



Convener's Report

Overview of 2020

At our last Annual meeting, November 14, 2020, I presented the challenges ECW-Chicago faces, which are the same challenges any religious organization faces, namely declining membership and engagement. To our surprise and delight, Zoom has been shown to be a blessing, enabling much more engagement in our events from not only around the diocese, but from other dioceses and other countries. This revelation has shown us that Zoom must be firmly part of our future events and meetings. All of our monthly Board meetings have been on Zoom, as have committee meetings. Our 2021 calendar includes a virtual Altar Guild Conference (September 18) and a hybrid Fall Retreat (October 15-17).

Your Board has considered how to improve the communications with all members, to which end, Beth Petti has assumed the role of Communications/Website Chair, building on last year's project of updating our website. We have also added a donation button (PayPal) to the website to enable on-line donations (our events can always use a little "seed money"). Beth has also retooled "The Mirror" into a quarterly online newsletter to provide information about what is happening across the diocese (she needs your articles, please), as well as notification of upcoming events. Remember that all ECW-Chicago meetings are open, and if you want to participate or just listen in, let one of us know so that you receive the login or dial-in information.

The Board took up the job of reviewing and rewriting our Bylaws and accompanying Policies and Procedures documents to reflect our current realities as well as provide flexibility to grow and change as our organizational needs require. The Bylaws are presented at this meeting for your approval, and I encourage you to approve them. We are also presenting a candidate for President, a position which has been open since 2019. We are seeking a candidate for Secretary as May Anstee needs to retire from service (Thanks for everything, May. We will miss you).

Early in 2021, we welcomed 5 women to join our Board, which was more good news. Our best hope for the future of ECW-Chicago as an enabler of ministries to women, children and families is in your continued and increased involvement. Consider volunteering to help with one of our events if you aren't quite sure about joining the board or contact a board member to discuss your interests. WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION.

Jane Schenck

Board Convener

www.ecwchicago.org

2020 Summary Financial Reports

Income Statement

	2020 Actuals	2021 Budget *
Income:		
Dividend Income	32,290	\$32,000
Event Registrations & Donations	0	
Voluntary Financial Contributions	1,275	2,000
Total Income	<u>\$33,565</u>	<u>34,000</u>
Expenses		
Annual Giving and Contributions	19,900	24,300
Administration Expenses	1,460	10,460
Event Expenses	1,180	2,035
Total Expenses	<u>\$22,540</u>	<u>36,795</u>
Net Income/(Deficit)	<u>\$11,035</u>	<u>(\$2,795)</u>

Balance Sheet as of December 31

	2020	2019
Bank Accounts	33,612	22,677
Endowment	445,167	427,917
Total Assets	<u>\$478,779</u>	<u>\$450,595</u>
There are no liabilities or debt		

*The 2021 Budget was approved by the Board
October 1, 2020

ECW-Chicago received a pandemic benefit in the form of much lower expenses for events, mainly no hospitality costs. Despite that, the events (Annual Meeting and Fall Retreat) happened and were enjoyed by many more women than in-person events have typically been drawing. This enabled us to consider more 2021 Annual Giving.

The 2021 Budget Administrative Expenses, approved by the Board in October, 2020, reflects \$6,000 of Triennial expenses which we now know will not be spent in 2021, and the Event Expenses assumed all virtual-only events. We are now planning for a hybrid Fall Retreat to be held at DeKoven Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin, with major portions being livestreamed on Zoom. This will increase expenses, but will hopefully be mostly offset by registration fees.

The Balance Sheet shows an increase of \$28,184 due partially to our 2020 net profit and partially to investing more of our prior years' surpluses into the Diocesan Foundation and the subsequent market rise.

Jane Schenck

Treasurer

Episcopal Church Women Annual Giving 2020



Diocese of Chicago

Archives Partners Support to the Richard R. Seidel Archives which
maintains the Diocesan & ECW archives

Bishop's Discretionary Fund – supporting parishes struggling with COVID-19

Campus Ministries

Brent House University of Chicago brenthouse.org

Canterbury House Northwestern University canterburynu.org

Grace Place Northern Illinois University facebook.com/GracePlaceNIU

South Loop Campus Ministry Serving universities and colleges in
the neighborhood southloopcampusministry.org

Western Illinois University Served through The Episcopal Church of the
Good

Shepherd, Macomb macombepiscopal.org

Companion Dioceses

Diocese of Renk, South Sudan Renk Health Clinic (*In partnership with
St. Barnabas, Glen Ellyn*)

Diocese of Southeast Mexico Ministry at San Marcos in Nigromante
(*In partnership with St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn*)

Episcopal Charities Support to the grants program episcopalcharities.org

Bishop Anderson House Three female chaplain scholarships
bishopandersonhouse.org



2020 Outreach Partner

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CHICAGO



magdalenehousechicago.org

Total Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago 2020 Gifts: \$19,900.

