Episcopal Diocese of Texas 117th Annual Retreat for Women October 12—14, 2018 Camp Allen



Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Texas



2018 Annual Report

Presented at the 117th Annual Retreat for Women "I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"
- Psalm 139:14

October 12—14, 2018 Camp Allen Navasota, Texas

The ECW Prayer

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, source of all knowledge and truth, be present with each of us meeting together as the Women of the Episcopal Church.

Grant us open minds, compassionate hearts, honest words and gentle ways. Give us the grace to know your will, the courage to accept it and the strength to accomplish it.

May we not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future.

Bless us with your peace today and all the days to come, and may we ever pray, "Thy will be done."

We live in your presence and pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

The mission of the Episcopal Church Women of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is to bring women together for sharing gifts of fellowship, service, and outreach while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. All women in the parishes and missions of the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Texas, are members of this organization by virtue of their baptism and confirmation in the Episcopal Church.



2007 106th Retreat hosted by Palmer Memorial, Houston at Palmer "Get Out of the Boat!" "Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus."

- Matthew 14:28-29
2008 107th Retreat St. John the Divine, Houston "All women joyfully working together, sharing Christ's love." "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12
2009 108th Retreat hosted by St. Mark's, Houston, Camp Allen "Stepping up, Answering the Call" "On your feet, He's calling you." - Mark 10:49

- 2010 109th Retreat hosted by St. Mark's, Beaumont "Rhythms of Grace" "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sign praises unto thy name, O most High: To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon on psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, Lord, hast made me glad though thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands." Psalm 92:1-4
- 2011 110th Retreat hosted by St. Martin's, Houston "Harvesting a Balanced Life" "Be at peace among yourselves...and always seek to do good to one another and to all." Thessalonians 5:13b,15b
- 2012 111th Retreat hosted by St. Stephen's, Liberty
 "A Bridge Between Cultures-Generations-Women"
- 2013 112th Retreat hosted by St. Dunstan's, Houston at Camp Allen 152 attended
- 2014 113th Retreat hosted by Grace, Georgetown at Camp Allen "Let Your Light Shine" 127 attended
- 2015 114th Retreat hosted by St. Mark's, Austin at Camp Allen "And Who Is My Neighbor?"
- 2016 115th Retreat hosted by St. James', Houston
 "Jesus is a Girl's Best Friend" "I am with you always." Matthew 28:20
- 2017 116th Retreat hosted by Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Austin, "A Tisket A Tasket, God Has Filled My Blessing Basket"
- 2018 117th Retreat co-hosted by Holy Spirit, Waco & St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston "I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" Psalm 139:14

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ANNUAL RETREAT MEETING HOSTS 1989 - 2018

1989	Christ Church Cathedral, Houston	
1990	Trinity, Galveston	
1991	St. Andrew's, Bryan	
1992	St. Dunstan's, Houston	
1993	St. Francis, Houston	
1994	Christ Church, Nacogdoches	
1995	St. John the Divine, Houston 585 attended - Barbara Bush was keynote speaker	
1996	Christ Church, Temple	
1997	St. David's, Austin	
1998	St. Mark's, Beaumont	
1999	St. Martin's, Houston	
2000	St. Andrew's, Bryan at Camp Allen	
2001	The Waco Churches Centennial Celebration (St. Paul's, St. Alban's, Holy Spirit)	
2002	St. Matthew's, Austin at Camp Allen	
2003	Trinity, Galveston	
2004	St. James', Houston at Camp Allen "Women Honored through Persistence in Faith" about 325 attended	
2005	St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin — "Come to the Waters" "Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters" - Isaiah 55:1	
2006	All Saint's, Austin at Camp Allen — "Hands Across Generations" "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." - Hebrews 10:24 182 attended, 203 were registered	

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Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Texas 2018 Annual Business Meeting Standing Rules

- The voting body of this assembly shall be attendees of the Annual Retreat.
- A majority of the attendees at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- The chair shall recognize persons speaking in support of, and in opposition to, a question alternately, with the makers of the motion having the first right to the floor in debate.
- ◆ A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all items on the agenda have been acted upon.
- Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings of this meeting not covered in these Rules or not inconsistent with the ECW Diocese of Texas Bylaws.

