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Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Lexington

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Greetings!

Welcome to the first issue of the Diocesan ECW newsletter. We hope it will help you realize your connection to all the Episcopal Church Women in our diocese.

In this and future issues, our intention is to bring you ECW news from the Diocese of Lexington and from individual parishes as well as information about upcoming events and gatherings. However, we are open to suggestions for content. It is your newsletter, so please let us know how we can make it helpful and meaningful.

We are planning a regular column entitled *Around the Diocese* that will bring you news of other ECWs. Please let us know what is happening in your ECW so your news can be featured in future newsletters. Send information to dianegabbard@fuse.net.

We invite you to make copies of this newsletter for your ECW sisters ... distribute copies at your ECW meeting ... post it on a bulletin board in your church ... send it to everyone you know. Share the good news!

Name Me!

I'm sure you have noticed by now this newsletter is lacking something important—a name. That's because we are looking to you for suggestions. The floor is open for nominations. (Can you tell I've recently returned from GC?) Please send your ideas for a name and why you suggested that name to dianegabbard@fuse.net. We hope to announce the winning name in the next issue.

You are receiving this newsletter because you have been identified as a contact for your ECW. If you know of others in your ECW or in your parish who would like to receive this newsletter, please contact Diane Gabbard (dianegabbard@fuse.net).

Annual Meeting & Luncheon



Mark your calendars! The annual meeting of the Diocesan ECW will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's in Versailles. There will be a brief business meeting followed by Holy Eucharist and a lunch provided by the women of St. John's.

Bryant Kibler will present a program on the Barnes Mountain Youth Project. There will also be a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Episcopal church.

This is your opportunity to get acquainted with your Diocesan sisters and learn more about what the ECW is doing. If you have questions or need directions to St. John's, contact Susan Baird at 859-299-6949.

Diocesan Board to Award Grants to Local ECWs

The Diocesan ECW has approved a plan to award matching grants to local ECWs. The plan, which had been approved by the Board previously, was presented by Treasurer Katherine Harper at the annual Women's Retreat at Cathedral Domain in May and was enthusiastically received.

Under the plan, a portion of the earnings on the investment accounts of the Diocesan ECW will be made available each year to ECWs in parishes as well as missions. The grants will be awarded as matching grants.

Priority will be given to projects benefiting women, such as educational assistance, charitable work, or seminarian support.

A committee will be established to review requests and suggest approval to the Board, which will then be responsible for the final approval.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, contact Katherine Harper at Kathewen@aol.com. ❖

Meet the Diocesan Board

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Important Dates



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| October 1 | Bishops' Fund Sunday |
| October 28 | Annual Meeting - St. John's |
| November 5 | UTO Fall Ingathering |
| May 18-20, 2007 | Women's Retreat |
| June 2-4, 2007 | Province IV ECW Conference |
| June 3-6, 2007 | Province IV Altar Guild Conference |

Did You Know??

... that the Province of Sewanee, or Province IV, is composed of 20 dioceses in the southeastern part of the United States and is the largest province in the Episcopal Church of the United States of America (ECUSA)??

United Thank Offering News

How blessed we are in the Diocese of Lexington because of United Thank Offering (UTO) money donated by you! The act of saying "Today I give Thanks" and putting money in our blue boxes or envelopes funds much needed projects throughout the United States and around the world.

Our Diocese of Lexington received a full 2005 grant for St. John's, Corbin, to build a community ecumenical amphitheater. This is our sixth grant since 2001, and our 24th since 1958.

Because the grant requested by St. Mary's, Middlesboro, was not fully funded, the Diocesan ECW Board gave them the money needed to complete their community playground project All monies donated to UTO are fully granted each year. Grant requests are available in October each year and must be in the Diocesan office by January 31.

You may get grant information and order your UTO supplies on the Website www.episcopalchurch.org/uto. You may also contact me anytime by e-mail at fbennett05@Alltel.net or by telephone (859-272-5778).

