



Women with Wings

Celebrating
Women in
Leadership

Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Chicago
Annual Meeting Schedule

May 8, 2021

- 8:45 am - Social Time
- 9:00 am - Welcome - Beth Petti, *Chair*
- 9:15 am - Prayers for the Day - Deacon Trilby Murray, *Chaplain*
- 9:40 am - **1st Session** *A Story about Being a Follower* - Bridget Schank
- 10:00 am - Introduction of Honored Women, Announcement of Distinguished Woman
- 10:15 am - Break
- 10:30 am - *Bishop-Elect Clark's Welcome video*
- 10:35 am - Annual Meeting Jane Schenck, *ECW Board Convener*
- 11:30 am - *Care For Friends* – video
- 2nd Session** *Leadership Lessons* Hope Pavich, *Executive Director* **Care For Friends 2021 ECW Outreach Partner**
- 12:00 pm - Lunch
- 12:45 pm - **3rd Session** *Church Leadership* The Rev. Catherine E. Healy *Rector*, St. Paul and The Redeemer, Chicago
- 1:00 pm - Worship The Rev. Catherine E Healy, celebrant, with The Rev. Trilby Murray, deacon
- Necrology
- Blessing for the Honored Women
- Blessing for our Board leaders
- Closing prayers



Welcome

Beth Petti, *Chair*



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Opening Prayer

The Rev. Trilby Murray
ECW Chaplain

Opening Prayer

God of the seasons turning, another year has come and gone and once again we gather for the Annual Meeting of this Women's Ministry. We just want to stop and say thank you.

To this place we bring all the celebrations and hardships, the joys and the sorrows of the past year.

We all gather to look forward to what the coming years have in store for us.

We know that they will not always be easy tasks, that life will always have a mixture of easy and difficult things.

As we meet and discuss the life and work of this part of our ministry we pray Lord, that you would be a part of our discussions to lead us in the right direction.

May your Spirit move in our hearts, opening them to hear what each of us has to offer, bringing light to both possibilities and realities, drawing us always to consider what you would have us be, and do in this time and place. Remind us that we are called to be bearers of Christ's life, light, and love to all we meet.

Help us to live in such a way that we draw closer to the vision you have for us. In this time together we celebrate the many gifts we all have to offer. Help us offer what we can to your service and your glory, mindful of our great giftedness in so many ways throughout our lives. These things we pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the one we call Christ, in whose name and hope we gather together as a community. **Amen.**





