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The President's Message

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At last summer's General Convention/ECW Triennial in Minneapolis, a worship service was held every morning. Incorporated into those services was something called "Bible conversation time." These ten minute, small group discussions concentrated on the readings of the day and came with guiding questions from the preacher. It was always a useful exercise, but some things stayed with me more than others. One of the keepers was 1 Peter 5:1-4 ("...I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it – not for sordid gain but eagerly ..."). And then there were these questions: "What dream are you living?" "What dream are you being called to build?"

The exhortation to steadfastness isn't all that's going on here, though that is plenty to contemplate. I also hear the

echo of leadership -- servant leadership to be specific, and the equally powerful idea of stepping out in faith. As Episcopal Church Women and for the most part lay people, we do indeed have ministerial responsibilities. God has given us many opportunities to serve; this newsletter is chock full of examples. But are

we living into our ministries as best we can? What kind of leaders are we? Do we understand the dream we're being called to build in our parishes and in our diocese and beyond? If not, what would happen if we did? These aren't the easiest of topics, but they are, I think, among the most worthwhile. That's why I'd like



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Save the Date for Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina will take place on **Thursday, November 4 and Friday, November 5, 2004**. Hosted by the women of the Charlotte Convocation, it will be held at The Summit Conference Center



Look for details, including registration information, in the September issue of ECW Works and on the Diocesan ECW web site (www.ecw-nc.org). And remember that while the meeting is open, only representatives from those branches who have paid their 2004 pledge may cast votes.

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ECW, the single largest ministry in the Diocese of North Carolina, to talk about them (there's that better communications thing again.) You'll be hearing more about this. Soon. For now, though, consider the last part of 1 Peter 5:1-4: "...but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away."

FINANCIAL NEWS

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Chapter treasurers are reminded that at least 50% of their chapter's annual pledge was due by May 1st. Many chapters have paid their total pledge; however, at press

time approximately half of our pledging chapters had not made a payment for this year. Please check your records and mail your pledge payment if you haven't already done so.

Pledge checks and donations to other funds should be mailed to me at 1003 St. Patrick St., Tarboro, NC 27886. If you have questions, contact me at 252-823-6854 or e-mail me at treasurer@ecw-nc.org.

Living the Baptismal Covenant – Part II

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"Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?"

Someone this week gave me a 4x8 inch sheet of paper entitled *10 Ways to be a Great Parent*. They thought I might use it for an article in our church's newsletter. It includes the normal things we all really know about parenting, such as praise, respect, hugs, family time, keeping your word with children, and building self-esteem, but it was the very first item in the list that got my attention. It said, "Be a good role model. Your child learns from the example you set."

Most Sunday mornings we hear a Bible reading and sermon on the example Jesus set for us to follow. Many of the readings leading up to Pentecost tell of the example set by Peter, Paul, James, and the other disciples as they preached the Good News of Christ to the world. Our job here and now as adult members of the Church is to be the example for others, particularly for the children in our parishes. Believe me when I say that the children of your parish are watching you and see every action. We witness to them by what we say and do with each other. Do we call people by name and ask about them with sincerity and caring, showing that we are in relationship with our fellow Christians? Are we involved in some form of spiritual growth on a regular basis? We cannot ask children to go to "Sunday School" if we are not doing anything to increase our own knowledge and learning. Do we talk about our faith aloud? Children need to hear people using God-words to build up. Lastly, do we provide opportunities for children to continue on their personal journeys?

Think about ways that you proclaim the Good News of God in Christ to those around you. Then add something new this summer or in the fall to increase your witness to others. If you have no idea what you might do, contact the director of your home parish's Christian Formation programs or your clergy person and ask how you might help. It could mean providing needed supplies or bringing cookies for a snack or sharing your personal story with a group. All you need to do is take the first step and ask. God will bless your efforts.



United Thank Offering

UNITED THANK OFFERING GRANT AWARDED TO URBAN MINISTRIES OF DURHAM

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A \$2,000.00 United Thank Offering grant has been awarded to The Urban Ministries of Durham to expand the program, Feed The Hungry. This 2004 grant will help extend the hours of the Food Panty so it can be open two evenings per week. Evening hours will increase access to food for the working poor who are unable to visit the Panty during business hours because of job responsibilities.

