

Report of the ECW to the 220th Diocesan Convention

All women of the church are considered Episcopal Church Women. Rooted in our past and growing into God's future. There are three major goals for our organization. The first is to assist the women of the church to carry out their mission and ministry, to encourage proactive advocacy, for educational initiatives and to provide opportunity for women to come together for worship and study.

Episcopal Church Women has its roots in the local congregations. Each level makes its own unique contribution to the mission and ministry of women. Our structure includes Local, Diocesan ECW Boards, Provincial ECW and National Board of the ECW.

Every year we ask each parish to contribute \$50.00 for mission response. In the year 2003 we were able to divide \$3,840. among Trinity Cathedral renovations, Episcopal Relief and Development and for our international mission - the Heifer Project.

The Student Service Awards program provided 55 Episcopal students with money to further their educational goals.

The 128th Annual Meeting and UTO Ingathering of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of New Jersey was held at Trinity Cathedral on May 13, 2003. The Right Reverenced David Joslin celebrated the Eucharist at 10 a.m. At the offertory, Bishop Joslin installed the new Officers for 2003-2006:

Recording Secretary - Charlotte Baker
President - Atlantic District - Suzette Whiting
President - Plainfield District - Maria Newman
President - Trenton District - No nomination
UTO Coordinator unexpired term - Greta Brown
Mission Outreach - Nadine Albert

Over the last 11 years the Women of this Diocese have raised over \$440,718. for the United Thank Offering. See the full report of the United Thank Offering in our handbook.

During the summer six women attended the Triennial in Minneapolis, MN. Gert Jennings, Deborah Anderson, Marie Williams, Nancy Gorman, Camilla Quinton and Carolyn Belvin attended workshops and meetings.

Each year the ECW prints a yearbook. This book provides information into all aspects of the Episcopal Church Women, including cooperating agencies such as the CPC's Miles of Penny's, Girls' Friendly Society, Daughters of the King, Altar Guild, Evergreens Co-Op Society and our quarterly newsletter. We welcome you to attend our board meetings and participate in our activities. Please stop and see us at our Convention booth.