Timothy



Bridget Schank



Introduction of Honored Women

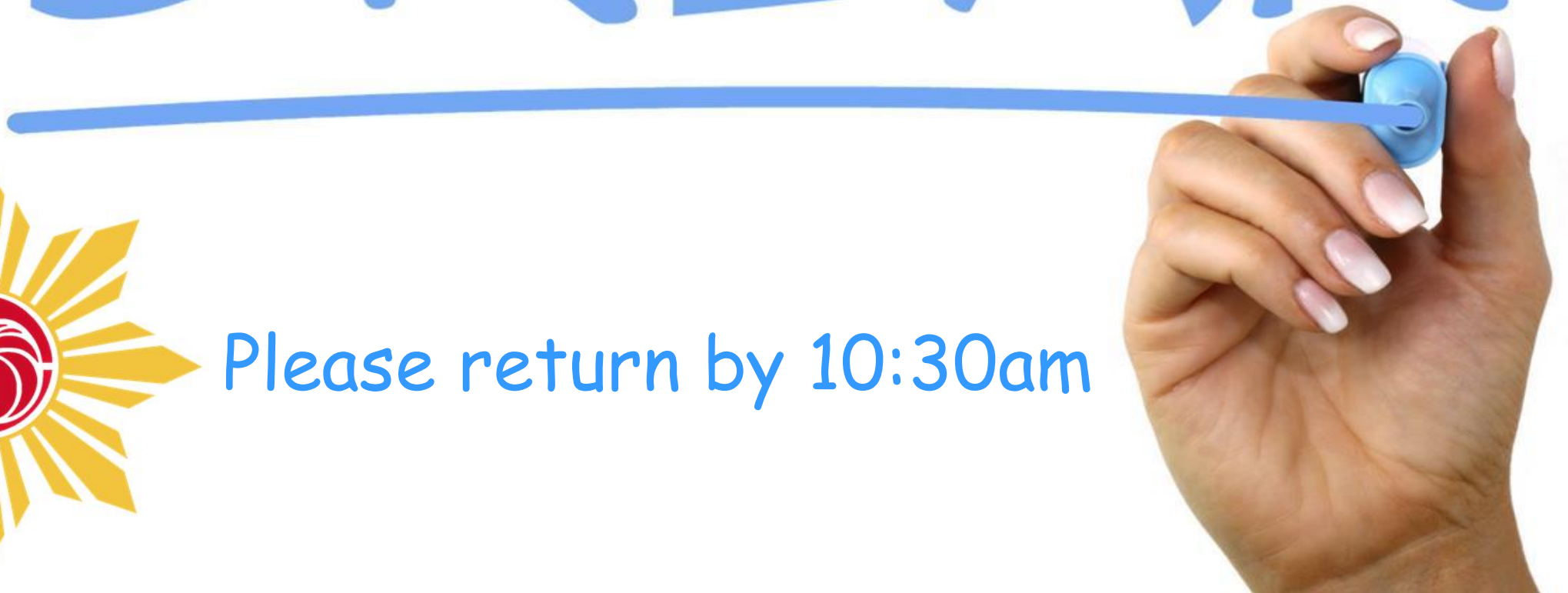


Distinguished Woman



Susie Brock
St. Lawrence, *Libertyville*

BREAK



Please return by 10:30am



**Welcome
Message
from
Bishop-elect
Paula Clark**





Annual Meeting

Jane Schenck
ECW Board Convener

Minutes
Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago
135th Annual Business Meeting
Zoom Teleconference
Saturday, November 14, 2020

The Annual business meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago, was held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 via Zoom Teleconference. Jane Schenck, Convener, May Anstee, Secretary, Linda Toberman, UTO Diocesan Coordinator, Maryfran Crist, Church Periodical Club Province V Coordinator were present, in addition to Board Members Jenny Frederickson, Trilby Murray, Susan O'Brien, Beth Petti, Diane Edwards. The annual meeting theme this year was **“Creation Care: Paths to Sustainability.”** Speakers were: Mary Lawrence from Magdalene House; Catherine Duffy – Province V Creation Care Network, and John Crist who presented the “Stations of Creation.”

Deacon Trilby Murray opened the meeting with a devotion and then introduced Maryfran Crist who explained the mission of the Church Periodical Club as the “ministry of the written word”, and then described the quilt which was up for auction as a fund raiser for CPC.

Jane Schenck then spoke on the evolving role of women in society and how this is reflected in the evolving role of ECW in the church. All were invited to participate in the future shaping of this evolving role of ECW.

sources of funding: Money from endowments; income from events, and the Voluntary Financial Contributions (VFC) from parishes. Jane did note that because of the pandemic and the need to meet by Zoom teleconference, expenses have lessened.

A question was raised regarding Board meetings and the nominations process. Attendees were encouraged to attend the monthly meetings by contacting Secretary, May Anstee for the Zoom address via the email listed on the website secretary@ecwchicago.org.

Susan O'Brien reported on Annual Giving. Funds are given to those projects benefitting women and children. The work of the Diocese is also supported. The source of the funding is primarily from endowments. Attendees were directed to the "Business Meeting Reports to Members" for more detailed information. Susan also explained that ECW has two grants available on an annual basis: the ECW Recognition Grant and the Phoebe Griswold Grant. More information on these grants can be found on the ECW website.

