

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

2007 proved to be an exciting year for the Episcopal Church Women. We now have a WEBSITE. If you want to know what we are doing, any upcoming events, or who to contact about something just log on to www.diolex.org/ecw and check out us out. Our names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed at the end of this report.

We have helped a congregation get their ECW organized. With the Board's help St. Philip's in Harrodsburg organized their ECW. We met with the ladies of St. Philip's a couple of times and made suggestions to them about ECW's. They formalized the group and have already undertaken buying a building on an adjacent lot. We are available to help any congregation with their ECW. If you need help, please let one of us know. We will be happy to do what we can for you.

We awarded our first grant in our Matching Grant Program to the women of The Church of the Ascension, Frankfort. They had raised \$1,500 for an artesian well to provide clean drinking water for Sauls' Village in Haiti. The cost of the well was \$3,000 and we were able to provide the additional \$1,500 so that the well could be dug.

We awarded two grants from the Bishop Hosea Fund for continuing education. If you know of any women who need funds for continuing education this fund apply to the Bishop Hosea Fund.

We printed and distributed our third issue of "The Link", our ECW newsletter. If the women in your congregation are not receiving "The Link" you may e-mail or write to Diane Gabbard – dianegabbard@fuse.net – to have them added to our mailing list.

We had a wonderful and enlightening Women's Weekend at the Domain in May. (This is always the weekend after Mothers' Day.) The format was changed a bit and we had three women leading our meditations about "Mothers of our Faith." The Rev. Melanie Mudge, the Rev. Joyce Beaulieu and Dr. Kay Collier-McLaughlin were our presenters. Although we were very sorry that Bishop Sauls was unable to be with us because of illness; we enjoyed having the women there. The Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross led the Eucharist and Healing Service on Saturday evening and our wonderful chaplain, the Rev. Marcia Hunter, was the Celebrant and Preacher at our closing Eucharist on Sunday. We learned, we played and we had a great time.

In June it was off to Kanuga for the Province IV Women's Conference. We had six women at the ECW Conference and two from our diocese attended the Province IV Altar Guild meeting. This again was a time for learning and another good time reconnecting with women from outside our diocese.

At our Annual Meeting in October, women throughout the diocese met at The Church of the Resurrection. The women of Resurrection showed their wonderful hospitality and friendship and made us feel very welcome. As we celebrated St. Margaret of Scotland, the Rev. Dr. Jan Dunnavant and Dr. Kay Collier-McLaughlin provided us with a conversation between them with Dr. Collier-McLaughlin as Margaret. After a delicious luncheon prepared by the women of Resurrection Dr. McLaughlin provided us with presentation about, "Women in the Work Place: Women in the World.

We were happy that Ginger Sauls was able to join us again this year. It was at her suggestion that we sent our offering from the service to the people of Southern California who had just experienced devastating forest fires. They were appreciative of our gift and prayers.

We are happy to talk to anyone who wishes to talk to us, e-mail us, or call us. The following is a list of the Executive Committee:

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Respectfully submitted,
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