

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN - Diocese of New Jersey
Report to Diocesan Convention
March 2007

The Executive Board of Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of New Jersey has been very active in 2006, starting with manning the ECW table at the Diocesan Convention held in Cherry Hill. We also provided Dr. Renee Tembeckjian, psychologist, consultant and author, as the speaker for the combined ECW and Women's Commission breakfast that Saturday.

We continued our work with the United Thank Offering and our chairman, Greta Brown sent a total of \$34,000 to the National UTO office as the spring and fall ingatherings as our part of this great organization's outreach around the world. Lorraine Woodward, our directress for Worship and Spiritual Development, planned a Lenten retreat at St. Marguerite's Retreat House at the Convent of St. John Baptist in Mendham, New Jersey. The Reverend Donald J. Mueller Rector of St. Peter's Church in Medford was the conductor of the retreat. Unfortunately, because of scheduling conflicts, the Advent retreat had to be cancelled.

Student Service Awards, chaired by Paula Windus, were received in the amount of \$130.00 each to 64 students. These awards are not based on financial need, but mainly on the service these young people provide to their church and community. Church Periodical Club duties, for many years the domain of Cora Gaines, have now been tended ,by our new chairman, Gertrude Jennings, and we look forward to even more mission in this field in the future. We also have a new chairman of Mission Outreach, Laura Burke, who will be getting information out to parishes on our mission projects for this year.

The Province 11 annual meeting was held at Convent Station, New Jersey, with our delegates to Triennial 2006 in attendance. The following New Jersey ECW members were elected to serve as Province 11 offices: Maria Newman as Vice-President, Nancy Gorman as Province II representative to the National Board, Greta Brown as alternate UTO representative and Gertrude Jennings as alternate CPC representative. One of the major activities of the year, of course, was the Triennial Meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, in conjunction with the General Convention in June. Our representatives were Greta Brown, Dorothy Gilbert, Carolyn Belvin, Maria Newman, Debbie Anderson (representing the National Board), and myself.

This is just a short summation of our major activities for 2006, but I wish to thank the entire board, including officers and district presidents, as well as representatives from cooperating agencies for their dedication and support of all the women of the Diocese.

Faithfully submitted,
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President