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A MESSAGE FROM THE RT. REV. CATHERINE S. ROSKAM

Dear ECW,

As most of you already know, 2011 will mark my sixteenth and final active year as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of New York. I am grateful to be able to write one last time in that capacity to thank the women of the ECW for your dedication to the Lord, to Christ’s mission and to the ministry of this diocese as well as your own congregations. I am always aware that your seemingly tireless ministries very often go unsung, but they have for decades strengthened and enriched our common life.

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, we will have a chance to come together with people from all around the Diocese and beyond to celebrate our several ministries over these past years. I hope that the ECW will be well represented.

I have so appreciated the responsiveness of the ECW to the outreach of this Diocese, in particular Carpenter’s Kids in support of AIDS orphans and the Global Women’s fund to educate women in the developing world. The women of ECW embody fully the joyful and generous response to the Bishop’s challenge for all in the Diocese to be involved in mission local and mission global—mission around the corner and around the globe!

Thank you for your faithfulness, your good will, and the good times we have shared. May God continue to bless you abundantly in the months and years ahead.

Faithfully,


(The Rt. Rev.) Catherine S. Roskam
Bishop Suffragan

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters,

What a wonderful opportunity we will have on Saturday, May 14 when we gather at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for the Celebration Mass at 10:30 a.m. to offer our prayers and thanksgivings as a diocese for the dedicated service of The Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam. I look forward to seeing you there.

On January 23, 1996 Catherine Roskam was consecrated in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine Cathedral as Bishop Suffragan for the Episcopal Diocese of New York—the first women bishop in the State of New York and only the fourth women bishop in the Episcopal Church in the USA. In the ensuing years Bishop Roskam has contributed substantially to the building-up and expansion of the ministry and mission of our diocese.

We are grateful to Bishop Roskam for her support and encouragement of the work of the Episcopal Church Women, and for her participation on many occasions at our annual events. Godspeed, dear Bishop, as we await the day of celebration of your ministry amongst us.

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Early last summer reservations were made at the Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY for Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29, 2011, for our 48th ECW Fall Conference. At the November 2010 Diocesan Convention the date of October 29, 2011 was set for the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor. We are mindful of the conflict in these dates and want those attending the Convention to Elect a Bishop on October 29 to know that the prayers of those attending the ECW Fall Conference will be with the nominees and those who are to choose a bishop on that day.

Peace and blessings,


Virginia Lief
ECW President

PROGRAMS TO WATCH IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK

By Lauren Salminen, Program Coordinator, Office of the Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of New York

Partners engaged in God's Mission; transforming children's lives, communities, and the world.



started in 2005, is a partnership between the Episcopal Diocese of New York (EDNY) and the Diocese of Central Tanganyika,

Tanzania (DCT) for the purpose of providing education and nourishment to children orphaned through AIDs, and other devastating diseases. The partnership started over a cup of tea between The Rt. Rev. Mdimi Mhogolo and The Rt. Rev. Catherine Roskam. Now, six years later, we pride ourselves on sending more than 6,400 children to school, providing them with breakfast and an opportunity for even higher education. This is now happening with our partners in the Dioceses of Virginia, Atlanta, Rochester, California, Canada and Australia; as well as individuals in Colorado, New Jersey and New York.

Over these years, New York has brought more than 100 people on Pilgrimage to Dodoma, Tanzania to learn about all of the programs in DCT, visit their link parish, and meet their priests and their Carpenter's Kids. What is astonishing is the transformation that takes place on both sides. To be expected, perhaps, is the change in the children from year to year. In the beginning, they are shy and apprehensive around these strange people from a distant place they really have no concept of. As the day visit progresses, smiles and laughter break out – a shared joke between visitors and villagers – and then a child takes the hand of a Pilgrim as they tour the village. In such a simple way, bonds are formed when everyone realizes that we are really not very different after all. For those of us fortunate to visit more than once, we see children running to meet us upon arrival; children who look healthy and have bright eyes from nourishment of body and soul.