Business Meeting Agenda October 13, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order	Trish Johnston, President

New Banner Presentation Joan Konency and Mary Ann Conkel

Outreach Grant Presentation Leiselle Sadler, Outreach Chair

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting Karen Wesley, Secretary

Standing Rules Karen Wesley

Proposed Budget 2019 Carol Stukenbroeker, Vice-President

New Business

By-laws Change Pat Starkie

Nominating Committee Report Carole Stukenbroeker, Committee Chair

Election/Appointment of Officers Trish Johnston

Announcements Trish Johnston

Adjournment

Special Acknowledgments

Thank you to:

The Reverend Francene Young, Rector of St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston, for Celebrating the Opening Eucharist, and

The Reverend Canon Christine Faulstich, Chief of Staff, Diocese of Texas, for Celebrating our Closing Eucharist

We appreciate your time with us at this 117th Diocese of Texas ECW Annual Retreat!

We would also like to thank our Suffragan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, for being our ECW Representative.

The ECW Board gives a heartfelt **Thank You** to the two host churches,

HOLY SPIRIT, WACO

Carol Stukenbroeker Caren Phillips Joyce Stokes Nancy Banks
Barbara Burr Nancy Williams Peggy Gidney Judy Bauer
Mindy Wilkins

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST, HOUSTON

Ronne' Yarmark Lea Summers Leslie Summers Beverly Griffin Kellie Lewis Dorothy Simmons April Yarmark-Whittaker

for their work on this meeting and retreat as well as their generous gift of time to further the work of the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Texas.

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Jean McIntyre Banks

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Dell Land Bridges

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Cheryl Cunningham

Linda Davis Sally Emde Cora Ford

Susan Garwood Becky Garza

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Lisa Hammel Margaret Henson

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Martha Keesecker

Julie Lee

Clare Leister

Marsha Long Owen Elizabeth "Betty" Luhn

Minna Mayell Anna McCoy Carol McDonald

Mary Margaret McDonald

Carolyn Michael

Mary Catherine Miller

Judith Molinari Carolyn Moore Evelyn Norton

Michelline "Mickey" Onice

Virginia Osborne

Elena Pulciso Lorna Robinson Leticia Suniga Ann Tausch Teresia Taylor Peggy Veazey Nancy Wade Sally Lane Wailes Lana Zoerb



The Minutes of the 2017 Annual Business Meeting Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Texas October 14, 2017 10:00 am

Call to Order

The 116th Annual Business Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Texas was opened with prayer and called to order by Lisa Martin, ECW President at 10:07am. The agenda was followed as presented.

Special Recognitions

Lisa Martin thanked the host church (Church of the Resurrection, Austin) and the host committee – Patricia Starkie, chair and their rectors, the Rev. Billy Tweedie and Mother Kelly Jennings for their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work. The chair was presented with a gift of appreciation. Special thanks were expressed to board secretary Karen Wesley for obtaining vendors for the Marketplace and putting together the Annual Report; to Rose Ann Jones for managing our finances, updating our financial records and creating the budget; to Ann Seyler for producing the 2018 calendars and for creating the Honored Women boards; to Pam Holley for her work on the necrology report.

Lisa announced the outreach project for this retreat is El Buen Samaritano, a ministry that serves needy families in the Austin area. She thanked everyone for donations and gift cards for this ministry. Donations are still being accepted at the registration table.

Minutes

Lisa recognized Karen Wesley, secretary to report on the 2016 Annual Retreat minutes and to read the credentials report. The minutes from the 2016 Annual Business Meeting are found on pages 5 – 6 of the Annual Report. They were certified by Kathy Waskom and Trish Johnston and are filed as the official record of that meeting. The report of attendance at the 2017 Annual Retreat stands at 121 attendees. The report was adopted as given. A quorum was established to conduct business.

Standing Rules

Lisa recognized parliamentarian Pam Holley to report on the Standing Rules. The Standing Rules for the 116th Annual Business Meeting are found on page 4 of the Annual Report. The Standing Rules were accepted as printed.

Virginia Tippen and Jamie Watson are appointed to certify the minutes of the 116th Annual Retreat.

Budget

Rose Ann Jones presented the proposed budget for 2018 and after review by the Board of Directors of the ECW to be adopted at this assembly. The 2018 proposed budget is on page 10 of the Annual Report. The 2018 budget was adopted as printed. Appreciation was given to all the churches that supported our ministries by paying their fair share assessment this year. Those churches are listed on page 18 of the Annual Report.

By-Laws Changes

Pam Holley presented the proposed changes to the ECW By-Laws found on page 11 of the Annual Report. After review and discussion the change was adopted as printed. Specifically Article XIII. Dissolution Section 2. Disposition of Funds, Item B. Send all remaining funds belonging to the ECW, with the exception of those in the Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Fund, the Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Fund, and the ECW Endowment Fund to the United Thank Offering.