During the past four years, there have been three UTO grants awarded in the Diocese of North Carolina. In 2001, Christ the King, Charlotte, received a grant to provide educational and playground equipment to serve the vast numbers of children and youth in the intercity area. In 2003, La Case de San Marcos/Saint Mark's House, Wilson, was awarded a generous United Thank Offering grant to build an interracial and multicultural community center adjacent to St. Mark's Church. This parish center will reach out to residents (including more than 500 children) in a 12-block Black and Hispanic neighborhood.

With the receipt of each UTO grant, we are reminded of the power of prayers, giving thanks, and making our offerings—a mission of the Episcopal Church for more than 100 years.

The United Thank Offering Committee met April 20-27 in California to finalize the grant funding. \$2,741,965.54 was awarded. USA and Regional grants totaled 50.9%. Overseas applicants received 49.1% of the grants. Nineteen grants totaling over \$304,000 were awarded in Province IV.

Into the Fields Farmworker Housing Project, the second application selected by the Diocese of North Carolina UTO Screening Committee, was not considered. The National UTO Committee felt it did not meet UTO Grant Policy and Criteria. Many hours and days of prayerful deliberation are spent deciding on the UTO grants to be awarded. The line is often fine with respect to Policy and Criteria. Their job is an awesome responsibility!



March Madness

ECW Branches Promote Literacy Throughout the Diocese

In November of 2003, the March Madness literacy program for preschool age children was introduced to the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina during their annual meeting. March Madness is the brainchild of Thompson Children's Home Early Childhood Outreach Program. ECW branches were challenged to select a preschool or day care and initiate a reading campaign during the month of March. To encourage the efforts, the Diocesan ECW Executive Board voted to give to any branch that requested it a \$25 grant to offset the cost of books given to each child to take home. While a few branches were already involved in similar outreach, six more answered this specific call to action. Many have indicated they intend to continue their efforts to promote literacy.

By the Numbers

Four hundred fifty-two children, and their families, benefited from March Madness this year thanks to the ECW. In all, Episcopal Church Women read 19,192 books to the preschoolers. Three branches – Church of the Epiphany in Rocky Mount, Church of the Holy Comforter in Charlotte and Galloway Memorial Chapel in Elkin – accepted the offer of \$25 grants for book purchases. Like other branches, they also used money from their own treasuries (and in one case, a Diocesan ECW Convocation Outreach Grant) in order to give at least one book to each family and host celebratory events such as pizza parties for the children.

- Charlotte Convocation: **Holy Comforter-Charlotte** adopted Holy Comforter Weekday School and Humpty Dumpty Academy.
- Raleigh Convocation: **Christ Church-Raleigh** adopted Growing Together Preschool.
- Rocky Mount Convocation had three participating branches: **Calvary Parish-Tarboro, Epiphany-Rocky Mount** and **St. Timothy's-Wilson**. Calvary worked with seven preschools and daycares. Those were: Calvary Preschool, First Baptist Preschool, His Majesty's Children, Learning Stones, Little Angels, Tarboro Edgecombe Academy and Think & Grow

Child Care. Epiphany adopted the Fairview Early Childhood Center, and St. Timothy's adopted St. Timothy's Early Childhood School.

- Winston-Salem Convocation: **Galloway Memorial Chapel-Elkin** worked with Oak Grove Head Start.

Making it Happen

True Story #1

Submitted by Calvary Parish in Tarboro

A tiny finger is gently pressed to a paper and the thumbprint makes a contract. As a result of that simple contract, 271 Tarboro preschoolers had a total of 7,148 books read to them during the month of March.

The program, March Madness, is a reading program for preschool children promoted by the Thompson Children's Home, which is headquartered in Charlotte. The Calvary Episcopal Churchwomen took on the sponsorship of the program in Tarboro.

Books were purchased for the centers whose parents and teachers agreed to read to the children. Seven preschool centers chose to commit to the reading schedule (see list above). Janice Cutchin, President of the Episcopal Churchwomen, visited each preschool once a week during March to pickup paperwork and encourage progress. She also helped with orientation sessions with teachers and preschool directors. Children were asked to signal their cooperation by signing their thumbprint on the dotted line. The Calvary Episcopal Churchwomen pledged \$600 for the reading program to be used for the purchase of books and other supplies.

“It was an exciting and very meaningful project,” Janice said. “It turned out to be a small idea which led to big opportunities.”