On our side, the transformation can be more subtle. Pilgrims become introspective, maybe even examining long held beliefs that Americans know best; that we are happy because we are surrounded by creature comforts. But a Pilgrimage is eye opening. We are given the opportunity to SHARE, and what we return with is unimaginable in the beginning of our journey. What binds everyone in this journey is our faith. Most often Pilgrims do not know

one another before the trip and every single time I have seen the group return as a cohesive unit through faith. We arrive in villages as strangers, and depart as one in the body of Christ. It doesn't seem to matter that some of our Carpenter's Kids and their families are Muslim or of tribal religion. We all believe in a higher power which has brought us together for the good of the next generation.

The question often arises, "wouldn't the Program be better served if we just sent the money instead of spending it on individual Pilgrimages?" I say, unequivocally, no. We educate children in Tanzania as we ourselves, become enlightened. The energy Pilgrims return with has been directed toward building schools and libraries, repairing water systems, making quilts for children, purchasing vehicles for the program, and praying, praying, praying for their new friends. They may never see these friends again, but their faces will remain etched in each Pilgrim's mind forever. Anyone who has ever met one of us Pilgrims quickly realizes that we just cannot stop talking about our experience.

Our goal is to eventually educate 10,000 children in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika and link with every one of their 200 parishes. We will get there. I have seen the Holy Spirit at work since the Program's inception and I know that God will walk with The Carpenter's Kids every step of the way.

Empowering Women in the Developing World.

The Global Women's Fund, of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, was founded in 2004 to support the



education of Anglican women outside of the United States, for the purpose of using their education to empower and give voice to other women. Those receiving grants through the GWF must promise to work in their

local community upon completion of their studies. The formation of the Fund was a response to Millennium Development Goal #3 "To promote gender equality and to empower women."

One underserved population in the area of education is clergy wives. These women invariably are called upon to counsel parishioners in family matters such as child rearing, nutrition, marital problems, and alcohol or drug abuse. With little or no prior education themselves, the task can be daunting. Some of the first grants made by the GWF were to provide seminars for clergy wives in Uganda and Tanzania to learn counseling techniques on a variety of the aforementioned subjects.

Decisions by the Board then moved on to individual support, resulting in the education of a nurse in India, a teacher in Tanzania, and seminary attendance in both Uganda and Tanzania. The latter resulted in a woman's ordination by The Rt. Rev. Mdimi Mhogolo and subsequent appointment to a parish in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika.

Right now, grants are:

- Sending a young Tanzanian woman to school in Nyack, NY who is studying for her MBA. With her degree, she plans on returning to Tanzania and opening microfinance banks in remote villages where there is no access to a banking system.
- Supporting a Sudanese woman in a business management degree program in Kenya.
- Providing further education to a clergy wife in Tanzania by assisting her in attending Msalato Theological College. She plans on returning to her village and using her education to teach women and children through Bible stories.
- Affording a Philippino priest enhanced theological study at Virginia Theological Seminary.
- Funding a woman in seminary in Haiti, with the goal of ordination.

All of the funds to award grants are raised through appeal. It is a very fast process between receiving donations and making grants, as the need for woman's education in all areas of the world is great.

According to Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wudunn, in their book Half the Sky, "Empowerment is a cliché in the aid community, but it is truly what is needed." And "the single most important way to encourage women and girls to stand up for their rights is education, and we can do far more to promote universal education in poor countries." All involved in the Global Women's Fund are of the opinion that educating women into role-model positions is a first step in bringing about women's empowerment. We await stories from the women we have helped as to just how their lives and those they work with have changed and look for an opportunity to share their news with you.

This February, we look forward to finally meeting some of our Global Women grant recipients, as they travel to New York to participate as official delegates in the United Nations Commission on the

Status of Women (UNCSW). Working with the Office of the Anglican Observer to the UN, they will attend UN meetings and many parallel events with women from all over the world. We have four women from the countries of Haiti, Tanzania, Philippines and Brazil, representing their Anglican Provinces. In the past, the Anglican delegation has been the largest at UNCSW. The women will be learning and communicating with others as they discuss this year's priority theme "Access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work," and the review theme "the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child." We are excited to be meeting them in person, and excited for the work they will be doing with others from around the world.



