



Episcopal Church Women

Diocese of Chicago

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Greetings!

The Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Chicago are working to connect all women of the diocese in their ministries and service. To continue our work in our Diocese and beyond, we need your support – by participating in our programs and by financially supporting our organization. Please help us “to do the work God sends us out to do” with your ***Annual Voluntary Financial Contribution*** to the Episcopal Church Women.

Your voluntary financial contribution supports ECW activities and programs and helps us connect women throughout the Diocese. The Episcopal Church Women have been a part of women’s ministries for over 130 years, and we look forward to sharing our faith for many more years to come.

Please use the form included with this letter which is to be sent to:

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We are working to have a closer connection to the women in our Diocese, the Province and the Nation. Here is a review of our activities in 2018 as well as a preview of our plans for 2019.

Annual Meeting

St. James, West Dundee hosted the 2018 meeting on the topic of leadership. Our “Called to Lead” presented sessions on communications and avoiding the burn-out of leadership. We also celebrated the Honored Women of the diocese, outstanding leaders from across the diocese.

St. Andrew, Downers Grove will be our 2019 host on Saturday, May 11.

Altar Guild Conference

The purpose of the Altar Guild Conference is to help build the network of altar guild members across the diocese and to share in educational programs and fellowship. The Conference is open to all interested individuals in the Diocese, not just altar guild members.

The Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth, hosted the 2018 Conference. Barbara Kreski from the Chicago Botanic Garden was the keynote speaker. We also enjoyed a flower arranging presentation and a tour of their sacristy.

Our Conference for 2019 is moving to the fall, September 14.

Women's Fall Retreat

The Women's Fall Retreat will be held October 11-13 at the beautiful Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, IL. Details of this event will be available this spring.

Diocesan Convention

We continue to connect through the *knittogether* knitting ministry and meet our friends and distribute our materials at the ECW display in the exhibit hall. In 2018, we had a breakout room where we were able to gather for lunch. This break out space was so popular, we are planning on expanding our offerings in 2019.

Communications

We continue to print our publication, "*The Mirror*," which is mailed to members by request. Many of our members receive an emailed version of "*The Mirror*" and each edition is posted to our website as well.

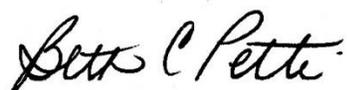
Our website has been expanded to provide the most up to date information on women's ministries throughout the Diocese. www.ecwchicago.org. We are continuing the e-newsletter that provides brief news items and updates between issues of "*The Mirror*".

Meetings

Representatives of the diocese continue to support the work of Province V by attending quarterly meetings and the Annual Meeting will be held this year in Springfield, IL

Three delegates attended the national meeting of the ECW, Triennial, during General Convention in July of 2018. In Austin, TX.

There are women in every church and they are members of the Episcopal Church Women organization. Supporting their issues and highlighting their service strengthens our Church. Thank you for supporting the ECW and the women of the Diocese of Chicago.



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Enclosure