Nominating Committee Report

Election, Appointment and Installation of Officers

Ann Seyler, chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following names slated for office:

- Patricia Johnston, President
- Laura Tate, Communications Chair
- Jamie Watson, UTO/Bishop Kinsolving/ECW Endowment Funds Chair
- Pat Starkie, Austin Convocation Coordinator
- Alana Wilkin, Northwest/Central Convocations Coordinator

The floor was open to nominations; hearing none, the nominations were closed. Ann moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. With no oppositions, the chair declared these women duly elected officers of the Episcopal Church Women Diocesan Board of Directors.

Lisa announced the appointment of the following board members to fill unexpired vacancies:

- Carol Stukenbroeker, Vice-President
- Virginia Tippen, Galveston/Southwest Convocations Coordinator
- Roxanne Brink, Northeast Convocation

Outgoing Officers - Lisa recognized the outgoing board members and thanked them for their service: Nancy Dalton, Ann Seyler, Patricia "Trish" Johnston, Kathy Waskom

GALVESTON TRINITY

Eugenica Harris Campbell Muriel Stella O'Bierna Brockelmar Ann Teresa Preino Sandra Benski Mary Margaret Blackshier Dean Lilliam French Wood Doris Henkhaus Paula Reeg

GEORGETOWN, GRACE

Abby Hardin Christine Lee Richardson Funderburgh Jean Frances Fondren Parker Sharon Dell Biffle Freeman Eddie Spence

HITCHCOCK, ALL SAINTS

Lynette Cole

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Mary Louise William Manson Beryl Nancy Deeks Berry Norma Walter Jo Beth Mims Ridley Lynda Browder

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Mary Ann Cash



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ECW Necrology

In Memory of the following Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Texas Who Died Since We Last Met

Rest eternal, grant to them, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon them; May their souls and the souls of all the departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ANGLETON, HOLY COMFORTER

Katherine Purdom

AUSTIN, CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Ann Harrington

AUSTIN, ST. DAVID'S

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Carter Clopton
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Martha Greenhill
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Ann Terry
Doris Tyler
Pauline Zoeller

AUSTIN, ST. JAMES

Susan Nieuwenhuis Janice Boyd

AUSTIN, ST. MARK'S

Marty Clark Emily "Bee" Dolan Flo Weiershausen Sandy Sterzing

BRYAN, ST. ANDREW'S

Jennifer "Jenny" Tice Della Parker Harder Celeste Fletcher King

CAMERON, ALL SAINTS

Gayle Szeredy Twila Adams

CEDAR PARK, CHRIST CHURCH

Alma Lucille Morgan Pruessner

CONROE, ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

Billie Quinn Carolyn Fisher Millie Huff Mavis Authement

CROCKETT, ALL SAINTS

Carol Dicky Watson

DICKINSON, HOLY TRINITY

Verita (Vee) Melancon Shadle Stansfield Christine Davis Jane Keller Hime Anita Loucille "Tucker" Arnold **Province VII and Triennial Delegates –** Ann presented the following nominees as delegates to the Province VII meeting to be held on October 20-21, 2017

⇒ Lisa Martin, Rose Ann Jones, Trish Johnston; 1st alternate: Ellen Cook, 2nd Alternate: Kathy Waskom. 3rd alternate: Leiselle Sadler

Delegates were presented for the Triennial Meeting to be held on July 5-13, 2018

⇒ Trish Johnston, Jamie Watson, Karen Wesley, Ronné Yarmark; 1st alternate: Leiselle Sadler, 2nd alternate: Laura Tate, 3rd alternate: Jane Brown, 4th alternate: Ellen Cook

Nominations were open from the floor. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. The slate of delegates was elected as presented.

The elected and appointed officers were installed to the Board by Bishop Fisher. Lisa passed the President's Cross to Trish. This Cross has been traditional been passed down to the incoming President since the 1940's.

Honored Women — The ladies honored this year were nominated by their churches for outstanding service to community and God or for a special occasion. Those present today were given a certificate and corsage. View the display boards in the chapel and main dining room.

Invitation to 2017 Annual Retreat — An invitation was extended to attend the next Annual Retreat for Women on October 12-14, 2018 at Camp Allen hosted by Good Shepherd, Friendswood.

Announcements — All are asked to complete the evaluation form found in your registration bag; please be honest; if you are interested in joining the Board, indicate on the form. Workshops throughout the day; stop by the registration table for descriptions and room locations.

- 1. Visit the Vendor Marketplace
- 2. The Outreach Room will be open throughout the retreat; Plarn demonstrations held and Days for Girls sew-a-thon
- 3. Photo Booth is in the conference center lobby
- 4. Pajama party tonight with games and popcorn
- 5. Prayer cards are in your retreat bags; complete and place in the prayer box; prayers will be read at the healing service.