If you would like more information about
The Carpenter's Kids Program or
The Global Women's Fund,
please contact Lauren Salminen at:
LSalminen@Diocesenyc.org or 212-316-7432

Save the Date
Celebration Mass
for the
15th Anniversary
of
Bishop Catherine S. Roskam's
Consecration
Saturday, May 14, 2011
10.30 a.m.
Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
New York City

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

November 25 – December 10

...Last November the **National Episcopal Church Women, the Episcopal Women's Caucus and the Anglican Women's Empowerment** in a first-time partnership encouraged prayer to observe the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence—an annual international campaign which has been sponsored by the Center of Women's Global Leadership located at Rutgers University, New Jersey since 1991. www.cwg.rutgers.edu/16days

For each of the 16 days of the anti-violence campaign a different prayer was sent out by e-communiqué by the National ECW. To receive e-communiqué you are welcomed to sign up at: www.ecwnational.org

Prayer For Day 3, November 28:

May we walk in the light of God
Who calls people of all nations
To turn their swords into plowshares
To turn their anger into gentleness
To waken to a new way of living

May we walk in the light of God
Who calls people of every house
To turn their anger into gentleness
To take closed fists and open them
Open hands of grace and peace
Awakening to a new way of loving

Guide our human love of sport
Especially football statistically
Associated with inebriated violence
In homes, sport turned to fists
Fists turned to faces, women, broken
May our choice keep all safe

Pray for those who suffer from
All forms of violence and abuse
Pray for the power of God to
Prevail at an unexpected hour
To rise the arbitrator of grace
Awakening new life, new hope

May we walk in the light of God
And create a world where women
Are not beaten, girls not abused
Men who waken to the love of God
Immanuel God with us
Immanuel God love us
May we walk in the light of God

The Rev. Terri C. Pilarski
Diocese of Chicago

47th Triennial Meeting National Episcopal Church Women

Indianapolis, Indiana July 5-11, 2012

Many Paths, One Journey

The National Episcopal Church Women's Board has selected the theme of Many Paths, One Journey for the 47th Triennial Meeting and is encouraging us to pick-up our Bibles and find verses that speak to this theme. Some verses which the Board suggests are 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; Romans 12: 4-8; and 1 Peter 4:10-11. They would like us all to use this as an opportunity to become involved and share their excitement about the upcoming 47th Triennial Meeting in Indianapolis to be held from July 5 to July 11 next year.

For the Triennial year (2009 - 2012), there are three **Women to Women** programs which the ECW National Board has chosen to support:

1) The RECONCILE PEACE INSTITUTE CENTER IN SUDAN, an ecumenical, community-church based program, established by the New Sudan Council of Churches in 2003 which offers courses and training in peace studies, conflict resolution and transformation.

2) EL CENTRO BUEN PASTOR SCHOOL and CLINIC operated by the Episcopal Church Sisters of the Transfiguration in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. Scholarships are provided for a majority of the students who attend the school—pre-school through the eighth grades. Maternal and child health services are offered by the clinic.

3) LILLIAN VALLELY SCHOOL an accredited Christian elementary day school which serves Indian children who live on the Fort Hall Reservation in eastern Idaho. The school was begun at the request of a group of elders led by Lillian Vallely, a Shoshone woman and Episcopal Deacon.

Your support of the Women to Women program, which is an initiative of the National ECW, would be most welcomed: Please address checks payable to Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS), specify Women to Women, and mail to:

Sandra Powers, ECWNB
3 Adoracion Circle
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

48th ANNUAL SCHOOL OF WORSHIP

To be held Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Registration begins: 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharis: 10:30 a.m.

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
St. James' Chapel

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Tom P. Miller
Canon for Liturgy and the Arts at the Cathedral

Luncheon Speaker:

The Rev. Deacon Eliza Davies
St. Martha's Church, Bronx, NY

Brownbag Lunch

Registration Fee: \$7 in advance; \$10 at the door.

47TH ANNUAL SCHOOL OF WORSHIP

New York Altar Guild President, Guest Speaker

I am delighted to report that the 47th ECW School of Worship March 16th 2010 was held at St. Andrew's Church, Manhattan. Our celebrant and homilist was the Rev. Canon James E. Lindsley. Our luncheon speaker was Barbara N. Lindsley, President of the New York Altar Guild. Her topic was the New York Altar Guild Past, Present and Future. The emphasis of her talk was on all the possibilities and all the benefits which the guild provides. She also made a plea for new members.

