



VOICES OF WOMEN

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND *Spring 2024*

Dear Episcopal Church Women & Friends,

WE'VE GOT A WEB PAGE!!!

AT LAST! AT LAST!

Click on the Diocese of Long Island website at www.dioceseli.org/ecw and then on Programs and Ministries and lo and behold, you will see ECW. All you ever wanted to know about ECW and your diocesan board.

You'll learn about who is on the board, what we do, a little about our history, and about all of the ministries with whom we have a connection.

You can also find information about upcoming events that are sponsored by the Diocesan ECW board.

Copies of our newsletter, "Voices of Women" are there as well as applications for scholarships and Trust Fund Gifts.

Barbara Taylor
Historian

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A Generous Soul

Are you nurturing a giving spirit? Are you generous with all your resources? Giving God and people your time is sometimes the most expensive ... and most appreciated ... gift you can bestow. Generosity also includes little touches and activities you can do to brighten someone's day, such as sending a quick note making a cheery phone call, weeding someone's flower bed, and delivering a bouquet of wildflowers.

I remember clearly the day I assessed my spiritual life and decided I needed help in this area. So, I prayed ... and continue to do so. Every day I ask God to open my eyes and my heart and to bring to my knowledge the needs of others. I consider it fine-tuning my heart to God's Word, God's ways, and God's grace. With His help I can meet the needs of others and reach out with His love. Why not make this one of your goals?

Father, show me the big and little ways I can share my resources, including my time. Help me think of others before myself when I have free time and some spending money. Amen.

One-minute inspiration for Women
By Elizabeth George



Triennial News **ECW** **Empowering Women of Faith**

The 51st Triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church Women will take place in Louisville, Kentucky from June 22nd through June 28th in conjunction with the 81st meeting of General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

President Karen Patterson says "We are excited to be celebrating our 150th year as a women's ministry in the Episcopal Church. We are a Christian women's group dedicated to the betterment of all women and girls throughout the world. Join us in embracing the covenants of the Episcopal Church and celebrating women through fellowship."

The Triennial logo above is comprised of the image of the Triennial Woman along with the slogan in both English and Spanish.

Submitted by
Vernese Smith
Publisher



Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Long Island
2024 Application for Trust Fund Outreach Ministry Grant

Name of Requesting Organization/Agency/Program

Amount of Grant Request \$

Other available or potential sources of funding for this program

Name, Address, Email Address and Phone Number of Contact Person

Attach brief descriptive summary (*no more than one page*) of program/project as well as other relevant supporting material (brochure, program information, budget, etc.).

List of numbered attachments:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Form must be received before June 1, 2024

Send to: Sheryl Edwards 119 Lucille Street, Hempstead NY 11550

Email address: Shepenand@aol.com

2024 Grants will be distributed in December 2024.



March 29 ,2024

Greetings my sisters in Christ,

Just a friendly reminder to pay your dues for 2024. If your parish has fulfilled this obligation, please disregard this reminder.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Long Island please note:

1. The fiscal year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st each year.
2. Monies received after December 15th will be credited to the next fiscal year.
3. Each parish shall make an annual contribution to support the diocesan budget of the ECW and donations from individuals will be gratefully accepted.
4. It is suggested that each participating parish contribute \$150, or as much as they are able, annually to support the budget.

Monies in the budget cover operating expenses such as the bonding of those who handle money, audits, postage, supplies, Triennial delegate expenses, handbooks, National and Province ECW dues etc.

I strongly urge you to support the budget so that the work of the board can be accomplished in a timely manner. Checks are to be made payable to the ECW Diocese of Long Island and sent to Sheryl Edwards, 119 Lucille Street ,Hempstead NY 11550 , or to the Diocesan Treasurer, Vernese Smith , 227-40 109th Avenue, Queens Village NY 11429.

We continue to pray for the safety and well-being of ourselves and our families, and look forward to receiving your contribution.

Yours in Christ,
Sheryl Edwards
Finance Chair

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TRUST FUND GIFTS

The Diocesan Board of the ECW announces the granting of over \$29,000 to various ministries both domestic, national and international from our Memorial Trust Funds. The 2023 grants were distributed in December of 2023 to maximize the amount of interest earned.

Among the recipients were youth care ministries in Honduras, Haiti and Africa, ERD, Long Island scholarships, Eastern Farm Workers, The Absalom Jones Legacy Fund, St. John's Hospital ICARE Foundation, LI food programs, SCI, Trelawny Parish Church in Jamaica, BWI and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Submitted by
Barbara Taylor
Historian & Newsletter Editor

ECW OF QUEENS

On December 2, 2023, the Queens ECW had their first in-person meeting since 2019, which was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Springfield Gardens. The meeting was well attended and it was a time to share with each other and plan for the future.

New Officers for the QECW

President: Phyllis Fibleuil - St. David's Church, Cambria Heights

Vice President: Sharon Hunter, St. John's Church, Springfield Gardens

New officers are still needed for the positions of Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

On December 10, 2024, St. John's Flushing made 26 Christmas gift bags for the women in a shelter for domestic violence. In one picture Father Lingayo is blessing the bags for those who will receive them and for all those who helped donate items for the bags as well as those who gave the time and effort for seeing the project to completion.

