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Episcopal Church Women

Diocese of Chicago

Connections

Dear Lord Jesus, bring your family together in your love until all the world is one family. Amen

We want to let you know what your board is up to and hope that we will hear from you in return. This new quarterly newsletter format will include our calendar of events, updates from board meetings and articles about our work for you here in the Diocese of Chicago.

2022 Annual Giving

The Outreach team met and, besides proposing Renaissance Collaborative as our Ministry Partner, has recommended that we fund our regulars: the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, the Diocesan Archives, Episcopal Charities and Community Services, Bishop Anderson House - chaplaincy training, and our five campus ministries: Canterbury House-NWU, Grace Place-NIU, Brent House-UofChi, South Loop Campus Ministries and the ministry to WIU at Good Shepherd in Macomb. We have more that we are exploring, but are happy to be able to continue our support of these ministries. It is the generosity of past ECW members which has enabled us to do this so please consider Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of Chicago in your estate plan. Even as the work of ECW changes with the times, we can continue to seek and support Episcopal and other ministries which support our community and especially women and children.

Coming Events



Annual Meeting and Convention

Our Annual Meeting and Convention will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 AM until around noon. This will be an online-only event to enable participation from as many in our far-flung diocese as possible, and is celebrating our connections across time and geography with the women of the diocese.

We would like to have participants from every parish and encourage "viewing parties" where technology permits. Every member for whom we have an email address, and every parish will have received an email with the Eventbrite link for registering, but that link is also included here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-meeting-convention-connections-tickets-317174175497?>

The Zoom session will open at 8:30 to enable all registered attendees to login and be admitted from the virtual waiting room. The full book of reports and a program booklet will also be sent by email to registered attendees in advance.

After a short morning devotion, our business meeting and election will occupy the first hour of the meeting, and after that and a short break, we will hear from two new ministries we are supporting: the Clergy Spouse ministry led by Charles Zaucha and our 2022 Ministry Partner, the Renaissance Collaborative in Chicago represented by its Executive Director, Pat Abrams.

We look forward to a good meeting and to seeing many of you out there in "Zoomland".



Triennial 2022 - Baltimore, MD - July 7-13

The ECW-Chicago organization will be represented by a delegation of three: Jane Schenck, President, Linda Toberman, Diocesan UTO Coordinator and our Distinguished Woman of 2021, Susie Brock. We are looking forward to attending the convention and bringing many new ideas back to our ECW board and parishes.

Fall Retreat - DeKoven Retreat Center Racine, WI - October 21-23

This event will be held in-person for the first time since 2019 and we are very much looking forward to that, pandemic permitting. The theme is "Come Away to a Quiet Place" and will be focused on finding inner peace in a world which seems too frequently noisy, violent and distracting. Our retreat leader is Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts from Highland Park, and your retreat team will be working with Rev. Shanley-Roberts to flesh out this theme. Please save the date.

Altar Guild Conference

Stay tuned about this event, originally planned to happen in September. As details become known, future editions of this newsletter will provide them.

From our sister ministries:



Please start to prepare your congregations for a Spring and/or fall ingathering. If you have and questions or need resources, please contact me: UTO@ecwchicago.org The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

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who have no other source for obtaining them.

We need donations for these funds:

- Children's grants MOP (Miles of Pennies program) of grants up to \$844.80 which is granted throughout the year;
- Adult grants NBF (National Books Fund) which are granted once a year in June which included grants for seminarians through their seminary; and
- General Fund which holds money not designated for other purposes.

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