Attendance was 70 devoted ECW members and guests—among whom we were delighted and honored to have the pleasure of Mrs. Karen Sisk, wife of our Bishop Sisk, who took time from her very busy schedule to be with us as we celebrated our 47th School of Worship.

Astor N. Benjamin
Devotional Life Chairperson

The New York Altar Guild, a philanthropic organization, serves the needs of churches and institutions throughout the Anglican Communion by supplying requested vestments and altar furnishings. If your parish would like to make a donation or a request for these items please contact:



Mrs. Barbara N. Lindsley
P.O. Box 881, Millbrook, NY 12545
845-677-6401; nyaltarguild@aol.com

UNITED THANK OFFERING REPORT, 2010



The mission of the United Thank offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. The UTO will significantly impact the lives of women and children because of Christ's love.

The ministry of the United Thank Offering (UTO) received gifts from thirty-five churches this past year. In December 2010 a total of \$26,800.00 was forwarded to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Two UTO Ingatherings were held during the year. The Spring Ingathering was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, White Plains with the Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk presiding while the Fall Ingathering was held at the St. James' Chapel at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine with the Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam presiding. There were two luncheon speakers: Dr. Helen Grace Akwii-Wangusha, the Anglican Observer to the United Nations, in the Spring and in the Fall Lauren Salminen, coordinator for the Carpenter Kids Program as well as Bishop Roskam's program assistant for the Global Women's Fund.

I would like to extend special thanks to the clergy, UTO parish coordinators and host parishes for their kind hospitality, hard work, love and support.

Marleene Larrier
Diocesan UTO Coordinator

UTO SRING INGATHERING & ECW ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011
THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
104 Park Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY

The Rev. Adam Bartholomew, *Priest-in-Charge*

MEETING BEGINS: 10:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST: 11:15 A.M.

CELEBRANT

The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr.
Assisting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of NY

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Lois Johnson-Rodney
UTO Province II Representative

Please Bring a Sandwich.
Coffee & Dessert Will Be Provided

A CALL TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

Bronx

Rockland

On Monday, November 8, 2010 the **Rockland County Episcopal Church Women Luncheon** was held at the Chapel of St. John the Divine, Tomkins Cove, New York. The Holy Eucharist with Fr. Dearman, Priest-in-Charge, was followed by a luncheon at which Diane Serratore, Executive Director of **People to People** in Rockland County, was the speaker. Her organization, which maintains the largest food pantry in the county, provides groceries and other services to families and seniors in need.

Nancy Coleman
Rockland District Representative

Westchester

On Sunday afternoon, November 28, 150 members and friends of the **Church of the Ascension, Mount Vernon**, gathered to celebrate the Institution of the Rev. Adam Gilbert Bartholomew as Priest-in-Charge. The Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sick, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, presided. Rev. Adam's wife, The Rev. Linda L. Bartholomew, Associate Rector of Grace Church, Manhattan, was the preacher. In customary fashion, members of Ascension put on a gala feast following the liturgy. To mark the occasion Rev. Bartholomew was presented with a beautiful new green chasuble to match the green stole he was given for Christmas two years ago. Rev. Bartholomew says that he is grateful to God for the privilege of serving Christ in partnership with such loving and generous people.

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Gwen Feher, a parish historian at **All Saints' Church, Briarcliff Manor, New York**, writes that according to church records and a photograph of construction in progress, the Old Parish Hall (1904) was built, with the exception of the roof, by **the women of the church**. Under the supervision of the rector the women, using field stone, constructed the hall at the rear of the rectory down the street from the church. The hall is a contributing resource to the 1854 church sanctuary's National Register designation.

After the construction in the 1950s of a parish hall next to the church, the Old Parish Hall was not used much. Today All Saints' has been stabilizing the hall by closing up openings and replacing doors as well as shingling the later addition on the left side. The repairs are the necessary step toward realizing future use of the old building.