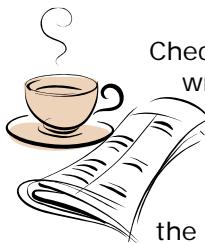
Please keep me updated on any new UTO chairpersons in your church as I send out reminders each Ingathering.

Thanks to all who have sent in their Spring Ingathering funds. All funds collected have been sent to the National Office. The Fall Ingathering date suggested for all churches is November 5.

Today I am thankful to be your Diocesan UTO Chairperson. ❖

Fran Bennett, UTO Coordinator

ECW in the News



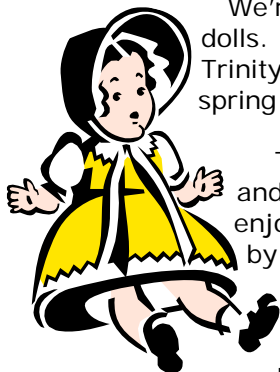
Check out the article on the ECW Triennial written by Susan Baird in the latest issue of *The Advocate*. Good job, Susan!

Susan also secured an ECW page on the Diocesan Website. To find it, go to the Diocese of Lexington Website at www.diolex.org. Then click on Programs in the vertical menu on the left. Scroll down on the Programs page until you find Episcopal Church Women.

Look for another article on the Annual ECW Retreat in a future issue of *The Advocate*. ❖

Around the Diocese

Let's Play Dolls!



We're never too old to play with dolls. At least that's the conclusion of Trinity Covington's ECW after their spring get-together on June 8.

The women elected new officers and Planning Board members and enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Old Town Catering. But the highlight of the evening was clearly the dolls.

Each woman was asked to bring her favorite doll and share her memories of the doll.

The dolls, which were displayed on two large tables, represented the eras in which their owners grew up. President-Elect Lisa Edwards shared her "circa 1962" Barbie doll who still wears her original outfit. Carolyn Kells wheeled in a doll carriage holding Terri Lee and Jerry Lee, brought to her by Santa in 1956. Marjory Meanwell presented two dolls, a Bye-Lo Baby Doll from the early 1920s and an Armand Marseille doll from the early 1900s.

President Peggy Lietzenmayer, who is a doll collector, displayed the safest way to hold a vintage doll and shared her expertise in determining the origins and composition of many of the dolls.

Peggy also showed a few of the dolls she has collected over the years, including a German Schoenau & Hoffmeister Child from 1909 and an American Nancy Ann Storybook doll "Muffie" from 1947. ❖

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About Our ECW Logo

The cross represents Christ and our service to Him in the world. The circle stands for our hope for wholeness in our lives. The out flowing lines from the center depict the many works of the Episcopal Church Women, going out into the world. The intertwined lines represent our lives centered in Christ. ❖

Learn About the Bishops' Funds

The Bishops' Funds were established by the Episcopal Church Women to perpetuate the lives and dreams of those whom we have called Bishop.

There are five funds:

- **The Burton Fund** honors The Rt. Rev. Lewis William Burton and is dedicated to scholarships for the seminarians in our diocese.
- **The Abbott Fund** honors The Rt. Rev. Henry Pryor Almon Abbott and is dedicated to diocesan mission work.
- **The Moody Fund** honors The Rt. Rev. William Robert Moody and is dedicated to projects at the Cathedral Domain which are not directly covered by the Diocesan budget.
- **The Hosea Fund** honors The Rt. Rev. Addison Hosea and is dedicated to grants primarily for women for continuing education, special courses or projects. Clergy and laity may also apply.
- **The Wimberly Fund** honors The Rt. Rev. Don Adger Wimberly and is dedicated to youth and young adult ministries in the Diocese.

Applications for grants are received by a committee of the ECW. Contributions may be directed to a specific fund, and all are tax deductible.

Contact C.C. Johnson, cjohnson@ccwoodyj.net or (859)272-4791 for more information. ❖

C.C. Johnson, Bishops' Fund Chairperson

Prayer for the Episcopal Church Women

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Make us so thankful for the power of Your love, given through Your Son, Jesus, that we may pray, labor and give liberally to make known that love throughout the world. Bless us that our lives may shine forth the joy and wonder we share in Your Name. AMEN