

*Episcopal Church Women
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“THE GRAPEVINE”



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings, Ladies in Christ,

I pray that you are well and safe during these challenging times.

Spring has sprung and as we set our sights for the approaching summer months, please don't forget your commitment to the vision and mission as the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. I am confident that with God's help and our undying faith, we will forever preserve as ambassadors for all His creations.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we press forward on our journey.

I have selected an inspirational poem that I would like to share with you which was written by Max Ehrmann in 1927 entitled "Desiderata."



Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.



May you be blessed!

Yours in Christ,
Laura L. Manigault, Diocesan ECW President



HEAR YE!

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The time has come for us to start thinking about Officers for Next Year.

I first want to thank the now serving officers for the tremendous work that you have done for the past four years. You all agreeing to serve for an extra year to get us through the Covid crisis has been a blessing.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ARE NEEDED:

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

RECORDING SECRETARY

TREASURER

I am asking for volunteers to contact me if you are willing to serve in these positions. The other positions will be appointed by the President. Please refer to the ECW Handbook for the description of each Office.

On a personal note, I was honored to serve as ECW President from Southern Virginia several years ago. Those two years were very rewarding for me. We as Christian Episcopal Church Women, should be willing to carry on the word of Christ by our willingness to serve in his name.

Blessings to you all,

Nancy Polick Sands, Nomination Chair



Treasurer's Report January – May 2022

Receipts

Diocesan Dues	\$ 90.00
Book of Remembrance	\$ 50.00
Elise Holladay Scholarships	\$ 50.00
God Bless the Children	\$ 50.00
Women 2 Women	\$ 2,666.00
Administrative Budget	\$ 35.00
<u>Flora A. Penick Memorial Fund</u>	<u>\$13,000.00</u>
Total	\$15,941.00

Disbursements

Administrative Budget

Postage, Office Supplies	\$ 44.78
President's Expense	\$ 122.59
Province III Dues 2021&2022	\$ 500.00
Autism Awareness Speaker	\$ 100.00
Spring Meeting Celebrant	\$ 100.00
<u>Audit</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,017.37

2021 Diocesan Budget

Chanco on the James	\$ 142.00
College Ministries Diosova	\$ 142.00
Boys Home of Virginia	\$ 61.00
Dare to Be Different	\$ 161.80
Dos Santos	\$ 111.55
Mission of the Holy Spirit	\$ 111.55
National Cathedral	\$ 71.00
Grace Inside	\$ 50.70
Episcopal Relief and Develop.	\$ 101.40
<u>Women-to-Women</u>	<u>\$ 61.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,014.00

God Bless the Children Graduation Gifts

<u>Boys Home of Virginia</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
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Women 2 Women

Rev. Bisoke, Congo	\$2,000.00
PIRD, Congo	\$4,500.00
Widow's Project, Congo	\$1,860.00
<u>Anglican Church, Congo</u>	<u>\$1,340.33</u>
Total	\$ 9,700.33

Dare to Be Different President's Project

<u>Autism Acceptance Initiative Award</u>	<u>\$ 179.40</u>
Total	\$12,088.30

2021 Diocesan Budget

In 2021, we received \$1,014.00 in dues, \$3 per member. Two dollars, two thirds of the dues received, \$676.00, would fund the Diocesan Budget and the remaining one third \$338.00 would fund the Administrative Budget.

At the March 19, meeting, the board approved a motion to use all the dues money \$1,014.00 to fund the Diocesan Budget. See the difference a few more dollars made in our donations. The Administrative Fund is in good shape since it is also funded by the Harriet C. Taylor Memorial Fund.

2021 ECW Diocesan Budget

Diocese

	\$676.00	\$1014.00
14% Chanco on the James	\$94.64 -	\$142.00
14% College Ministries	\$94.64 -	\$142.00
06% Boys Home	\$40.56 -	\$ 61.00
15% Dare to Be Different	\$101.40 -	\$161.80
11% Dos Santos	\$74.36 -	\$111.55
11% Mission of the Holy Spirit	\$74.36 -	\$111.55
05% Grace Inside	\$33.80 -	\$ 50.70

Nation

07% National Cathedral	\$47.32 -	\$71.00
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World

10% Episcopal R&D	\$ 67.60 -	\$101.40
06% Women-to-Women	\$ 40.56 -	\$ 61.00

ECW Trusts Fund Outreach

Many thanks to **Wendy L. Bourgault**, Executive Director, Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society, Inc. for contributing all this information and for all her help putting the article together.