During the summer of 2009, on the impetus of Ms. Mavis Dowdie, Episcopal Church Women from various churches within the Bronx assembled and decided to revive the Bronx District of Episcopal Church Women which is comprised of twenty-four Episcopal parishes. With this in mind a meeting was called and we proceeded to select a president, Ms. Violet Dawkins of St. Edmund's Church; a secretary, Ms. Marjorie Freeman also of St. Edmund's; Church and a treasurer, Ms. Sherry Herbert of Grace Church West Farms. Ms. Dawkins was also selected by the group of women who gathered as the Bronx District Representative to the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women Board.

To commemorate the resurgence, we celebrated with a Spring Luncheon on May 22, 2010. Many years ago, women of the Bronx District Episcopal Church Women enjoyed these luncheons annually because of the social networking that transpired. Ms. Margaret Cash, Province II Representative to the Episcopal Church Women National Board, was our luncheon speaker. She addressed the gathering on the topic *Seeds of Empowerment for Today's Women*. In her inspiring presentation Ms. Cash urged us to continue the mission of empowering our young women through education, counseling and guidance so that they may become socially conscious about the injustices leveled against people both locally and globally. The luncheon also featured the steel band from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bronx. The group is particularly interested in showcasing talents from within. .

Our Second Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on May 7, 2011. We are pleased that the Reverend Theodora Brooks, Vicar of St. Margaret's (Longwood) has agreed to be our luncheon speaker. The theme planned for this event is *Women of Grace*.

Stephanie Harris-Ash, St. Simeon's, Bronx

Manhattan North

For almost two years several **churches in the Manhattan North Region** have rotated in leading worship services for the homeless. The worship service is run by Ecclesia Ministries of New York under the direction of Clyde Kuenemerle (better known as Clyde). On Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M.—week to week in Harlem's Marcus Garvey Park—homeless men and women who have fallen on hard times join in a circle of prayer and worship. Led every other Sunday by a group of Creole denominational ministers and church members worship services are brought to those

not likely to find their way into a traditional church. As stated by Mr. Kuenemerle, “Congregants take a first meal—communion—and a special meal of sandwiches prepared by the hosting church.”

Our very own Rev. Koopercamp leads the service on alternate Sundays with clergy from other churches. The Episcopal Church Women of the Church of the Intercession Denise Crenshaw and June Beckett have volunteered to be hostesses: A call is received from Clyde that sandwiches are needed. The ECW team at Intercession makes them up and delivers them to Marcus Garvey Park on the Sunday assigned at 1 P.M. Want to be a part? Just call Clyde at (917) 617-5945.

Participating churches include: St. Mary’s, 126th Street off Amsterdam Avenue; St. Martha’s, 122nd Street and Lenox Avenue; Church of the Intercession, 155th Street and Broadway; Riverside Church, 120th Street and Riverside Drive; and both the Grace Congregational and United Church of Christ at 139th Street off Frederick Douglass Boulevard.

June Beckett
Manhattan North Representative

Untitled

**The fruit of silence is Prayer
The fruit of prayer is Faith
The fruit of faith is Love
The fruit of love is Service
The fruit of service is Peace**

(Unknown)

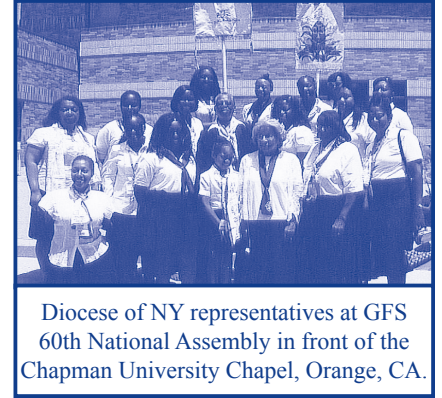
Dorothy T. Jackson who submitted this poem has an interest in both reading and writing poetry. A member of St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, New York City, she serves as a volunteer at the Cathedral visitor’s station. Previously Dorothy worked thirty-three years for the Episcopal Diocese of New York. She began in the clerical pool, next worked with the editor of the Episcopal New Yorker, then in the archives. In her last position before her retirement she served as the receptionist in Diocesan House. Here at the front desk she graciously greeted visitors including Episcopal Church Women Board members as they arrived for monthly board meetings. Dorothy speaks thoughtfully of her many years working for the Diocese as *quite a journey* and one that helped her to grow.