A Queens ECW Spring meeting is in the works! Next meeting is scheduled tentatively for May 4th and the venue is to be announced. **More details to follow.**



Submitted by Jean Ryan
Outgoing President

ECW OF SUFFOLK

On February 22, the Diocesan ECW Board presented a plant to Patricia A. Waite, Esq, Associate Court Attorney in celebration of her accomplishment as she received the Hon. Marquette L. Floyd Award of Excellence given by the Amistad LI Black Bar Association.



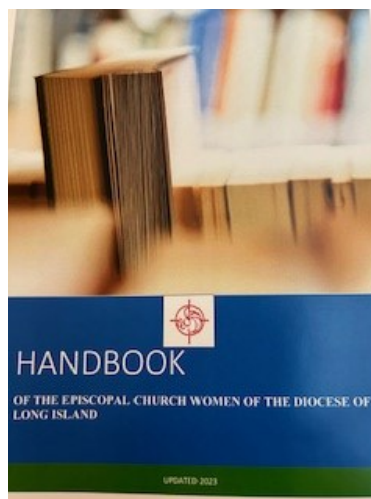
Diocesan President, Debbie Richberg presenting the plant to Ms. Waite

Submitted by Debbie Richberg
Outgoing President



ECW Handbooks (below) \$10.00 each, are now available

Have you ordered one for your ECW?



DIOCESAN ECW QUIET DAY

held March 16, 2024 – 10:30 am – 3pm

Theme : “A Disciple is called to serve and witness”

Some **59** participants attended the Diocesan Quiet Day held at St. Boniface Episcopal Church, Lindenhurst, Suffolk. Registration was opened to all parishioners of the Diocese of Long Island. The day started at 10:30 am with registration and a continental breakfast. The Very Rev. Steve Foster, Rector of St. Peter’s Church, Rosedale and Dean of the Jamaica Deanery, facilitated three enlightening sessions, where the attendees were invited to participate in Journal writing and Reflection. Our ECW Chaplain, Deacon Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds, was proud to stand beside Father Foster as they delivered communion to the participants. Below are some pictures from the event.



*Suffolk County Legislator **Jason A. Richberg** presented a Proclamation to the ECW Board in recognition of their service of uplifting and supporting the members of the diocesan community.*



Participants listened attentively as Father Foster facilitated the three sessions.

- 1. Who am I as a Disciple?**
- 2. What does it mean to serve and witness?**
- 3. How will discipleship look for the ECW in your community?**

What were their

- 1. Expectations of the Quiet Day?**
- 2. Reflections on the Day?**

More of DIOCESAN ECW QUIET DAY



Below is the view of the displays in the parish hall of our ECW ministries

- ✚ Altar Guild
- ✚ Book of Remembrance (BOR)
- ✚ Church Periodical Club (CPC)
- ✚ ECW Scholarship
- ✚ Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)
- ✚ Seamen's Church Institute (SCI)
- ✚ United Thank Offering



Submitted by
Vernese Smith
 Publisher

ALTAR GUILD

The DAG On The Road  Saturday, April 13, 2024

Your DAG Board listened to your requests and so are happy to announce a spring field trip!
(It's the first we have been able to do since the COVID shutdown cancelled our last travel event!)

Join us for a chartered bus trip to the world's largest Gothic Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine

It is a truly awe-inspiring church filled with marvels of art and architecture. The Cathedral is an ever-evolving place, so even if you have been there before, there will be new things to discover.

Our day will begin with a comfortable ride on a 56 passenger tour bus leaving from from one of three convenient locations:

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| Stop #1 | LIE Exit 61 Park and Ride, 100 Smith Ave, Holbrook | 8:00am |
| Stop #2 | LIE Exit 49 Park & Ride, N Service Road, Melville | 8:30am |
| Stop #3 | The Mercer School, Garden City | 9:30am |

At the Cathedral, we will have a guided tour including the sacristy. Following the tour, Fr. Byrne will Celebrate the Eucharist in St. James Chapel.

After the service, there will be free time to explore the cathedral further and to enjoy the Cathedral Close with its lawns, the Peace Fountain, and gardens including a Biblical Garden with plants, flowers and herbs should be just beginning to show off their spring colors.

Lunch will be on your own. There are numerous restaurants within easy walking distance of the Cathedral. Trip Advisor and other sites have solid recommendations.

Our bus will leave the Cathedral to return to Long Island at 2:30 PM

We really need to fill the bus, so please bring a friend or three!

Before you ask.....

1. **Yes**, you can join us at the Cathedral. **However:** Getting there by public transportation requires a fair amount of walking and some stairs. If you drive, there is *no* parking on the Cathedral grounds. You have to park on the street or in a garage.

2. Cost: For the bus and the tour \$50.00 per person. The tour only is the discount rate of \$12.00 NO, lunch is not included in the price. (We tried, but it was impossible to arrange for a good price!)

Questions??? Please call Jane Ames – 516-921-0580.

Blessings and peace,
Jane Ames

2024 Spring has sprung



"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world. - Virgil A. Kraft

May you continue to feel God's presence throughout the season

Team Barbara & Vernese



This newsletter will be published once every quarter for distribution in the months of April, July, October, and January. We welcome any questions regarding the role of the Episcopal Church Women in the Church. In order to research and answer your questions in a timely manner, questions must be received by the **15th day** of the month after publications. We will certainly do our best to address all questions received. You may also send us suggestions on things you would like to see or comments on the helpfulness of this newsletter. We certainly hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter, and may God bless you as you continue your ministry in the world.

Questions may be sent via email to the committee members:

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