



# THE GRAPEVINE



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN WINTER 2019

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello Ladies in Christ,

The cool days of Spring have gone; the hot humid days of Summer as well, and the Autumn with its beautiful tapestry is fading. Let us look forward to the Winter with anticipation that it will safely pass with our hopes and dreams of moving the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Organization with many successes as well.



However, we must not forget how we have come thus far. We know that God is always on our side to guide us through the journey. Let us not forget to praise and honor Him, as we continue to encounter the many challenges of the 21st Century in our service. Despite potentials obstacles we are phenomenal servants and we will overcome all challenges with the help of God. We must continue to support our vision and mission.

We will launch the President's Project "*Dare to be Different: Let Us Unmask the Mystery of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*" at the Spring Annual Meeting at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, 1242 West Queen Street, Hampton, Virginia on May 16, 2020. For more information see page 7.

May your Advent season be blessed and safe. I wish all a joyful and Spiritual Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

I highly appreciate your encouragement, support, prayers and blessings bestowed upon me this year and with the help of God I hope to be His advocate for all His creations.

Yours in Christ,

*Laura L. Manigault,*

## ECW Meeting Schedule

2020

May 16—Spring Annual Meeting  
St. Cyprian's  
1242 West Queen St.  
Hampton, VA 23669

Oct. 17.—Fall Annual Meeting  
St. Martin's,  
1333 Jamestown Rd.  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

2021

May 15—Spring Annual Meeting  
St. Andrews,  
1009 W. Princess Anne Rd.  
Norfolk, VA 23507

Oct. 16—Fall Annual Meeting  
St. James,

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## ECW Diocesan Board Positions Available

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the Diocese of Southern Virginia announces the following vacant positions. If you are interested, please contact Laura L. Manigault, President, Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, at [carver.manigault7@gmail.com](mailto:carver.manigault7@gmail.com) or (757) 503-9146 or contact Deborah Austin, Nominating Committee Chair, [complianceceteretired@gmail.com](mailto:complianceceteretired@gmail.com) or (757) 538-1797.

### Vice President:

- Performs the duties of the president in her absence;
- Serves as Program Chair;
- Selects host locations for board and annual meetings;
- Acquire a speaker for Annual meetings;
- Compile, edit and update the yearbook;
- Maintain the "In Memoriam" list.

She serves as an Executive member on the Executive Board. As an officer she shall serve for a term of three (3) years. Officers' term shall begin at the close of the Fall Annual Meeting at which she is elected.

### Historian:

- Be knowledgeable of the computer;
- Search out and continue to compile records of the history of the ECW. These records shall include parish, convocation and diocesan histories and shall be stored in a fireproof area of a building with public access.
- Update with information on storing archives.

\*May consider contacting the Diocesan Histogramy person for assistance.

Please make this announcement to your ECW/Women's Group in your Parish.

Submitted by,

## Christ Church, Danville Hosted the ECW Fall Annual Meeting

Through ECW we meet many wonderful women from all over our diocese when we travel to their home churches for meetings. The wonderful women of Christ Church, Danville hosted the ECW Fall Annual Meeting on October 19.

Lu Sullivan, ECW President, Christ Church, Danville (Right) presented a prayer shawl made by Sally Vick to Laura L. Manigault, ECW Diocesan President. The Rev. Dr. Timothy Fulop celebrated eucharist. .

Many thanks for your gracious hospitality.



## Province III Episcopal Church Women 101st Annual Meeting April 17-19, 2020

We'll be meeting at:  
Claggett Center,  
3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710  
[info@claggettcenter.org](mailto:info@claggettcenter.org), [ClaggettCenter.org](http://ClaggettCenter.org)

Hosted by:

The Diocese of Maryland, VP Dottie Arthur,  
The Diocese of Southwest Virginia, Dena Lee, and  
The Diocese of West Virginia, Becky Krzywdik

National ECW Theme: Remember – Serve - Imagine

# Report of the ECW Parliamentarian Report of the Legislative Committee Chairman Annual Fall Meeting, October 19, 2019

1. According to the ECW Information Handbook, one of the roles of the Parliamentarian is to Chair the Legislative (Bylaws) Committee, ensuring that the Handbook and the Bylaws which govern the ECW are aligned with Diocesan, Province, National ECW Guidance, and that the Committee solicits recommendations and input from the body for any changes or modifications to be incorporated to the Handbook.