Business meeting concluded and adjourned at 10:53am.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Wesley, Secretary

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Thank You for 2018 Fair Shares Paid*

The ECW of the Diocese of Texas gratefully acknowledges those parishes and missions that support the work of the women of this Diocese. Your Fair Share contribution sustains ECW activities and programs, helps us connect with women throughout the Diocese, and insures that events such as this Annual Retreat are possible. There are women in every church and they are members of the Episcopal Church Women organization. Thank you for supporting the ECW and the women of the Diocese of Texas.

All Saints', Cameron	St. Alban's, Houston	St. Luke's, Livingston	
All Saints', Hitchcock	St. Albans', Waco	St. Mark's, Austin	
Calvary, Bastrop	St. Andrew's, Bryan	St. Mark's, Bay City	
Calvary, Richmond	St. Catherine of Sienna, Missouri City	St. Mark's, Beaumont	
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston	St. Christopher's, Austin	St. Mark's, Richmond	
Christ Church, Jefferson	St. Christopher's, League City	St. Martin's, Houston	
Christ Church, Matagorda	St. Dunstan's, Houston	St. Mary's, Lampasas	
Christ Church, Mexia	St. Francis', Houston	St. Matthew's, Henderson	
Christ Church, San Augustine	St. Francis', Tyler	St. Michael's, La Marque	
Christ Church, Temple	St. George's, Texas City	St. Paul's, Freeport	
Christ Church, Tyler	St. James', Houston	St. Paul's, Kilgore	
Good Shepherd, Friendswood	St. James', La Grange	St. Paul's, Waco	
Grace, Galveston	St. James', Taylor	St. Paul's, Woodville	
Grace, Georgetown	St. John the Baptist, Tyler	St. Peter's, Lago Vista	
Holy Comforter, Angleton	St. John the Divine, Houston	St. Philip's, Hearne	
Holy Innocents', Madisonville	St. John's, Austin	St. Philip's, Palestine	
Holy Spirit, Waco	St. John's, Carthage (St. Anne's Guild)	St. Richard's, Round Rock	
Holy Trinity, Dickinson	St. John's, Center	St. Stephen's, Liberty	
Holy Trinity, Port Neches	St. John's, Columbus	St. Thomas the Apostle, Houston	
Hope, Houston	St. John's, La Porte	St. Thomas', Rockdale	
Redeemer, Houston	St. John's, Sealy	St. Thomas', Wharton	
Resurrection, Austin	St. Joseph's, Salado	Trinity, Anahuac	
San Francisco De Asis, Austin	St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston	Trinity, Baytown	
San Mateo, Houston	St. Luke's, Lindale	Trinity, Galveston	
		Trinity, Houston	

*as of 10-10-2018

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Northwest/Central Convocation, Alana Wilkin (2020)

During my first term as convocation coordinator I attended ECW board meetings, sent communications from the board to my assigned congregations through snail mail and email, communicated with churches wanting to start an ECW group, worshiped in various churches in my region, hosted a spiritual day in College Station, and formed new relationships with many women I would otherwise not have met if not for my coordinator position.

Respectfully submitted, Alana Wilkin



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Galveston/Southwest Convocation, Virginia Tippen (2018)

Galveston and Southwest Convocation has had a rough year recovering from Harvey, yet the resilience and steadfast faith of these 26 congregations have persevered and followed our Savior to advocate for others, help recovery efforts as well as hold up each other up in prayer and service.

Support and lots of volunteer hours went into Austin to host the National Church.

My efforts to represent have been minimal, yet due to emails know that there is a lot activity going on in this corner of the Diocese. Was not able to attend the Aug. Board meeting because of a severe cough.

Sent emails of Save the Date; mailed Retreat brochures to all 26 congregations.

Humbly Submitted, Virginia Tippen fHs

Northeast Convocation, Roxanne Brink (2019) & Liz Garrison, Asst.

