is a counterintuitive thing. It's an oxymoron, but I believe now as I believed when planning that meeting that it is a way to give shape to what we strive to be: Women of faith living in a missionary diocese serving God's dream for a transformed world.

Here's the good news. Over the past year the women of this diocese have invited me into their churches and their homes. I've had the privilege of seeing them up close and personal and in action. And they, following the example set by Christ and their fore sisters, do indeed lead by serving. They get it done whether it's:

- ✦ filling shoe boxes with anti-perspirant, chewing gum, reading material and other goodies for homesick troops in Iraq and Afghanistan;
- ✦ knitting soft caps and shawls for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy;
- ✦ leading Bible and Lenten studies;
- ✦ sending school supplies to missionaries working to establish learning centers in those forgotten corners of the world about which Sandra Swan, president of Episcopal Relief and Development, spoke last night;
- ✦ running health and wellness fairs;
- ✦ raising thousands and thousands of dollars for outreach;
- ✦ working with passion to protect God's creation;
- ✦ seeking to give a voice to incarcerated women.

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So just how do you measure transformation or the effectiveness of the embrace of a radical notion such as servant leadership?

Is it 3,000? That's the number of miles I drove last year on ECW business.

Is it 452? That's the number of pre-schoolers who were read to and received books as a part of the March Madness literacy program created by Thompson Children's Home and adopted by ECW branches.

Is it 16? That's the number of seminarians from this diocese who received grants for textbooks from the Church Periodical Club thanks to the fund-raising efforts of organized women's ministry.

How about \$59,299? That's the amount raised in this diocese last year for the United Thank Offering, a women's ministry that thinks globally but also acts locally. Ask Urban Ministries of Durham about the UTO grant it received to help it meet an expanded mission.

Those are just a few examples. I could go on and on, and in a society as list-obsessed as ours it might be a useful tool in helping to explain the scope of the service and leadership of women. Then again, maybe not.

What is important to remember is that while the ECW does a lot to strengthen the church and most particularly this diocese, parish by parish, we can do more. And we will, with God's help and your continued support.

We thank our bishops for unflagging encouragement and their ears and hearts which truly hear. We thank those clergy who welcome and actively encourage this ministry of the laity, who understand it is not about dominance and servility.

Bennett Sims, the former bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta and the father of the servant leadership movement, has said that "servant hood has the power to transform human experience."

Michael Curry, bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, has asked that we all embrace gospel-based discipleship as a way of living.

The Gospel of Mark tells us that the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.

Do you see the interwovenness here? Themes and challenges have emerged and beg the question, are we there yet? Have we, the women of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, met the challenge?

To be honest I have to say, "No, not completely." We have a ways to travel in order to be firmly in the "gospel zone" that Mark MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska, has so eloquently and passionately spoken to us about at this convention.

But I firmly believe we're headed in the right direction. The women of this church, coming together in community and acting in concert, say "Here we are Lord. We can and we will continue to live the gospel, to build your kingdom one mile, one brick, one knitted cap, one book, one Bible Study, one disciple, at a time. Send us."



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Servant Leadership: Shaping the Future of the ECW.

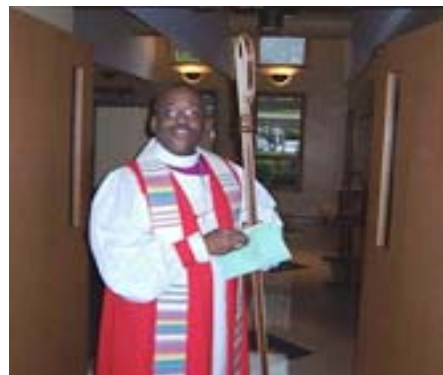
"servant leadership is magnificently different for everyone," it is a calling, and that "call ... the central expression of what we're doing ... is God's dream for our lives."

On November 4 and 5, nearly 90 people gathered at The Summit Conference Center for the 122nd Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina. The meeting, was hosted by the women of the Charlotte Convocation.



Leading the discussions about servant leadership were Ruth Anderson and the Rev. Elaine Kebba, who reminded us that "servant leadership is magnificently different for everyone," that it is a calling, and that "call ... the central expression of what we're doing ... is God's dream for our lives."

In his sermon at the Festival



Eucharist which was celebrated on the first day of the Annual Meeting, Bishop Michael Curry also spoke of call. He referenced that portion of the Gospel of Mark which says, "whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant...", and he emphasized the importance of "being willing to be lead to a new way of being and doing."