2. Prior to the appointment of the Parliamentarian during this administration, the responsibility of this position was executed by the past ECW President, who submitted proposed changes/amendments to the Bylaws prior to the 2018 Annual Fall Meeting.

All of the changes to the most current Handbook were approved in October 2018, with the provision that “those who want the Yearbook are to contact Ann Turner, [and] ... and the conversation will continue as to how to get the information to those churches who do not have office staff, no Convocation Chairs, or internet access” (ECW Fall Board Meeting Minutes, p. 2).

3. Work began immediately to solicit any other changes or amendments to the Bylaws. One such change related to the stated responsibility of the Treasurer, and the requirement of two signatures on any order of withdrawal. The rationale for this change was to align Diocesan ECW procedure with the larger Episcopal body. According to the *Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the United*

in trust, endowment and other permanent fund, and security is represented... shall be deposited with a national or state bank... under at deed of trust, or agency or other depository agreement providing for a least two signatures **on any order of withdrawal** of such funds or securities.” This provision was passed at the 2019 Board Meeting.

An additional consideration relates to aligning the collection of dues with the calendar year, which will be submitted for consideration 45 days prior to the next Board meeting, to be considered in Spring 2020.

(Report of the Parliamentarian/  
Legislative Committee Chairman,  
p. 2)

4. As the Presiding Officer, the ECW President may appoint members to serve on any Standing or Special Committee; she has decided, instead to solicit volunteers to work on various Committees, to better align interests, skills and abilities of the membership with the preferred Committee. Additionally, according to the Bylaws, all offices not filled at the Annual Fall Meeting (including vacated positions) may be appointed by the Diocesan Board (Bylaws, Section 4, “Vacancies,” p. 5).

5. The Parliamentarian is soliciting members to serve on the Legislative Committee.

Submitted by  
Renee Escoffery-Torres, Ph.D.

# ECW President’s Report Annual Fall Meeting October 19, 2019

## Activities May—Sept. 2019

**Held** two Executive Board Committee telephonic meetings

**Attended** the September 28th Executive Board Meeting at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Hampton, VA.

**Contacted** Co-Presidents of the Autism Society of Tidewater, Va. Beach.

**Attended** the funeral services for the sister of Susan Broaddus at Christ and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Va.

**Attended** the graduations, Boy’s Home of Virginia, Covington, VA & Jackson Feild Homes, Jarrett, VA.

**Attended** the ECW Spring Annual Meeting, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, McKenney and presented the President’s Project on Autism.

**Attended** the Eucharistic Services at the remodeled chapel at Chanco on the James.

**Participated** in the election of our 11th Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, Dinwiddie, VA,

**Appointed** as a member of the Executive Board, Chanco on the James.

**Attended** the Women’s Day Celebration at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Suffolk, VA. The inspirational message, “A Women’s Work is Never Done.” was given by Past Diocesan President, Mrs. Helen Sharpe-Williams.

**May we continue** to work diligently and pray fervently with the help of GOD in our service and ministry for the Diocese of Southern Virginia. I appreciate your continued support

**Many Thanks for Paying Your Dues:  
It's Not Too Late to Pay Your Dues**

Many thanks for paying your dues! By December 1, 2019 dues were received from eighteen parishes in the diocese, totaling \$1,747.00. If you have not paid your dues, it's not too late. Each Episcopal Church Women in our diocese is requested to contribute annual dues of \$3. Two of those dollars (\$2) fund the ECW Diocesan Budget. At year end, recipients world-wide receive donations allotted by percentages based on the amount of money received. See the amount they will receive this year below. The remaining dollar (\$1) helps fund the administrative fund. Please fill out the Parish Annual Contribution Report (form on the next page) and mail one check payable to ECW to Nancy Smith, ECW Treasurer, 509 Holgate Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. You will also find the **Parish Annual Contribution Report** on the diocesan website at **diosova.org**.