**The Girls’ Friendly Society –
Episcopal Diocese of New York**
“Bear ye one another’s burden....”

By Patricia Bryant
Diocese of New York Girls’ Friendly President

The Girls’ Friendly Society 60th National Assembly

was held last summer in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, California. The Episcopal Diocese of New York was represented by seven adults and eleven girls and young women from three parishes: St. Luke’s Church and St Margaret’s Church in the Bronx, and Trinity/St Paul’s Church, New Rochelle. Besides the Diocese of New York the over 100 Assembly participants included representatives from dioceses in the states of Connecticut, Western Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and California.



Diocese of NY representatives at GFS 60th National Assembly in front of the Chapman University Chapel, Orange, CA.

The opening service was held in Huntington Beach followed by a barbeque sponsored by the Daughters of the King. Throughout the week the worship services focused on exploring our faith as a source of strength, endurance and patience in our lives.

One of the most rewarding experiences of the Assembly was the service day. On this day we each selected a service project to do. The projects included working in a thrift shop which supplies clothing for women and girls; making quilts for babies and little hats; and hand painting T-shirts to send to Kenya. Other service options chosen by some of the girls were going to a nursing home to care and do errands for the elderly; and making buddy packs for children of U.S. service personnel whose parents are on active duty.

Assembly workshops included peer pressure and the Beijing Circles, and sightseeing. During our attendance at the Assembly we stayed at the Chapman University in Orange, California. Our closing service was held in the University Chapel.

The National Assembly which meets every three years provides time for business and election of officers. Among the newly elected national officers are Michelle Boothe, Treasurer and Angel Bookal-Starke, Director who are from the Episcopal Diocese of NY.

Social Concerns 2010 Grant Awarded to Help Sponsor Health Awareness

This past fall the ECW diocesan board awarded a grant in the amount of \$500.00 to **National Church Women United (CWU)** to help mark Diabetes Alert Day, Monday, March 24, 2011. On this day CWU will host the event, "Gather around the Table," from 11a.m. to 3p.m. at the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City between 119th and 120th Streets.

Speakers from the Diabetes Association, together with health care professionals and local church activist women will be on hand to raise awareness about diabetes and work with the community. The health care professionals will be offering free screening and education in helping to bring the diabetes health crisis under control.

Fredrica Kellman-Lowe
Christian Social Concerns Chairperson

GUIDELINES FOR ECW PROJECT GRANTS

Project requests must be submitted by the sponsoring parish or the ECW district officer: Project requests are granted based on the goals and objectives to meet the needs of a large segment of the community and/or parish. Projects must be on-going and provide written material to substantiate their worth. Seed money may be granted for a new project. Requests will not be entertained for salaries for project staff and repetition of one-time grants. Submission deadline for committee review are May 15th and October 15th.

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

All school scholarship requests must have the endorsement of the Christian Social Concerns and/or district chairwoman and the parish priest. School scholarships are granted to first-year students on the undergraduate level. Requests will not be entertained for: more than three applicants from one parish; more than two applicants from the same family; or scholarships to children, grandchildren or other family members of active members on the ECW diocesan board. Deadline for Fall Term 2011 School Scholarship - May 15th and Spring Term 2012 School Scholarship - October 15th.

Forms for Grant & Scholarship Applications at:
www.diocesen.org/Episcopalchurchwomen or write:
Fredrica Kellman-Lowe, 2771 Bainbridge Avenue # 4H,
Bronx, NY 10458 e-mail: foodspec56@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION OF
THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND
ST. HILDA'S HOUSE.

454 Convent Avenue, New York, NY

On the afternoon of Saturday, December 18, 2010 the clergy and people gathered outside the closed doors of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit on the ground floor of St. Hilda's House for the start of the Eucharist Service and the dedication and consecration of the chapel and house in God's name. Before opening the doors and leading the way into the chapel Bishop Catherine S. Roskam addressed those gathered, saying,

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, now to be set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Standing at the door the Bishop continued:

Let the doors be opened.

