

Sharing Faith & Fellowship

We worship as a community of women, turning to God in gratitude for blessings of family, home, and friendship. We ask the Lord for guidance in translating our Christian belief into action in our lives.

ECW offers:

- ❖ **The Diocesan Mirror** in print and online
- ❖ **Up to date online information on our website: www.ecwchicago.org**
- ❖ **Annual Meeting with the Spring United Thank Offering Ingathering**
- ❖ **Altar Guild Conference**
- ❖ **Women's Fall Retreat**
- ❖ **Programs at the Diocesan Convention**
- ❖ **Support for your church chapter**
- ❖ **Leadership and learning opportunities**
- ❖ **Connection to women in the diocese, in the province and across the country**



ECW administrates **The United Thank Offering** for the diocese. The United Thank Offering (UTO) provides funding for grants locally, across the country and around the world. For more information about UTO, please contact: UTO@ecwchicago.org and see further details on our website.

Making a Difference

Episcopal tradition brings the grace of generations of women to current ECW programs. It also calls us to envision new opportunities for service.

Our international outreach has supported the building of houses in Honduras, provided scholarships and supplies to a home for girls in Panama. Bakers in Southeast Mexico use a stainless steel baking table the ECW provided. Families in Africa have benefited from the mosquito nets the ECW purchased and we also support programs for women and children in El Salvador.



Within the Diocese of Chicago, the ECW has provided Spanish language copies of the Book of Common Prayer and bi-lingual hymnals. We have programs for the Altar Guild to provide education and support for this important



ministry. During Diocesan Convention, we host a lunchroom in support of our *knittogether* program, where knitters can share their ministries and our women's Fall Retreat provides an opportunity for reflection and renewal in the company of other Episcopalian women. The president of the ECW is a trustee of the Episcopal Charities and Community Services and the ECW board provides an annual holiday lunch for the staff at St. James Commons.

Spirit of Giving

ECW, through our endowment, provides financial support through its year-end giving.

The Diocese

- ❖ Bishop's Appeal
- ❖ Diocesan Archives
- ❖ Campus Ministries:
 - Brent House at University of Chicago
 - Canterbury-Northwestern University
 - Grace Place at N. Illinois University
 - South Loop Campus Ministry
 - W. Illinois University
- ❖ \$1000 Phoebe Griswold Grant for implementing a new program in the Diocese

Episcopal Ministries & Local Agencies

- ❖ Episcopal Charities
- ❖ St. Augustine College scholarships
- ❖ Bishop Anderson House

ECW Support

- ❖ 2 - \$500 ECW Recognition Grants
- ❖ Representatives to province & national meetings

International Support

- ❖ Companion Diocese of Southeast Mexico through *Amiquitos*
- ❖ AFRECS (American Friends of the Episcopal Church in Sudan)
- ❖ Companion Diocese of Renk, South Sudan through the Mother's Union



Supporting Women's Ministries



Christ's cross is at the center of the ECW circle, and our mission and ministry radiates outward from that point.

Women serve as lay ministers and readers, work on altar guilds and in church schools and nurseries, and serve on vestries, diocesan commissions, and national Episcopal committees. We attend Bible studies, visit the homebound, help maintain the church properties, and cook.

In some churches, women participate in formally structured ECW groups with officers and scheduled meeting dates. At others, we talk informally to plan a parish event. In many churches, the degree of organization falls somewhere in between.

Yet in all churches, no matter what the pattern of organization, Episcopal Church Women are at work in their ministries.



We are every woman in every pew, called to action in Christ.

An Invitation

Please join us as we move toward a deeper understanding of Christ in our lives and the lives of others. We welcome your participation.

- ❖ **Receive *The Diocesan Mirror***
Contact the ECW to receive *The Diocesan Mirror* online or in print.
- ❖ **Organize the ECW in your church**
The women of the ECW will help you get started!
- ❖ **Attend ECW events**
The ECW Annual Meeting and Altar Guild Conference in the spring and the Fall Retreat.

Please keep the ministry of the ECW in your prayers, as we keep you in ours.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

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Mission and Ministry



Episcopal Church Women

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