Janice explained that the program included kickoff parties, free ice cream cones compliments of Dairy Queen, personal book bags decorated by the children and special bulletin boards and individual charts to

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keep up with the number of books read.

“The Episcopal Churchwomen are hoping that this 30 days of reading madness will become a habit for the parents and children who participated,” she added.

True Story #2 Submitted by Galloway Memorial Chapel in Elkin

Her black eyes shown as the preschooler came forward to accept her bag of books. The teacher prompted her to say "gracias." Instead, she said "thank you" with a smile that let us know that these children were learning a new language quite well, and that our reading to them as part of the March Madness literacy project would go smoothly. Thirteen of the 17 children at the Oak Grove Head Start School are Hispanic, so we were happy to find a bilingual book to include in their packets.

Leigh Graham, who has a preschooler of her own, coordinated the March Madness program on behalf of Galloway Memorial's ECW. She chose the books and planned the program according to the suggestions from the packet of information created by Thompson Children's Child Development Center. Working with her were branch members Barbara Melven, Linda Johnson, Sandra Mattice, Laura Ambler, Marie Titus, Jane Motsinger, Llewellyn Churchill, Sharon Burkenbine, Mary Freas and president Ann Mayberry.

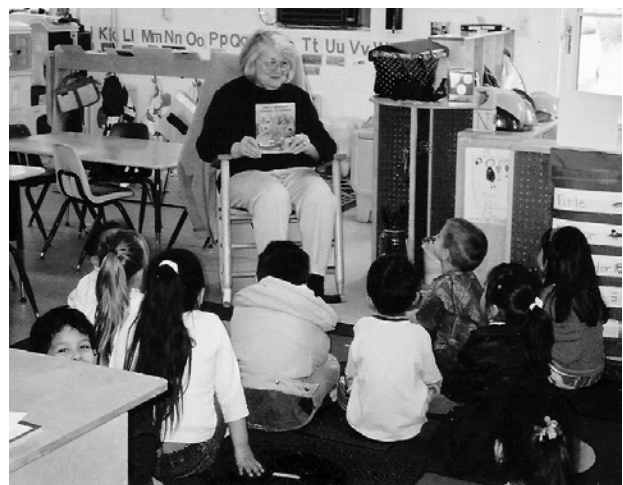
The first day included home baked muffins as a snack after the book "If You Give a Moose a Muffin" was read. ECW members were very enthusiastic, reading every school day of March. We all enjoyed our time with these darling children. Leigh arranged for them to be bused to the library twice. While there they were able to join a special reading program. The ECW also hosted a pizza party for the children at the end of the month.

As an ECW branch, we feel this is a worthwhile project that became inspiring and even touching. We were grateful that we were able to receive a grant from the Winston-Salem Convocation and the Diocesan ECW to fund it. We are looking into continuing our reading with

these children and we wish to encourage other branches in our Convocation to take part in another kind of "March Madness." (And if March isn't a convenient month, choose another. The children will appreciate your involvement any time of the year!)



As part of its March Madness reading campaign, the ECW of Galloway Memorial, represented here by Ann Mayberry (left), Sharon Burkenbine (center) and Leigh Graham (right), gave each student at Oak Grove Head Start six books to take home and keep. Leigh, ECW vice president, coordinated the project.



Ann Mayberry, president of Galloway Memorial ECW, prepares to read to the children of Oak Grove Head Start School in Elkin During March Madness

ALTAR GUILD FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS DELIGHTS ALL



On May 12, 2004, the Diocesan ECW hosted an Altar Guild Festival. This event, held every three years, focused on the use of flowers to turn holy places into most beautiful spaces. More than 100 people - women and men of different faiths- gathered at The Summit, to learn more about the art of flower arranging. Kevin Aubrey, a florist based in Alexandria, Virginia and member of the National Cathedral Flower Guild, led the demonstration and discussion. So that they wouldn't forget the lessons he was imparting, attendees took notes and photos. Some even made sketches of the stages of his floral creations. Mr. Aubrey's arrangements for small and large altars as well as other areas of a church, including the outside entrance, were completed over a two-hour period and are pictured here.

The Right Reverent Michael B. Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, led the afternoon Eucharist and preached about using our talents and sensibilities to celebrate and expand on God's "bright and beautiful" creation.