**We Paid Our Dues Many Thanks to:**

Redeemer, Midlothian	St. Mark's, Bracey
St. Mark's, Suffolk	Grace, Norfolk
Emmanuel, Temperanceville	Christ Church, Danville
St. Aidan's, Va. Beach	Christ Church, Eastville
Trinity Church, Lacrosse	All Saints, South Hill
St. Timothy's, Clarksville,	St. Francis, Va. Beach
Burton Parish, Williamsburg	St. Cyprian's, Hampton
St. Augustine's, Newport News	
Eastern Shore Chapel, Va. Beach	
St. Paul's Memorial, Lawrenceville	

**ECW Diocesan Budget 2019**

**Diocese**

<b>15% Chanco on the James</b>	\$ 174.60
<b>15% College Ministries.</b>	\$ 174.60
<b>7% Boys Home of Virginia</b>	\$ 81.48
<b>16% President's Project</b>	\$ 186.24
<b>12 % Dos Santos</b>	\$ 139.68
<b>12% Mission of the Holy Spirit</b>	\$ 139.68

**Nation**

<b>7 % National Cathedral Preservation Fund</b>	\$ 81.48
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**World**

<b>10% Episcopal Relief and Development</b>	\$ 116.40
<b>6 % Women-to-Women</b>	\$ 69.84

**Treasurer's Report  
January—December 1, 2019**

**Receipts**

**Parish Requested Contributions**

Dues	\$ 1,747.00
Administrative Fund	\$ 583.00
Diocesan Budget	\$1,164.00

**Parish Voluntary Contributions**

Miles of Pennies	\$ 61.73
Elise Holladay Scholarships	\$ 175.00
Church Periodical Club	\$ 86.00
God Bless The Children	\$ 250.00
Book of Remembrance	\$ 180.00
With These Hands, Belize	\$ 20.00

**Other Sources**

Autism Project -Dare to Be Different	\$ 482.00
Women-to-Women	\$ 2,911.24
Meeting Registrations	\$ 860.00
Meeting Offerings	\$ 292.00
Meeting Reimbursement	\$ 175.00
United Thank Offering	
Council Collection	\$ 789.31

**Endowment Income**

Flora Penick Memorial Fund	\$ 11,000.00
Bishop Tucker Memorial Scholarship	\$ 4,000.00

**Disbursements**

Elise Holladay Scholarships	\$ 10,000.00
Bishop Tucker Scholarships	\$ 4,000.00
Boys Home Chanco Scholarships	\$ 2,000.00
God Bless the Children	\$ 1,100.00
Our Little Roses	\$ 4,307.00
United Thank Offering	
Council Collection	\$ 859.31
Meetings and Luncheons	\$ 566.12
Meeting Offerings	\$ 292.00
Administrative Expenses	
Bishop's Retirement Gift	\$ 300.00
Council Display Table	\$ 125.00
Administrative Supplies	\$ 94.90
Bank Fees	\$ 24.00
Tidewater Drive Storage	\$ 384.00
Province III Dues	\$ 250.00
<u>President Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,368.20</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,546.10</b>

## Parish Annual Contribution Report, 2019

Please provide the amount of your parish ECW Requested and Voluntary Contribution. Total all contributions and send one check payable to ECW Treasurer. Mail by November 1 to:

Nancy Smith, 509 Holgate Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, nsmithwtr@aol.com , 757-486-4705.

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Convocation: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use this form for all contributions **EXCEPT United Thank Offering**. If you have questions about United Thank Offering contributions call United Thank Offering Coordinator: Ronda Toll, 757-223-7281, rtoll@cox.net.

### REQUESTED CONTRIBUTIONS

**Diocesan Dues** - \$3.00\* per member TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Dues are based on \$2.00 for the Diocesan Budget and \$1.00 for the Administrative Fund.*

*All Episcopal women in your church are members of the Episcopal Church Women.*

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

**Church Periodical Club:**

Adults: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Miles of Pennies:** Children: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Elise Holladay Scholarship Fund:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Parish Contribution Report to ECW Diocesan President, 2019

Please send in this report by September 30 to the ECW Diocesan President listing your ECW Parish contributions for the year. The President will include your Parish Information in the report for Province III. and the National ECW Boards.