2018 Activities of the Northeast Convocation Coordinator:

- ♦ **January**: Board Meeting at Camp Allen January 26th and 27th.
- ♦ February: Mailed letters to provinces regarding Vera Gang Scott scholarships. Posted information regarding retreat on ECW website.
- ♦ March: Attended Quiet Day Woman to Woman Retreat "Dancing When You Don't Hear the Music" presented by Sisters of the Promise in Marshall; Attended Sunday morning services at St Paul's Church, Kilgore.
- ♦ April: Repeat of Quiet Day Woman to Woman Retreat at St Francis Church in Tyler.
- May: Reviewed applications for Vera Gang Scott Scholarships and disbursement of funds to 11 applicants.
- ♦ **June:** Save the Date flyers sent to provinces regarding upcoming Annual Retreat at Camp Allen, October 12-14.
- ♦ August: ECW Board meeting at Camp Allen, Navasota on 3rd and 4th.
- September: Flyers mailed to all churches in the Northeast Convocation regarding the upcoming annual retreat.
- ♦ **October**: Annual Retreat for Women, October 12th-14th at Camp Allen.

- Discussion with Margaret Nolde (Branch Development Co-Chair, Girls Friendly Society, USA) regarding possible information sessions to Austin area churches during Triennial on July 8, 2018. Provided list of Austin area churches for her to contact.
- * Prepared April 27, 2018 Report of Austin Convocation Coordinator.

The following were duties performed by the Austin Convocation Coordinator after April 27, 2018:

- * Forwarded ECW Spring Ingathering flyer to Austin Convocation Churches.
- * Sent email requests to Austin Convocation Churches regarding request for volunteer assistance during ECW Triennial in July, 2018.
- * Sent "Save the Date" notices to Austin Convocation Churches along with emails containing same.
- * Received communication from Margaret Nolde (Branch Development Co-Chair, Girls Friendly Society, USA) regarding sending notices to Austin area churches for visits during Triennial on July 8, 2018.
- * Prepared August 3, 2018 Report of Austin Convocation Coordinator.
- * August 3-4, 2018; Attended Quarterly Board Meeting at Camp Allen.
- * Prepared name ID Cards to attach to totes to be given away at Annual Retreat.
- * Prepared Year-End Report.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Starkie

East Harris/Southeast Convocation, Ronne' Yarmark (2018)

During my term as convocation coordinator I have visited churches, hosted gatherings, communicated with women from various churches, and formed relationships with women I probably never would have met. I learned about available resources and was able to share that information with my church and those I served. I was able to work on an outreach project to assist with providing beds to foster children and held gatherings to assist with providing mats to the homeless.

We must be more inclusive, encourage diversity, willing to listen to new ideas and try new things. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, for the relationships formed and for the information shared.

Respectfully submitted, Ronne' Yarmark

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The Nominating Committee Report

Members: Carol Stukenbroeker, Chair Virginia Tippen Leiselle Sadler

Slate of Nominees

Vice President: Carol Stukenbroeker (Holy Spirit, Waco)

Secretary: Pat Bullock (St. Mark's, Austin)

Outreach/Vera Gang Scott: Deidre 'Dee' Hicks (Good Shepherd, Friendswood)
Treasurer: Patty Thomas (Good Shepherd, Friendswood) – appointed to fill vacancy
Communications: Leiselle Sadler (St. Francis, Houston) – appointed to fill vacancy

Convocation Coordinators -

East Harris/Southeast: Beverly Griffin (St. Luke's, Houston) Galveston/Southwest: Natalie Brady (St. Thomas, Houston)

San Jacinto/West Harris: open for appointment

Convocation Reports

Austin Convocation, Pat Starkie (2020)

The following were duties performed by the Austin Convocation Coordinator after January 25, 2018:

- * January 26-27, 2018; attended ECW Board Meeting at Camp Allen.
- * January 31, 2018; sent letter to Austin Convocation regarding update from January Board Meeting (needing host Church for ECW Annual Retreat, request for Vendors at ECW Annual Retreat, location of Spring Austin Convocation Gathering, flyer for DFG Friendswood Sew-a-Thon, Altar Guild Retreat, Vera Gang Scott Scholarship information, and ECW Outreach Grant information).
- * February 21, 2018; sent letter to Austin Convocation regarding Episcopal Church General Convention, The Chapel at Hynson Springs *Women to Women Retreat*, and deadline for Vera Gang Scott Scholarship.
- * Sent information to Austin Convocation regarding upcoming Lenten Tea at St. James Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas.
- * Confirmed location of Austin Convocation Spring Gathering to be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Austin. Special thanks to Lisa Martin for securing the location.
- * Made several inquiries for speaker for Austin Convocation Spring Gathering.
- * Confirmed The Reverend Cynthia Caruso, Associate Rector, All Saint's Episcopal Church (Austin) as speaker for Austin Convocation Spring Gathering with the date being set for April 7, 2018. The program title is Spiritual Growth Interaction with the World as Christian Women and Putting Prayer into Your Daily Life.
- * Attended Lenten Tea at St. James Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas.
- * Mailed invitations for Austin Convocation Spring Gathering
- * Sent emails to Churches regarding Austin Convocation Spring Gathering.
- * Communication with Lisa Killough from St. Michaels Austin regarding addresses for Clergy in Austin Convocation for purposes of sending invitation of Celebration of New Minister to be held in May.
- Prepared for spring gathering.
- * Conducted spring gathering. Twelve attending. Posted photos to ECW Facebook page.
- * Discussion with Carol Stukenbroeker regarding 2018 Annual Retreat. Holy Spirit, Waco (Carol Stukenbroeker's Church) and St. Luke's the Evangelist, Houston (Ronné Yarmark's Church) will be Co-Hosts for the 2018 Annual Retreat.