Festival Principals

Left to right:

- Kevin Aubrey
- Rosemary Easton, Oxford
- May Sherrod,
President, National Altar Guild Association
- Vivian Edwards, Coordinator, Altar Guild and
Organizer of the Festival



TWELVE AWARDED LEX MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIPS

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In April, the Lex Mathews Scholarship Committee met at Saint Paul's in Winston-Salem to select the recipients for the 2004-2005 academic year. The recipients and educational goals are:

- Katherine Shurman, Wilson: Special Education
- Alison Hadley, Charlotte: Certification in Phlebotomy
- Anne Harriman, Greensboro: Marketing & Textile Design
- Laura McCarthy, Raleigh: Occupational Therapy
- Lisa Owens, Rocky Mount: Health Information Technology
- Jacqueline Roemer: North Carolina Teacher Certification
- Janet Gentes, Laurinburg : Business Degree
- Elizabeth Pearce, Raleigh: North Carolina Teacher Certification
- Jill Parody, Rockingham: Certification in Paraoptometric
- Stephanie Madziyauswa, Winston-Salem: Nursing Degree
- Susan McDonald, Concord: Dental Assistant
- Kristine Fisher, Charlotte: Associate in Art Degree

In all, there were 24 applicants. These women came from various walks of life but were united in their desire to better their circumstances and thus the circumstances of their families. The Lex Mathews Scholarship Fund, administered by the ECW of the Diocese of North Carolina, is designed to assist adult women (age 23 and older) from the Diocese of North Carolina who need further education to enter or re-enter the workforce or to upgrade their skills in order to improve their employability.

In preparing for their futures, scholarship applicants indicated interest in a range of studies including nursing, dental hygiene, business, health information technology, occupational therapy, marketing and teaching.

This year, the Scholarship Committee was able to distribute \$13,000 among 12 women. Unfortunately, those numbers are lower than previous years as a poor economy affected the scholarship fund's interest rate. The need will remain strong, however. So please, as budget time approaches in ECW branches, consider placing this scholarship as a line item in your budget. Even a small amount symbolizes your awareness that a woman opting to continue her education is doing a brave and useful thing despite many obstacles. These scholarships really do make a difference.

Members of the Scholarship Committee are Chairman Velma Bradshaw, Deborah DeBourg-Brown, Julia Elsee, Marcia Kephart, Marjorie Northup and Jenny Haase. Information about the Lex Mathews program can be found on the Diocesan ECW's web site, www.ecw-nc.org. Click on "Service."



Profile:

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I am a native of Henderson, North Carolina. After marrying Frank we moved up the road to Middleburg. I am a member of St. John's-Henderson, and have served there as church secretary, treasurer, vestry member, senior warden and ECW branch president. My introduction to ECW came at an early age. My mother, Helen, was a very active member, and at fund-raiser events I was the go-fer. (Our house was across the street from St. John's).

My good friend Lucy Gray was my introduction to the Diocesan ECW. She urged me to become involved. It has been my good fortune to serve as co-chair of the Durham Convocation, Vice-President of the Executive Board and at present, Altar Guild Coordinator. Three women in particular played a vital role in my education about and dedication to the ECW. I would like to thank them. They are Margaret Motsinger, Hannah Kitchin and May Sherrod. The knowledge they've shared and the advice they've given me have been invaluable. The involvement and commitment of all the women is quite remarkable. As the MasterCard commercial illustrates, the friends made, the care and love given, and being a part of the ECW experience is priceless.

I will be leaving the board in December, but my hope for a continuing diverse, strong and active Diocesan ECW will always be constant.

Vivian Edwards



Profile:

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My husband offered to write this profile for me. Although he is my best friend, I was reluctant. After 34 years of marriage, he knows my weaknesses, my temperament, my secrets. Could be bad.

Here are the facts. A native Charlottean, I graduated from WCUNC (now UNC-Greensboro) with a degree in history, was a reporter for The Charlotte News and married Peter, the love of my life, at Church of the Holy Comforter in Charlotte. We lived in Atlanta, Galveston, Berlin, and Norfolk, while he became a family physician and we started our family. We moved to Tarboro where I worried about living in a small town and came to love it dearly. It's a beautiful place full of unique individuals. I appreciate them all and the impact they've made on my life.