Send report to:

Laura L. Manigault,  
232 West Gilbert Street  
Apt. 143  
Hampton, VA 23669

Questions?

Call Laura L. Manigault, ECW President, 757-503-9146 or Nancy Smith ECW Treasurer—757-486-4705.

Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

Convocation and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the person sending the report: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Contributions:** *(You may consider your budget as your list of your contributions.)*

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## Women-to-Women for Congo Hosts the Rev. Balikenga Bisoke

“My task is to train youth leaders in the 13 dioceses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,” said Reverend Balikenga Bisoke, Provincial Youth Officer for the Anglican Church in the D.R. Congo. “They are our future.”

The Rev. Bisoke, shared first-hand how the church in the Congo is coping with unending war and helping its victims recover at a breakfast meeting hosted by Women-to-Women for Congo at Christ and St. Luke’s, Norfolk, on October 2,

At Rev. Bisoke’s home base, the Peace Center in Bunia, he teaches the youth discipleship and peacekeeping, a challenge with 214 dialects in the Congo. Many don’t know how to read or write, he said. A haven for victims of war-related violence, the Peace Center provides meals, medical care, and counseling, and teaches skills to women who have suffered rape. It also provides kinder-care for 600 orphans. Many women give birth after a rape and survive, but both mother and child are often rejected by the family. They have no place to sleep as newcomers to Bunia town. Many orphans are dying from starvation and mutilation wounds. Often their legs have been cut by machetes and some of the children have lost hands. They all find help at the Peace Center. Rev. Bisoke’s wife, Furaha (Joy), runs a successful school that helps enormously with the orphaned street children. including arranging for foster care. In addition to their own three sons and daughter, their family cares for some of the abandoned children as well.

“Thank you for sewing machines,” Rev. Bisoke said. The ladies make clothing for the family and for sale. They also embroider and teach embroidery and handywork to others. The orphans are trying to follow their example, copying their work and learning how to make crafts.

“Some 200 widows and caretakers of the orphans discuss and pray about how we can welcome them,” Rev. Bisoke said. In school the children learn to read and write and express themselves. The women are proud to provide food and distribute clothing from donors to the 100,000 people in the several IDP (internally displaced persons) camps in town.

The Peace Center also provides clean water to 2000 families in the area. Maize is grown on the farm as well as potatoes and other vegetables. Seeds are given to others for seasonal gardens.

Some rebels do come to the Peace Center for discipleship training. Many are forced to join in tribal fighting. “They want revenge because they don’t have Jesus,” Rev. Bisoke said. At the center one of the things they learn, contrary to values of their culture, is that rape is against the law.

The Jesus film is shown in the IDP camps for everyone at night. Some become Christians after seeing the film and Bibles written in Swahili and other languages are given to new believers.

Rev. Bisoke said care for Ebola patients has improved. Access to vaccines is readily available. The 1000<sup>th</sup> person has been cured. From a high of 140 new cases a week in April, the last few weeks have seen less than 20 new cases a week. More and more health zones are becoming Ebola free.

“What is your greatest need?” asked Rev. Win Lewis, Rector, Christ and St. Luke’s.

“Our greatest need is to help the women victims, to give them value,” Rev. Bisoke said. “Pray for us. With this presentation we aim to show a little of what we have done so far and also act as a light at the end of the tunnel for

**The Episcopal Church Women and Woman-to-Woman have a speakers’ bureau ready to talk with your parish or convocation. There are power points and a movie. Call Convener, Susan Broaddus 757-623-0205, for more information.**



Rev. Balikenga Bisoke,  
Provincial Youth Of-  
ficer, Democratic Re-  
public of the Congo.



## **Dare to Be Different: Let Us Unmask the Mystery of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**

A Service Ministry for the Episcopal Church Women  
(ECW) of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

**Purpose:** To become better informed about Autism Spectrum Disorder (“ASD”), while serving those families directly and indirectly impacted.

**Mission Statement:** To assist persons on the Spectrum to live up to their potential, which is their basic human right.