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<u>Diocesan Funds— UTO, Bishop Kinsolving Memorial, ECW Endowment, Jamie Watson (2020)</u>

I have spent this year collecting and documenting funds the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, Episcopal Church Women have received to benefit the above ministries. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve!

I was also honored to serve as a delegate to the ECW Triennial Meeting representing the Diocese of Texas July 3-11, 2018! It was an experience I will never forget! I learned so much about the Episcopal Church Women and the United Thank Offering (UTO)! The EDOT ECW really needs to get moving!

In Province VII, the Diocese of Texas led the pack in in yearly UTO contributions from 2000 to 2014. The highest amount collected was \$106,594.88 in 2001! Now, fast forward to 2017.

Our UTO Ingathering made a significant and steady drop to \$10,519.10 in 2017. We can and will do better! You will see me walking around with something that will identify me as the UTO Coordinator! Ask me what YOU can do!!!

We also need to increase giving to the Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Fund! I'll have more information for the Fund so that you can share it with your congregations!

2018 Funds

United Thank Offering: \$ 5,375.31 ECW Endowment Fund: \$ 600.00

Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Fund \$ 400.00 Vera Gang Scott Scholarship \$ 50.00 2018 Honored Women (8) \$ 800.00 Total funds collected to date \$ 7,225.31

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Watson
Diocesan Funds Coordinator

ECW Diocese of Texas Proposed Budget 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
Income	
200 · ECW INCOME	
201 · FAIR SHARE	\$ 30,000.00
202 · INTEREST	\$ 15.00
231 · ANNUAL RETREAT INCOME	
232 · ANNUAL RETREAT-ROOM/BOARD	\$ 16,275.00
233 · ANNUAL RETREAT-VENDORS	\$ 450.00
Total 231 · ANNUAL RETREAT INCOME	\$ 16,725.00
Total 200 · ECW INCOME	\$ 46,740.00
Total Income	\$ 46,740.00
Expense	
300 · EVENT EXPENSE SUMMARY	
330 · ANNUAL RETREAT	
332 · ANNUAL RETREAT SPEAKERS	\$ 3,000.00
333 · ANNUAL RETREAT-OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00
334 · ANNUAL RETREAT PRINTING EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00
335 · ANNUAL RETREAT REGISTRATION EXP	\$ 16,491.00
336 · ANNUAL RETREAT CAMP ALLEN OTHER	\$ 3,000.00
337 · CREDIT CARD EXPENSE	\$ 700.00
Total 330 · ANNUAL RETREAT	\$ 26,691.00
352 · SPIRITUAL GROWTH/CONVOCATION EX	\$ 2,500.00
Total 300 · EVENT EXPENSE SUMMARY	\$ 29,191.00
400 · OUTREACH EXPENSE SUMMARY	
411 · VGS SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 4,000.00
421 · OUTREACH GRANTS	\$ 3,000.00
430 · ECW NATIONAL - DFMS CONT	\$ 500.00
431 · PROVINCE VII CONTRIBUTION	\$ 500.00
450 · OTHER OUTREACH	\$ 1,000.00
Total 400 · OUTREACH EXPENSE SUMMARY	\$ 9,000.00
500 · DELEGATE EXPENSE SUMMARY	
503 · DIOCESAN COUNCIL EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00
Total 500 · DELEGATE EXPENSE SUMMARY	\$ 1,500.00
600 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
601 · BOARD EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,500.00
602 · BOARD MILEAGE EXPENSE	\$ 2,500.00
603 · BOARD MEETINGS	\$ 3,500.00
611 · CALENDARS	\$ 1,500.00
620 · ACCOUNTING REVIEW EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00
630 · POSTAGE	\$ 1,200.00
690 · OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 500.00
Total 600 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 12,200.00
Total Expense	\$ 51,891.00
Net Income	\$ (5,151.00)

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2019 Proposed Bylaw Change

The below bylaws change is being proposed for fiscal responsibility to only send one delegate to Province VII meetings rather than three (3).