2021 Annual Meeting Speakers



Bridget Schank – *Storyteller*

Rabble-rouser and Community Builder



A former community organizer and lobbyist, Bridget has been telling stories for social change for the past 20 years. She chose to stay home full time when her son, Jack, had a liver transplant in 2011. Bridget's husband, Tim was the living organ donor. Bridget is deeply committed to community service and sits on the Boards of Directors for Teen Parent Connection and Arlington Cares. She loves to travel but hates to pack, played women's football at Notre Dame and bakes a mean strawberry rhubarb pie. Bridget has performed at storytelling shows around the city including First Person Live, Truth Be Told, Soul Stories, Story Sessions and Story Collider and the Moth Storyslam. Bridget lives in Arlington Heights with her husband Tim, daughter, Gracie, son, Jack, and her aggressively affectionate golden retriever, Corby.

Hope Pavich – *Executive Director*

Care For Friends – a partner agency of Episcopal Charities

2021 ECW Outreach Partner



Hello,
I'm Hope Pavich and I have been the Executive Director at Care For Friends (CFF) for the last two and half years. At CFF, we provide fundamental food, clothing and healthcare programs for individuals in Chicago experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

I've dedicated my career to working in the nonprofit sector. Prior to Care For Friends, I worked as a Program Director at Greenheart Travel, where I was responsible for the oversight, growth and development of international youth programs. I also worked as a Program Coordinator at the Vietnamese Migrant Workers and Brides Office, where I worked with partner organizations and government officials to research, develop and facilitate recreational programs for victims of human trafficking in shelters and detention centers.

My interest in working with Chicago communities began when I first started working at the Marriott Foundation. With them, I worked with Chicago Public Schools, Chicago employers, and inner-city youth.

I received my B.A. from St. Norbert College (2004), and my M.A. from the School for International Training (2010) with a concentration in Intercultural Service, Leadership, and Management. Although I love traveling, Chicago has my heart. I currently live in the Albany Park neighborhood with my fiancé, Cristian, and I enjoy spending time with my step-daughter, and my three siblings and their families. The rest of my downtime is filled with watching movies, taking very long walks as my mind wanders, eating anything & everything, and listening to podcasts.

I'm committed to connecting people experiencing housing and food insecurity to crucial resources. I'm motivated everyday by the people that we serve. They are what give me strength to lead and inspire me to continue to help empower others.

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy – *Rector*

St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church,

Speaker & Celebrant



Catherine became the seventh rector of St. Paul & the Redeemer in March 2019. She is a Chicago native and a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, Swarthmore College, and Harvard Divinity School. Catherine is also a past Lambda Literary fellow, an AmeriCorps alum, and a lifelong Girl Scout. When not riding her bike or praying in her “home chapel” (it’s just a broom closet with candles in it), she loves brainstorming with SPR members about new ways to mobilize the church in the service of God’s radical vision for creation. Catherine shares her life and apartment with her wife, Heather, and their daughter, Mary Clare.



Report of Historiographer
Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
April 28, 2020

Files for Annual Meetings for April 2009 through May, 2019 (124th to 134th years) have been updated for permanent files.

Recently acquired United Thank Offering and major conference materials have been processed as have obituary materials (ongoing basis). Attention has also been given to updating past major committee reports.

Thank you to the immediate Past President and Board Members for keeping important records current and to former board members for “filling in the gaps” from their own personal file records. Thank you also to the Board for its on-going generous support of the archives.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Hickman". The script is cursive and fluid.

Betty Hickman

Addendum:

September, 2020

In recent months presidents' photographic materials have been reorganized and will be added to the archives this year. Updated resumes of individual presidents would be welcomed to support these files.

2021 ECW Annual Meeting Necrology

Honoring the women who have died



**The Church of the
Annunciation
of Our Lady, Gurnee, IL**

Leni Bordelon
Cindy Hibbard
Jannette Kellogg
Patricia Dailey

**Messiah-St.
Bartholomew**
Sarah Coleman Ragland

Grace – New Lenox
Anna Macek

St. Mark – Glen Ellyn
Janis Groner
Linda Gonzalez
Dolores Dunnett
Peggy Heilig
Terry Stent
Judy Petrushka
Janet Donaldson
Nancy Schmitt
Judy Picariello
Marilyn Kunard
Linda Farrell
Carmen Salazar

**Church of Our Saviour –
Elmhurst**
Marjorie Paddock
Nancy Crown
Bonnie Fox

Emmanuel- LaGrange
Sally Weaver

St. Thomas-Chicago
JoThelma Hill
Constance Payton-Brown
Willa Small

St. Pauls – LaSalle
Ruth E. Frig

Calvary – Lombard
Mary Beth McGowan
Chelle O'Connell
Eleanor Alberts

St. John's – Naperville
Eloise Suk (sook)
Jane Baier

Trinity - Wheaton
Diane Fox
Betty McCabe
Durema Kohl
Nancy Thomas
Joyce Brown
Mary Staub

Trinity – Aurora
Pat Wilson

St. Peter's – Chicago
Elinor Dahmer
Nora Pun

**St. Nicholas – Elk Grove
Village**

Ann Pociask
Carrie Grech
Patricia Stoll
Susan Diamond
Beth Ann O'Reilly
Ruth L. Krock
Arlene Cooper
Barbara Bonkowski
Andrea Ullrich
Aunt Dot
Michelle Avila
Aunt Joyce
Nora Pun
Aunt Virginia
Aunt Joan