Louisa Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund G AKA The Girls International Scholarship Fund

Our Little Roses Ministries (OLRM) in Honduras receives an annual contribution from the *Louisa Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund G*; sometimes called the *Girls International Scholarship Fund*. OLRM is a full-time residential home for abused, abandoned, and neglected girls in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. They are dedicated to transforming these girls lives that have been broken by poverty, abuse, and neglect by providing a soft-landing place and the resources to become productive, joyful, educated young women.



Educating girls changes the world! Diana Frade with graduates Ana Ruth & Ana Cecilia.



Bp. Leo and Diana Frade with kindergarten graduates. OLRM celebrates every educational milestone reached!

Today 65+ girls find shelter and love at OLRM.

With ages ranging from infancy (currently the youngest is 4 months old) to 26 years old. The oldest girl, Katherine, is part of the R.E.S.T. Program and interning at the home while she finishes her degree in teaching.

Last year Fund G raised \$ 5,250 for Our Little Roses. We send our contribution in December when we know the amount the fund has raised this year. It will arrive in time to help the ministry celebrate their 35th anniversary on Jan. 22, 2023.

How Did Our Little Roses Start 35 Years Ago?

The seeds for what became OLRM were planted in 1986 when founder Dr. Diana Frade visited El Hogar, a boys' home in Tegucigalpa. Abused, abandoned, and orphaned boys were living in a loving home, being fed, clothed, and educated. The goal: Break the cycle of poverty in the poorest country in the Americas, where the majority of people live in abject poverty, without access to three of the five conditions necessary to sustain life: adequate housing, potable water, nutritional diet, access to medicine, and medical care.

But one question drove Diana: Who was doing this for the little girls of Honduras? The answer: *No one*. Girls, she was told, were too complicated. They have hormones. They have babies. They can work in the factories for pennies a day. The reality: They were sent to the women's penitentiary so the inmates could care for them. Diana decided to do something about it. She reached out to friends, family, and churches in the United States. She confided in the Honduran bishop at the time, the Rt. Rev. Leo Frade, who shared her passion for these forgotten children and who she eventually married!

Our little Roses Home opened in January 1988 in a small, rented house. In 1992, they were able to build their own facility on land donated by the mayor of San Pedro Sula.

35 Years of Growth at Our Little Roses

Diana's dream of providing a safe, loving home has grown over the years and Our Little Roses Ministries has grown! Today, OLR provides holistic care due to the support of donors and organizations like the ECW. New programs include:

R.E.S.T. Residential Living/Learning Work Study Program Designed for girls who graduate from the program at 18 or from high school and choose to pursue higher education. The girls live on campus in a modern dorm, they are given a stipend and work in one of the programs on campus. The program helps them learn how to budget their money and live independently while still having the security of the OLRM campus and loving staff. These scholars also mentor and tutor the younger girls.

Holy Family Bilingual School (HFBS) provides a quality education for girls at OLRM and for the wider community. The school is co-ed and serves the community with tuition based on a sliding scale. HFBS is

focused on ensuring an excellent bilingual education for as many children as possible without discrimination or marginalization.

Mi Rincon (My Corner) Special Education Program: This program serves the girls who arrive at OLRM either having very little to no education and/or with severe learning challenges. This on-campus program is run by a teacher with a master's degree in the field. With individual education plans, the students (currently 14) are also enrolled in and are assessed yearly by the Honduran school system so they can matriculate if possible.

The Frank & Ethlyn Byrd ESL Program: Funded by St. James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville, NC and inspired by mission team members, this afterschool program ensures all the girls at OLRM learn English. The program serves the girls whose educational goals are better served in a non-bilingual school. The ability to speak/write English is extremely beneficial when the girls enter the work force.