So here, in brief, are the business highlights:

After a presentation by the outgoing treasurer, Betty Temple, about the proposed 2005 budget and the need for cuts -- due mainly to either decreases in chapter pledges or timely payments by chapters -- the membership approved a budget totaling \$20,500.

The general membership also voted to send the 2004 Outside the Diocese Grant (\$3,200) to Tennessee-based Episcopal Appalachian Ministries, while the offering collected at the Festival Eucharist (\$205.75) was designated for C.A.R.E., an outreach ministry for impoverished families in Halifax and Warren counties.

The status of The Summit (a place with which the ECW has had a long relationship), and what could be its

sale was discussed. Attendees thanked and, with a standing ovation, said good-bye to John Koch, who was leaving The Summit after 15 years as its director.

Chapter members were encouraged to return to their parishes and communities and spread the word about the Lex Mathews Scholarship program for women age 23 and older. The application deadline for the 2005-06 school year is March 15. Lex Mathews information can be found in the ECW Handbook as well as on the ECW web site (www.ecw-nc.org) under "Service."

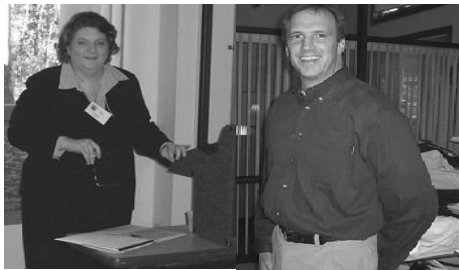
Use of the Handbook and the ECW web site, which includes the Handbook, was urged again and again. Both contain extremely valuable information for individuals and chapters alike. For instance, presidents should communicate regularly with the Diocesan ECW by, at minimum, annually submitting an updated Branch Officers Form. This will help guarantee that the people who need particular information are getting it.

Scenes at Annual Meeting

Gail Fennimore and Polly Redd work the registration table. Gail (left), a past president of the Diocesan ECW Executive Board, and Polly, (right) who heads Christian Education for the Diocesan ECW Board, led the Charlotte Convocation in the organization of the 2004 Annual Meeting.



Betty Temple (left), who has just completed a 3-yr term as treasurer of the Diocesan ECW, examines the Annual Meeting information packet. She is joined by Peggy Harrell (center), president of the ECW branch at Calvary Parish, Tarboro, and Sylvia Nash, immediate past president of the Diocesan ECW



Lisa Towle, President of the Diocesan ECW expresses thanks to John Koch, Executive Director of The Summit Conference Center, for support of the Ministry of the Episcopal Church Women



Left to right: Betty Mason Martin, Deedie Moncure and Pat Barnes of All Saints'-Roanoke Rapids. At the Annual Meeting, Pat joined the Diocesan Executive Board as Director of the Church Periodical Club.



Right: A quilt composed of 25 cross-stitch squares made by the women of All Saints' in Roanoke Rapids, was displayed at the Annual Meeting. The quilt was raffled off as part of All Saints' ECW Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar's proceeds totaled some \$7,770.00 and were split between outreach organizations and the committee at All Saints' charged with planning the parish's centennial celebration this spring

Alois Chalmers (left), past President of the ECW at St. Ambrose-Raleigh, eats breakfast with her daughter, Karyn Thomas, current President of the St. Ambrose chapter.



Vicki Robins, left, former chair of the Winston-Salem Convocation and Lorre Ruffin, ECW President at St. Paul's in Winston-Salem.



Lisa Towle, President, Diocesan ECW, with members of the Executive Board.



Thanks for the pictures,
Gertrude,

Right: Gertrude Murchison, the ECW photographer, with Mina Hampton left and Nancy Wood of St. Philip's, Durham.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Delegates to the ECW Annual Meeting in November approved the proposed ECW Budget for 2005. The budget totals \$20,500. \$20,000 is projected to come from chapter pledges, the remainder from interest.

Convocation grants are \$300 per convocation and may be used for youth and adult outreach projects. The Outside the Diocese grant amount for 2005 has been reduced to \$2500. The 2004 Outside the Diocese Grant for \$3,200 was awarded to Episcopal Appalachian Ministries headquartered in Knoxville, TN.

At the 2004 Annual Meeting at The Summit, the Eucharistic Offering of \$205.75 was appropriated to Child Abuse Resource and Education (C.A.R.E.), a Christian based, board directed, non-profit organization dedicated to educating the community about child abuse and its prevention.

Remember that Epiphany Offerings are due to the ECW Diocesan Treasurer by March 1. The 2005 Epiphany Offering will be sent to Esther Miller, missionary in Malawi.