**St. James Cathedral –
Chicago**
Constance Gaylord Rial
Matthews

**All Saints – Western
Springs**
Ruth Paul

**St. Lawrence –
Libertyville**
Mary Gedney
Mary Jean Brison
Elise Ryder
Joan Moody

2021 UTO Report for the ECW Annual Meeting

This year the Diocese of Chicago was blessed to receive two UTO Grants. Many thanks to the United Thank Offering Grant Team! I am blessed to work with five people representing four churches: Catherine Balassie from St Hugh of Lincoln, Elgin; Betsy Barnett from St. Lawrence, Libertyville; Maryfran Crist, Grace, Pontiac; Beth Petti from Trinity, Wheaton; and The Rev. Hal Toberman from St. Lawrence, Libertyville. We also received Diocesan support from Anne Cothran and Jennifer Boyle-Tucker. The Rev. Canon Heather Melton (staff officer for United Thank Offering) was especially helpful in answering my questions and those of our Grant Team.

The 2020 Grant focus was, *Recovering with Love and Gratitude: An Episcopal Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Local Contexts*. Two granting sessions were offered, and the Diocese of Chicago received a UTO Grant in both sessions. Of the 130 Grant applications received, 53 were granted, with the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago receiving two.

**In January Bishop Anderson House received:
\$23,560 for Pastoral Care Relief Training Course Development**

**In April Lawrence Hall received:
\$4,720– Sustaining Project WORK – software update**

A little history –

How Lawrence Hall Benefitted from 2015 United Thank Offering Grant

Lawrence Hall was fortunate to have received a \$9,820 grant from United Thank Offering in 2015 to purchase much needed computer hardware for our South Shore community workforce development programs (Project Work), allowing both program staff and youth to more quickly and efficiently access and document a variety of information for a host of program activities.

Update: per Fr Jonathan Thomas, St Paul's Peoria, UTO Grant \$62,000

“We are progressing on the garden nicely, the lots are tilled, and soil ameliorated. We have gotten approval from the city on fencing that should be installed soon. And the planting will begin in the near future for this growing season. We have not been able to have cooking classes yet because Covid precautions have prohibited that sort of activity. We have been working with a nutritionist to plan for classes when we get to a place where everyone is comfortable with that. We have gone through all steps to get our kitchen at church fully licensed and

inspected by the health department to be able to offer the classes here. So, the best answer is, we have taken all the preparatory steps that the pandemic would allow since September and will begin to see this vision realized in the coming months.”

During the second cycle of Episcopal Church, Anglican Communion COVID-19 grants, United Thank Offering awarded **\$479,369.53** They received almost \$1.4 million in requests. A quick history: over the last **two** years **The Diocese of Chicago has been blessed with \$90,280 in UTO grant money.** And since its founding in **1889**, UTO has awarded **5,384** grants for a total of **\$141,104,725.30**

I would like to thank everyone who, through a personal spiritual discipline of gratitude, contributed to the United Thank Offering’s Ingathering in 2020. It was a difficult year for many. We had 42% fewer churches that participated, and the amount that we contributed was down 57% from 2019 due to the pandemic, people hurting, and church buildings closed as never before in our lifetime. However, I choose to see this in a very positive light. We still had churches that found a way to do ingatherings, and we had several very generous individuals donate directly to UTO. Remember to say the blue box prayer:

**Almighty God, I give you praise
for blessing me in many ways.
Create in me a grateful heart
and with this gift a blessing
start. Amen.**

There are three ways to donate,

1) Text [ingathering #414444](https://unitedthankoffering.com/give/) for direct credit or debit donations. Please be sure to fill out the space for the name of your church and diocese so that your church and diocese will receive credit for the donations.

2) Mail ingathering checks and Memorial Gift & Trust Fund checks to:

**United Thank Offering
DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church US
P.O. Box 958983
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983**

3) <https://unitedthankoffering.com/give/> credit or debit - fill in your information

Spring is a time of new life, and as we start to come together at church or outside, please make the blue boxes visible and available. By doing so we can all continue or begin again and start Thanking God daily for the blessings in our life, and /

encourage everyone to give what they can to show gratitude. If it is still difficult for you to give, fill your box daily with grateful statements that you can empty and review when times are better.

Please send all offerings in by the first week of December so they will be received at least three full weeks before the close of the calendar year, December 31, 2021.

Watch for the 2021 UTO grant details coming end of May on the UTO website:
www.episcopalchurch.org/uto

To order UTO Materials please visit:
<https://shimaofnavajoland.com/collections/united-thank-offering>

I hope to visit several churches when it is safe for all of us to do so. At that time, I could talk at your coffee hour, outreach groups, adult forum or any other appropriate venue. Just email an invite or request with your name and your church. In the meantime, I can provide more information about what UTO does, how it works, and the role of the coordinator. I would be happy to speak to your group by Zoom. If you need materials, have any questions, or if you would like to be the UTO Coordinator for your church please contact me by email.
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[Linda Toberman, United Thank Offering Coordinator, Diocese of Chicago](#)



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