Expressive Arts Program: All OLRM's programs are rooted in trauma-informed care with a positive discipline approach. Expressive arts are integral to this model.

- **Woodworking Shop:** On-campus wood carving shop with two full-time instructors. This program allows our girls to design and create beautiful work of art.
- **Dance:** Many of our girls find artistic expression through dance. Attending a local dance school, they are learning jazz, ballet, modern, and tap dancing.
- **Poetry:** Through our Poet in Residence Program poets from across the globe visit and teach at OLRM for one-month a year. The program was founded by an Episcopal Priest and Poet, Fr. Spencer Reece.
- **Arts & Crafts:** This program includes a variety of activities from making bracelets to painting. All the girls spend time each week learning new skills in this on-campus program.

Sagrada Familia Clinica (Holy Family Medical Clinic)

Founded after Hurricane Mitch in 2002, this clinic not only serves OLRM but serves hundreds of families who otherwise have no access to medical care. During the Global Pandemic and two hurricanes in 2021 that hit within days of each other, the clinic was truly a lifeline in San Pedro Sula. A highlight each year is the work done with The Rev. Dee Ann de Montmollin, an Episcopal Priest and former RN and licensed Mental Health Therapist to conduct a community clinic run by a mission team of medical professionals from the U.S. The clinic serves hundreds of women and children.

Dental Clinic The Dental Clinic opened at the same time, Dr. Jency Maldonado, an OLRM alumnus finished her studies in Dentistry. Today, Dr. Jency provides dental care for OLRM and others in the community.

Capilla Sagrada Familia (Holy Family Chapel) The spiritual life of the girls remains a central focus in their daily lives. Their prayer life is very important as they remember family, friends and needs that are always present in their hearts and minds. Father Gustavo Galiano is the chaplain and spiritual director of OLRM and directs the ethics and morality program at Holy Family Bilingual School. Full of life and love, AND a talented musician Padre Gustavo tends to the faith life of the community, inspiring youth with his lively, music filled services. Fr. Gustavo works with clergy from around the country who travel to Our Little Roses to learn or perfect their language skills in our Spanish Language Immersion program.

Schilling – Weeks Training/Retreat Center and Our Lady of the Roses Chapel/Retreat House

Our Lady of the Roses Retreat House and the Schilling-Weeks training center is a place for refreshing the soul, for strengthening relations, learning skills, contemplation, prayer, recreation, and relaxation. It is used for the girls, the staff, the school, spiritual and professional retreats. The Center also is available for professional and educational organizations seeking a safe and accommodating place while they serve the needs of the people of the department of Santa Barbara. The Center is staffed by Sandra & Roman, full-time caretakers who grow organic vegetables on the premises and are committed to providing all guests with a perfect retreat space.

Our Little Roses is reopened for Mission Teams this summer so contact the Miami office if you're interested at OLRFMS@ourlittleroses.org. For more information about Our Little Roses go to

www.ourlittleroses.org. Watch for more news about ECW Trusts Outreach in the next issue of *The Grapevine*.



Triennial Update

The National Board of Episcopal Church Women met May 22nd, 2022 and determined to honor the request of Bishop Curry and President Jennings and not convene the Triennial meeting in Baltimore in July 2022. We regret having to do this, but, because of health concerns, it is the right thing to do.

Karen Patterson, National President
Episcopal Church Women

Upcoming 2022 Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Events

September 17 *Diocesan ECW Board Meeting (Virtual)*

October *INGATHERING UNITED THANK OFFERING*

October 15 *Diocesan ECW Fall Annual Meeting*
Trinity Episcopal Church
500 Court Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704

Message from the Communication Chair – Dr. Angela M. Parker

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The Grapevine ECW Newsletter will be published four times this year (February, June, August, and December). The next issue will go out August 15, 2022. **All submissions must be ready for print and submitted in a WORD document.** All submissions are due on or before July 27, 2022. Please email your submissions to: ecwcommunication@gmail.com

THANK YOU!