I was confirmed in Calvary Church, Tarboro, in 1968 - a very happy day. I had been introduced to the Episcopal Church by my mother's good friend, Bess Green who attended Holy Comforter, first on South Boulevard then on Park Road. Mrs. Green was a very active churchwoman and a lively, intelligent person. Her daughter Elizabeth Holmberg, also a communicant at Holy Comforter, made my wedding cake. It was my favorite wedding present.

At Calvary, I have taught Sunday School, advised the EYC, served on the Vestry, served as Senior Warden, Church Treasurer and Capital Campaign Treasurer. I still sing in the Choir. I've gotten so much more back than I've given. I'm very proud to be an Episcopalian.

When our five children began to grow up I went to work for the Town of Tarboro. It gave me the opportunity to meet all the people I hadn't met doing volunteer work and raising children. It was a great experience. I retired after 20 years. My good friend Sylvia Nash, Immediate Past President of the ECW, was afraid I wouldn't survive without a job. She asked me to be your Treasurer. Here I am.

It has been my pleasure to get to meet, correspond with and talk on the telephone (one of my favorite activities) with so many of you across our Diocese. You are involved, committed, smart, witty, diverse. I'll be leaving the board in December. The Treasurer's books will be in Jeanne Kutrow's able hands.

Thanks for giving me this opportunity to serve on the Diocesan level. Come see us in Tarboro.

Profile:



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Director, Church Periodical Club

Some reminiscence as I leave the Diocesan ECW Board after serving seven years with four very capable presidents. Shara Partin, Gail Fennimore, Sylvia Nash and currently Lisa Towle have brought diverse leadership qualities to the board. The Church Periodical Club Director serves through the national office at the request of the ECW President with approval by the board, and is installed yearly by the Bishop. The ECW Diocesan Treasurer, currently Betty Temple, does a mammoth job of receiving, recording and dispensing funds for the work of CPC in and through the Diocese of North Carolina. It was my good fortune to follow in this position after Sally Park, a former CPC National President.

Over 65 years ago when I was baptized into the Episcopal Church as an infant, the service of women in the church was mostly limited to secretarial duties, altar guild, choir, food service hospitality and fund-raising through bazaars, ice cream socials, cookbook sales and the like. However, the Church Periodical Club, organized by a Sunday School class of about eight women, had already been operating the ministry of the printed word for 50 years. These women began by sending bibles, prayer books and periodicals West via stagecoach to help spread the word of God. More than 125 years later, the impact of CPC is worldwide.

My husband of 42 years, Richard, had a military career in the U.S. Navy which enabled me to move every three years. We lived in seven different dioceses and served God in more churches than that (I was a long way from my hometown -- Tulsa, Oklahoma!) Our family, which numbered four children, experienced monumental changes within the church. And yes, there was tension as people sought to know and to do God's will. I'm now a great-grandmother, and I continue to believe problems will be resolved and the spiritual gifts of everyone will be recognized and accepted.

Through it all the work of the CPC has continued. During my tenure, thanks to the faithful efforts of CPC church representatives and supportive clergy and bishops, we in the Diocese of N.C. have raised over \$50,000 to provide printed materials to the "word hungry of the world." Church Periodical Club grants have, for example, gone to church-based youth homes and day cares, hurricane victims, missionaries and Hispanic ministries to provide Bibles, prayer books, hymnals, textbooks, inspirational, educational and reference materials. In addition, the list of Episcopal seminarians from this diocese receiving \$300 a year from CPC for textbooks has grown from six to 17.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and participate in two General Conventions and Episcopal Church Women Triennials as well as Province IV women's conferences. These opportunities have been invaluable. If you want to reach me I'll be here in Charlotte, my home for the past 25 years. May God bless, guide and keep you each safe and well.

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Call to Action: Interfaith Education

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety

Our Presiding Bishop has called us "to engage with all our hearts and minds and strength in God's project of transforming the world into a place of peace." We have, in this crisis, been given a unique opportunity to model Christian community in action. Imagine the impact we could have on the heart and soul of this great nation of ours if every Episcopal Church in every community, large and small, committed to participate in this project of reconciliation and understanding between people of faith ... people who are part of this same human family of ours.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we pray for the "whole human family" during these days of anxiety and challenge, the Episcopal Church Women invite you to join them in committing to:

- ◆ Networking with members of other faith communities, through prayer, dialogue and mutual community outreach.
- ◆ Educating ourselves about traditions in order to challenge the misinformation and dangerous stereotyping. May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things give us the grace and power to perform them!

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