ARTICLE VIII. ATTENDEES TO MEETINGS

SECTION 2. PROVINCE VII (how it currently reads)

At the ECW Annual Retreat preceding the time of the meeting of Province VII, which is held during the same year as the Triennial Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate naming three (3) Province VII delegates and three (3) Province VII alternates, to the voting body. Those named as delegates shall be the President, the Vice-President, and one additional member from the Board of Directors. The alternates will be selected from the Board of Directors or the Members-at-Large. The Executive Committee shall appoint replacements if alternates are unable to serve.

SECTION 2. PROVINCE VII (how it will read after approval)

At the ECW Annual Retreat preceding the time of the meeting of Province VII, which is held during the same year as the Triennial Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate naming the President as the Province VII delegate and the Vice-President as the alternate to the voting body. The named delegate shall be the President. The alternate will be the Vice-President. The Executive Committee shall appoint replacements if the alternate is unable to serve.

The scholarship eligibility requirements are:

- A female communicant in good standing,
- Acceptance or enrollment in an academic institution of college rank,
- Pursuing professional certification or a degree from an accredited institution, and
- Ability to show real financial need.
- Donations to this fund are greatly appreciated. If anyone in your parish would like
 to make a contribution, a check can be made out to Episcopal Church Women—
 Diocese of Texas with Vera Gang Scott Scholarship on the memo line. All
 contributions should be mailed to the ECW Treasurer. For additional information,
 please feel free to contact me at 713.898.2014.

Outreach Grant Program

• In 2018, \$5,000 was made available to distribute from the fair share assessments given by ECW chapters for the Outreach Grants program. A grant of \$1,000 was given to one deserving outreach ministry, Community Lunch & Necessities Pantry in Columbus. They provide food and supplies to the homeless in the local community. Convocation coordinators are requested to send emails to their churches and ECW contacts notifying them of the available grants each year.

The outreach grant guidelines are:

- Women's issues with family/children's needs,
- Documented connection between ministry and Episcopal Church,
- Designated to support new programs or grow existing ministries,
- Designated for Diocese of Texas recipients.

Designated Outreach Program for the Diocese of Texas

• 1960 Hope Center has been chosen as the Outreach ministry of the ECW for 2018 and 2019. They requested and were awarded a grant of \$1,000. This grant was distributed from the Outreach Grants.

2018 ECW Triennial

The outreach chair attended the 2018 ECW Triennial in Austin, as a Delegate. 3 other members of the board also attended. Besides some very interesting workshops, ECW handled business related to good structure and maintaining ECW in the church. A special treat was a private service and photographs with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Each attendee received an ECW Triennial cross and had their photograph taken with the Bishop.

Respectfully submitted, Leiselle Sadler Outreach Chair

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Secretary, Karen Wesley (2018)

As ECW Diocese of Texas Executive Board Secretary, I attended quarterly board meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and the 2017 Annual Retreat and prepared the minutes for these meetings. Meeting minutes were sent to all board members. I transcribed board reports and prepared the Annual Report for the 2017 Annual Retreat. I have worked closely with the Board president to rectify Board banking business and other matters of ECW.

I served on the Outreach/Scholarship committee. Those duties include reviewing grant requests and scholarship applications and awarding funds accordingly.

Another duty as secretary is to secure vendors for the Vendor Marketplace for the Annual Retreat. Information has gone out to our vendor database and we will have a variety of vendors for retreat attendees to shop.

I was honored and excited to serve as one of the delegates for the ECW Diocese of Texas at the Triennial Meeting in Austin this summer. I learned more about the inner workings of the ECW on the national level. A highlight of the meeting was being presented with a commemorative cross by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the ECW Diocesan board. I cherish meeting new friends and getting to know ladies from across the Diocese of Texas.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Wesley

Outreach/Vera Gang Scott Scholarship, Leiselle Sadler (2018)

Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Fund

- Letters were mailed out in February to Representatives of Young Women's
 Ministry of the parishes of the Diocese of Texas. The deadline was delayed until
 April 30 to give applicants more time for applications because of Hurricane
 Harvey. The budgeted amount for the Vera Gang Scott Scholarships was \$6,000.
 The outreach committee selected 11 deserving applicants. The Executive Board
 voted on the recommendations and selected all presented applicants. The
 checks were mailed directly to the Universities in August.
- Convocation coordinators were asked to send emails to their churches and ECW contacts or include the information in the cover letters included with the ECW calendar.