After the doors were opened the Bishop with the pastoral staff marked the threshold with the sign of the cross saying:

Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here: In the Name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Then Bishop Roskam entered the chapel followed by the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit (CHS) and all those who were present to share this joyous and celebratory day with them.

Only a few weeks earlier the CHS sisters had moved north from their former New York City convent on W. 113th to their new "green" convent, St. Hilda's House, on Covent Avenue at W. 150th Street around the corner from the Church of the Crucifixion. In their new location they are looking forward to carrying out their vision and unfolding ministries in caring for God's sacred creation. For more information you may visit their website at www.chssisters.org

47TH ECW STONY POINT CONFERENCE REPORT

Last fall's Annual Episcopal Church Women's Stony Point Conference was held on Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23, 2010. Our conference theme, Mission & Ministry: The Time to Participate is Now, was addressed



l. to rt: Gerri Herbst, St. Michael's, NYC; Janet Dorman, St. Mary's Manhattanville, NYC; The Rev. Dr. Titus Presler and Sarah Jones. St. Andrew's, NYC.

Friday evening by our keynote speaker The Rev. Dr. Titus Presler. The topic of his Saturday morning was Mission Today – Mobilizing Your Congregation for World Mission. In his presentation he outlined the practical steps that can be taken by our parishes to catalyze engagement in world mission (see the list of nine steps in the right-hand column).

There were three other workshops. These were led by: 1) Carla Burns whose workshop Anti-Racism – Working to See the Face of God in Each Other provided strategies to understand and appreciate the rich cultural diversity of our diocese; 2) The Rev. Patricia S. Mitchell whose workshop Family Dynamics in part highlighted the role of the church as support and resource for families; and 3) The Rev. Theodora N. Brooks who led the Bible Study workshop on particular women of the Bible who serve as leadership role models for women today. The Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam presided and preached at the closing Eucharist Service.

All in all the participants found the conference program informative, engaging and uplifting. Plans already have begun for the 48th ECW Stony Point Conference – October 28 and 29. Save this date. We look forward to seeing you there.

Gloria M. West
Vice President-Program

MOBILIZE FOR WORLD MISSION

Workshop Outline

Presented by

The Reverend Titus L. Presler, Th.D.
ECW 47th Stony Point Conference
Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY
Saturday, October 23, 2010

- 1) Talk with people who share global concerns.
- 2) Form mission activist group.
- 3) Pray, ponder scripture and learn about mission.
- 4) Analyze symbiosis or world's community.
- 5) Build on work already happening.
- 6) Offer mission education for all ages.
- 7) Connect with other agencies and parishes.
- 8) Start small, keep growing.
- 9) Highlight world mission in your worship.

48TH ECW STONY POINT CONFERENCE

STONY POINT CENTER, NY

Many Journeys, One Path

Friday and Saturday
October 28 & 29, 2011

As in years past, the Church Periodical Club of the Episcopal Diocese of New York provided book grants to postulants from our diocese enrolled in their first year of seminary study. In 2010 six seminarians were each sent a check of \$100.00 for buying books. We were also fortunate to have funds of \$224.00 to support a priest in Tanzania's whose request for book funds was filled via the Church Periodical Club of the Episcopal Diocese of New York's contribution to the National Church Periodical Fund. Bear in mind that no contribution is too small and it is never too late to send one in. The less than 5% participation in this ministry in a diocese of over 200 parishes is difficult to comprehend. We are

conscious of the economic downturn which places us all under strain however we need to have the door open for our future priests to relay the good news. Let us continue to pray and walk in faith to achieve growth in our churches so the word of God can be fully known. Our sincere thanks to the Episcopal Church Women who have contributed for your continued faithfulness. We look forward to donations from others. You can learn more about the Church Periodical Club by visiting their website: www.churchperiodicalclub.com

Margaret Moses
Diocesan Church Periodical Club Chairperson



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TRIBUTE TO LOUISE JONSSON

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 a Mass of the Resurrection for Louise Jonsson was held at the Church of the Mediator, Bronx. The Rev. Diego-Delgado-Miller, officiated at the Eucharist Service. Dorothy Smith, former ECW Diocesan Board President and member of Mediator, wrote the memorial for the Service Bulletin:

Louise Jonsson, native New Yorker, a long-time Kingsbridge Resident and valued member of the Church of the Mediator, passed away on March 4, 2010. She had just recently turned 85.