### **Background:**

As servants of the Episcopal Church, we are consistently ready to serve God and mankind. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2014, the prevalence of ASD was 1 in 59 children aged 8 years of age. However, the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network estimates ASD prevalence among children aged 8 years of age to have increased from approximately 1 in 150 children during 2000-2002 to 1 in 68 children during 2010-2012.

I believe that we, as a Diocese, should become more aware of this prevalent health issue that affects us all.

Children and adults with ASD endure many challenges that caregivers (parents, grandparents, spouses, and employers) have to face together.

Persons with ASD need our support, for we are all God’s children—economically, socially and politically.

Let us unmask the mystery and move forward in our commitment to help our brothers and sisters in Christ regardless of color, creed, sexual orientation, nationality, economic status, or political belief, to become the best person they can be.

There is still a lot of work to be done to enable us to better understand ASD, which is a developmental disability defined by diagnostic criteria that include “deficits in social communication, social interactions and the presence of restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interest or activities that can persist through life.”<sup>1</sup>

Awareness enables us to become involved, thereby directly and positively affecting the outcomes of the lives of many. We are all created equally under God, and therefore have the right to strive for and seek a bountiful life, to the best of our abilities.

## **ECW Service Ministry Plan of Action**

- Attend an informative mini-workshop series.
- Volunteer to work with established organizations dealing with ASD.
- Provide economic support for services and research.
- Assist caregivers in housing, respite care, social/recreational involvement.
- Assist in formulating policies that concern ASD persons not only through childhood but through adulthood.
- Campaign for employers to employ persons with ASD.
- Become partners with the Tidewater Autism Society and /or the Central Virginia Autism Society.
- Participate in the annual Autism Awareness Month (April).

### **Target Population**

Adults and Youth in Southern Virginia

### **Unmasking the Mystery**

To help us Unmask the Mystery of ASD, we will learn from personal experiences shared at the following meetings by parents and grandparents, siblings, caregivers, health and educational professionals and persons who are not on the spectrum.

#### **May 16, 2020—Spring Annual Meeting St. Cyprian’s, Hampton**

Introduction, Basic Terminology, Early Markers of Preschooler Development, Later Markers of Adolescence & Adult Development

#### **Oct. 17, 2020—Fall Annual Meeting St. Martin’s, Williamsburg**

Impact on Caregivers and Siblings, Education, Employment, Independent Living and Homecare, Current Treatment and Research Milestones

#### **Oct. 16, 2021—Fall Meeting 2021 St. James, Accomac**

Resources Available on Various Levels: Personal, Community/Local, State, National, Educational, Economic, Social/Recreational, Hospitals and Care Cen-



# ECW News

## National Episcopal Church Women

Signup at [ecwnational.org](http://ecwnational.org) for online news about ECW in the *ECW COMMUNIQUE MAGAZINE* and stay connected with our monthly electronic newsletter, *Branches*.

### Join the Newsletter

National Episcopal Church Women

## BRANCHES



We discuss women's issues and highlight the work of women around the world.

Every month we

highlight news and happening within the extended Episcopal community. Our stories focus on the accomplishments of women and girls doing God's work; as well as a chance to learn more about the members who make up the ECW board and staff. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact Karen Patterson, ECW President,

## Diocesan ECW News

*The Grapevine* is a quarterly newsletter available for individuals and churches to receive ECW news via the Diocesan Weekly Enews and on the Diocesan Website. Go to [diosova.org](http://diosova.org). The ECW page is listed under Ministries. We appreciate your help sharing the news.

If you have news you would like included in *The Grapevine*, please contact Vicky Koch at [vickykch@gmail.com](mailto:vickykch@gmail.com).

**The deadline for the next issue is March 16.**

## To Receive the Weekly Enews

**Weekly Enews**—Sign up online at [diosova.org](http://diosova.org) and click on News and Publications for the latest news from around our diocese in weekly newsletters.

**Diocesan Enews** distributed on Wednesday, includes ECW news. Send the news by Tuesday to Ann Turner, [aturner@diosova.org](mailto:aturner@diosova.org).

**Parish Enews** is distributed on Tuesday .