2018 Reports Board of the Episcopal Church Women Episcopal Diocese of Texas

President, Trish Johnston (2020)

John 1:16 Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

Wow! What a year this has been for not only me, but also this board of amazing, wonderfully talented and faithful servants of Christ! I was blessed to give the welcome address at the opening of the National ECW Triennial and from the beginning to the end of the nine days of meetings, and in true Texas spirit, "Howdy Y'all" was on everyone's lips! I, and three other board members, engaged in a great deal of learning, participation and engagement in Austin this past July while embracing the National ECW theme: 'GO! Share the Word: Everyday Comunicamos EveryWhere'.

Our great Convocation Coordinators continue to make outstanding strides in hosting Spiritual Growth Gatherings offered throughout their respective convocations. Communications have become paramount to the ever-changing face of women's ministries and, as a board, we are moving forward to utilize technology more and more to make this easier and more accessible to as many women as possible.

We've had some great success in using new technology this year. "ZOOM", an online face-to-face meeting environment has been used successfully for some committee meetings and will most certainly be used more fully this upcoming year.

I am pleased to have the Rev. Mary Earle as our plenary speaker this Annual Retreat, thanks to the vision of our board members! Thanks go out to all the women who have attended past Annual Retreats. You asked, and we listened! Music is a big part of this retreat with a live band, as well as a music director that will help you 'make a joyful noise'.

Vera Gang Scott Scholarships for young women, Outreach Grants for new and emerging women's ministries, United Thank Offering, Honored Women, and other Diocesan ECW functions continue to be strong with our board.

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Our designated outreach for the 2018 and 2019 years is the <u>1960 Hope Center</u>, a day shelter for the homeless that is volunteer-driven and works with a coalition of multiple civic, health and religious groups. This is an outreach that is committed to assist the homeless with today's basic needs while preparing them for a better tomorrow.

It is truly a blessing to see all the women who have come together, pooling their talents, inspiring each other, and finding solutions to the many 'bumps' that have occurred during my first year as President. I praise God for the tenacity and dedication of these women. They continue to inspire me and give me strength to lead this one small aspect of the many women's ministries that are available in our diocese.

Always Pax and Blessings, Trish Johnston

Vice-President, Carol Stukenbroeker (2018)

I have enjoyed this year as Vice President and am trying to make my way through all that the position entails! I want to thank Lisa Martin, who helped go over the specifics with me at the October 2017 Retreat, and Trish Johnston, our current president, for her immeasurable help and understanding as we make our way together.

I attended the January ECW Board Meeting, where I gave a short report on the October retreat evaluation forms. I also attended the April Executive Board Meeting and August Board Meeting at Camp Allen. I have poured over past retreat notebooks I inherited and have looked at a flash drive full of information and forms.

I took the lead on our ECW booth at the February Diocesan Council in Waco. We set up the booth and had plenty of workers to cover our shifts from Thursday afternoon through Saturday at noon. We had a lot of new interest in ECW and collected their email addresses. Trish and I reached out to them over the next few months.

- Worked on finding speakers for the Annual Retreat. Sent out speaker request forms to confirmed speakers for bio information and workshop descriptions
- Spoke with Ronne' Yarmark, host church co-chair from St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston, regarding retreat. Her committee will handle decorations and during retreat.

- Looked through flash drive containing retreat forms and modified the myriad of forms we will use with information for 2018
- Contacted Camp Allen to reserve All Saint's Chapel for our Saturday and Sunday mornings services, and to speak about the availability of certain rooms and areas for our use
- As my church, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Waco, is also a host co-chair I held a meeting with our ECW retreat committee.
- Secured registration bags and give away items.
- Sent out a Save the Date flier to all names from last year's attendees list, and
- those who requested further interest about ECW at Diocesan Council in February
- At Ronne's suggestion, we have chosen Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack as our Retreat Outreach Project.
- Created retreat brochure in Vista Print and sent them to Convocational Coordinators to send to their churches.
- Created the online registration in Constant Contact and emailed all past participants, and others who expressed interest.
- Managed registration and created spreadsheets. Prepared room reservations and provided registration lists for Camp Allen
- Reserved Tellepsen Dining Room for Board Meeting and host church lunch at noon on October 12.
- Coordinated Hope Outreach Room our new DOT ECW Outreach 1960 Hope Center, World Mission Board, The Beacon Day Center and Brigid's Hope and "Dancing When You Don't Hear the Music," one day meeting retreat by Debbie Daigle and Sisters of the Promise Ministry.
- Printed schedules, name tags and worship Booklets.
- Communicated with clergy and organist for services.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol

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