In 1992 Louise retired from her job as assistant to the Executive Secretary of Local 1199 SEIU and threw her managerial skills and energy into service to others. Those who knew her are aware of her strong commitment to make our neighborhood a better place.

Over the years, she worked tirelessly through various organizations, including the Kingsbridge, Marble Hill Neighborhood Association, Community Board & Housing Sub-Committee and serving as Co-ordinator of the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Marble Hill Food and Hunger Project which collects and distributes food from its central location at The Church of the Mediator. She volunteered her time to this project for 30 years. . . .

Louise's involvement in the parish of The Church of Mediator was prodigious and included serving as Vestryperson, Warden and Editor of the parish monthly newsletter, "Mediator Chimes". She attended the Diocesan Conventions as delegate or alternate every year since 1984. She was Secretary/Vice Chair of the NorthWest Bronx Interparish Council and a member of the Executive Board of the Bronx Council. Last fall, Louise was one of the Honorees at the Blue Gala dinner of The Church of the Mediator.

Louise contributed her time and talents to the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, serving as a Trustee. She was also a volunteer in the Visitors' Booth and conducted tours for the many visitors since 1987. She also served on the Diocesan Board of the Episcopal Church Women as Secretary, and as Co-ordinator of The United Thank Offering and of the Church Periodical Club.

In addition to her church and community work, Louise loved reading, classical music and travel. She enjoyed being a member of The Friends of Dickens, New York. . . .

She leaves no immediate family. Her ashes were interred in the Columbarium at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are pleased to present the following nominations for the ECW Annual Elections on May 22, 2011.

Three Year Terms – Class of 2014

Secretary
2nd Term

Francilla Moore

Church Periodical Club
Chairperson
2nd Term

Margaret Moses

Unexpired Terms

Vice President Communication

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Vice Pres. Administration – Class of 2013

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One Year Term – Class of 2012

Nominating Committee Chair

OPEN

Francilla Moore is a member of St. Luke's Church, Bronx where is on the vestry, a lay reader and the ECW President; she is completing her first term as Secretary of the ECW Diocesan Board. In 2009 Francilla was a delegate to the ECW Triennial Meeting in Anaheim, CA and in 2009 and 2010 attended the ECW Province II Annual Meeting and Conference. She has traveled on two diocesan pilgrimages to Tanzania to visit her church's three linked parishes in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. An elementary school teacher, Francilla teaches third grade in Queens, NY.

Margaret Moses is a long-standing member of Ascension Church, Mount Vernon where she is the Directress of the parish Altar Guild and serves on the stewardship, worship and organ committees, and as an usher. As well she is an every member canvasser and entertainment chairperson at her church. Margaret is completing her third year as the Chairperson of the Church Periodical Club on the ECW Diocesan Board. She also serves as an officer on the New York Altar Guild Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Cotterell
Nominating Chairperson

CALENDAR — 2011

January 18 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

February 15 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

March 22 (Tuesday)

48TH ANNUAL SCHOOL OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – *Cathedral, NYC*
11:45 a.m. Luncheon Meeting

April 19 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

April 29-May 1 (Friday – Sunday)

ECW PROVINCE II ANNUAL MEETING
Hosted by the Diocese of Central New York
Christ the King Retreat Center, Syracuse, NY

May 17 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

May 21 (Saturday)

10:00 a.m. UTO INGATHERING &
ECW ANNUAL MEETING
Church of the Ascension Mount Vernon, NY

June- August – No Meetings

September 20 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

October 28 to 29 (Friday – Saturday)

48TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE
Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY

November 9 (Wednesday)

10:30 a.m. FALL UTO INGATHERING
11:45 a.m. ECW SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
Location to be announced.

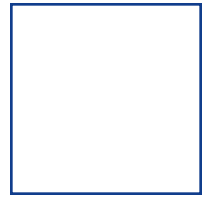
November 15 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Diocesan House – Donegan Hall

December — No Meeting



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