Betty Temple Past Treasurer

As the new ECW Treasurer, I want to take a minute to express sincere appreciation and gratitude to the former ECW Treasurer, Betty Temple. With an eye to detail and incredible organizational skills, Betty has done a tremendous job with the ECW finances. Thank you, Betty, for all of you have done for the ECW over the past three years.

Chapter treasurers, please note that all pledge payments (50% of the annual pledge is due by May 1, 2005), UTO ingathering gifts, Epiphany offerings, Church Periodical Club offerings, Missionary Christmas offerings, Harris-Evans Conference donations and Lex Mathews Scholarship donations should now be sent to Jeanne L. Kutrow, ECW Treasurer, 1305 Kingscross Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211. As a reminder, convocation pledge payments should be sent to your convocation chairman.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 704-366-2164 or treasurer@ecw-nc.org.

Jeanne L. Kutrow
Treasurer

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB NOTES

Please take time, mark your calendar, and spread the news about Church Periodical Sunday. There are 120 churches in the Diocese of North Carolina and we need 100% participation on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

Did you know that the Periodical Club has provided religious and secular materials/books for 117 years? Yes, because you cared.

Did you know that we provide book scholarships for 16 seminarians twice a year? We do, because you give generously on Church Periodical Sunday.

Did you know we provide books for children from the miles of pennies fund? We do, because you give generously all year long.

A big thank you to each church that participates and please continue to support this program. If you missed the chance to participate in the past, please plan to get on board Sunday, May 1, 2005.

Patricia Barnes, Director, Church Periodical Club cpc@ecw-nc.org

“You Don’t Know Me” Domestic Violence and the Church’s Response

The 2005 Harris Evans Conference

Every three years, thanks to the generous gift of several women in our diocese, the ECW hosts the Harris-Evans Conference. The conference brings people of faith together around a social justice topic. The 2005 Harris Evans Conference is **“You Don’t Know Me”: Domestic Violence and the Church’s Response**. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22 at The Summit Conference Center. Over 3 million women are injured every year with an average of 4 women murdered each day. North Carolina currently ranks 17th for females murdered in single offender/single victim homicides and the cost of this violence is over \$6 billion per year. It is essential that faith communities respond with education, prevention, referral, and support. During the weekend we will hear from experts in the field of domestic violence and learn how to recognize warning signs, how to respond safely, and what we can do to provide what is needed. Small group sessions will center on the issues facing faith communities in responding to this type of violence and the impact it has on families, especially children. Our hope is that we will all come away with a better understanding of this behavior and a plan for how we in our faith communities can help those affected.

The cost for the conference is \$80.00. This includes registration, lodging (double occupancy), meals, and all meeting materials. There is an additional \$20 charge if you wish to be in a single room. Attendance for Saturday evening only, including dinner, is \$20.00; for Sunday only the cost is \$25, including lunch and snacks. A two-day commuter may attend for \$38.00, including meals. Eucharist will be celebrated; small groups sessions will be on Sunday.

Please invite members of your church or community, particularly clergy, to join you for this important event. Brochures will be mailed to all churches in the Diocese this spring. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Polly Redd, Conference Coordinator, at 704-332-4171 or by e-mail at christianeducation@ecw-nc.org.

Registration Form: THE 2005 HARRIS EVANS CONFERENCE “YOU DON’T KNOW ME”: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE CHURCH’S RESPONSE

Name		Phone
Street Address		
City		State/ZIP
Email address		
Home Church		City
Conference fee	\$80.00 registration, lodging (double occupancy), meals, materials	(Amt enclosed)
Roommate Name	If no preference Summit will assign	
Single Occupancy	Include additional cost of \$20.00	Amt enclosed
Commuter Rates	Saturday, May 21—\$20.00	Amt enclosed
	Sunday, May 22— \$25.00	Amt enclosed
	Conference with no overnight stay—\$38.00	Amt enclosed

Make check payable to ECW-Diocese of NC. Deadline is May 1, 2005. No refund after May 1
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1. Baby sat for Caroline Kennedy?
2. Is thankful and excited about her 70th Birthday on February 24
3. Won a Bible for correctly reciting all of the books of the Bible as a child?
4. Won a "Miss Howard Johnson" beauty pageant in high school?
5. Cooked chitterlings for Louis Armstrong
6. Graduated from college with a BS in Medical Technology
7. Horseback riding used to be a fun activity
8. Met Mother Teresa
9. Attended wedding of Lyndon Baines Johnson's daughter and was a California Raisin for the Summit
10. John Glenn's son was a high school friend when Glenn went into space for the first time
11. Was hugged by Paul Newman, Tom Cruise, Alabama and more
12. Loves yard work and rescued her "spoiled" cat from the street

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