Linda Toberman spoke of the UTO (United Thank Offering) which is seen as a Thanks Offering for blessings received. Her goal is to have a contact person in every parish, to visit parishes speaking about UTO. She can be contacted through her email UTO@ecwchicago. Due to the pandemic there may be no ingathering at parishes. If this is the case Linda suggested that offerings could be mailed directly to UTO in Saint Louis. More information can be found at the website unitedthankoffering.com/give/. In the past year the Diocese of Chicago donated \$85,565.00. Be sure to get this year's donations in by December 1.

Beth Petti spoke of the redesign of the ECW Diocesan website, and the creation of the ECW Province V website. She noted that the Province V web address is ecwprovince5.org with the number 5 being used instead of the letter “V” to avoid confusion with the regional Province website.

The Business Meeting concluded at 10:00

The packet included the following Committee Reports: Convener’s Report (Jane Schenck); Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting, May 11, 2019; 2019 Financial Reports & YTD 2020 Preview; 2019 & 2020 Giving; 2019 ECW Recognition Award – St. Bride’s (Oregon); 2019 Annual Meeting Report (Susan O’Brien); 2019 Altar Guild Conference Report (Linda Toberman); 2019 Fall Retreat Report (Linda Toberman); UTO Report (Linda Toberman) Church Periodical Club Report (Maryfran Crist); Historiographer Report (Betty Hickman) [Not found in booklet] and the Necrology.

May Anstee
Secretary

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	\$33,565	34,000
Expenses			
	Annual Giving and Contributions	19,900	24,300
	Administration Expenses	1,460	10,460
	Event Expenses	1,180	2,035
	Total Expenses	\$22,540	36,795
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		

2020 Summary Financial Reports - Narrative

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

The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago has had their 2020 financial reports audited and the audit report will be filed with the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED BYLAWS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago, and is so registered as a Not-for-Profit Corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois on May 12, 1906, and hereafter will be referred to as ECW-Chicago. **ADDED HIGHLIGHTED PHRASE**

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this faith-centered organization is to support women throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, their ministries and their philanthropic efforts. **NO CHANGE**

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This organization shall be comprised of all women in the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Chicago.

Section 2. The women of each Episcopal congregation in the Diocese shall comprise a branch of this organization.

Section 3. Each congregation shall have one vote. NO CHANGE

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The ECW-Chicago Officers, hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Committee”, shall consist of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. ELIMINATED EVENTS COORDINATOR, ONE FINANCE OFFICER, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR FROM ELECTED OFFICES. UTO AND CPC COORDINATORS ARE REFERENCED AS BOARD MEMBERS.

Section 1. Eligibility ADDED SECTION FROM POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- A. A nominee for the offices of Secretary or Treasurer shall have attended at least one (1) ECW-Chicago Annual Meeting and have served at least six months as a member-at-large on the Board.
- B. A nominee for the office of ECW-Chicago President shall have served a previous term of at least six months as a member of the Board and shall have relevant management experience in business or another NFP organization.

Section 2. Terms of Office

- A. All officers of the organization shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. NO CHANGE
- B. All officers may serve not more than two consecutive terms; and no one shall serve as an officer for more than four terms in any officer role. NEW
- C. Their term shall begin at the close of the ECW-Chicago Annual Meeting at which they are elected.
NEWLY ADDED TO BYLAWS, BUT TRADITIONAL PROCESS
- D. Terms of the elected officers shall be staggered. NEWLY ADDED BUT TRADITIONAL PROCESS

Section 3 Duties of the Officers are specified in the Policies and Procedures of the ECW-Chicago. REMOVED
THESE FROM BYLAWS

Section 4 Limitations of Executive Committee Authority NEW SECTION

- A. The Executive Committee may not make commitments of funding without consent of the Board.
- B. The Executive Committee may not make the decision to dissolve the ECW-Chicago without consent of the Board.

**ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The ECW-Chicago Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, shall consist of the Executive Committee, at least 3 appointed Board members-at-large, plus the representatives of these ministries:, the Church Periodical Club Diocesan Representative, and the United Thank Offering Chicago Diocesan Coordinator. SIMPLIFIED

Section 1. Eligibility

All officers and board members must be communicants in good standing and resident in the Diocese of Chicago. **ADDED**

Section 2. Duties: **SIMPLIFIED + B-D ARE NEW**

- A. The Board shall carry out the objectives of the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the ECW-Chicago;
- B. review the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the ECW-Chicago annually and provide updates as required;
- C. shall meet at least 4 times per year to transact the business of the ECW-Chicago;
- D. and may transact business in person, by mail, or by any electronic means.
- E. Shall be in alignment with the policies and objectives of the National ECW Board.

Section 3. Vacancies NEW ADDED SECTION

- A. In the event of a vacancy of any Executive Officer, the Board shall appoint a current Board member to fill that office until the next Annual meeting.
- B. Removal from Office: If a member of the ECW Chicago Executive Committee is unable perform their official duties, the Board shall have the right to remove this person with a majority vote and appoint a replacement.

Section 4. Elections

Elections for Officers are to be held at the Annual Meeting, and each parish shall have one vote in these elections. SIMPLIFIED FROM ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2; ARTICLE VIII PROCEDURES MOVED TO POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ARTICLE VI BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1. Quorum A third of the Board shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.

Section 2. Voters All members of the ECW-Chicago Board shall have voice and vote.

Section 3. All business may be conducted by the Board by any means: in person, by email or teleconference.

ARTICLE VII ANNUAL MEETINGS

Section 1.

- A. The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held at a time and place, or by electronic means to be determined by the Board for the purpose of electing the officers and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.
- B. A majority of qualified voters shall elect the slate.
- C. Elections shall be by voice unless there are two (2) or more candidates for the same office, in which case the vote shall be by ballot (either paper or electronic).

Section 2. Qualified Voters RE-WORDED

Qualified voters must be one member from each congregation who is serving as voting delegate in attendance at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by attendance at an electronic meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings NO CHANGE

Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee or at the request of representatives from any ten (10) congregations. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least 15 days' notice shall be given.

Section 4. Quorum NO CHANGE TO QUORUM BUT CHANGED "ANY BUSINESS MEETING" AS SHOWN

Representatives from ten (10) congregations in attendance shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting and at special all-member meetings.

ARTICLE IX NO CHANGE OTHER THAN OFFICER TITLE
PROVINCE V REPRESENTATIVE

Section 1. The President shall serve on the Provincial Board of Episcopal Church Women and shall attend meetings of the Provincial Board as called by the ECW Province V President.

Section 2. The President shall attend the Annual Meeting of the Province V Episcopal Church Women as official representative of the Chicago Diocese ECW Board.

Section 3. The Diocesan UTO Coordinator and CPC Coordinator shall be representatives to the ECW Province V Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE X
FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year shall be January 1 through December 31. NO CHANGE

ARTICLE XI
DISSOLUTION OF ECW-CHICAGO

In the event of dissolution of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago, guidelines for dissolution, following the ministry, mission, and philanthropy of ECW-Chicago, will be developed by the Board in consultation with the current Bishop, the Diocesan Treasurer and the Chancellor. No member of the ECW-Chicago will benefit personally by this dissolution. **NEW SECTION**

ARTICLE XII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, these Bylaws, and any special rules of order this organization may adopt.

NO CHANGE

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS **ADDED SECTION 1; SECTION 2 NO CHANGE**

- Section 1.** A copy of the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures are available to any member of the ECW upon request. Bylaws will be published on the ECW-Chicago website.
- Section 2.** These bylaws and the accompanying Policies and Procedures will be reviewed annually and any ECW member may propose an amendment to these documents to the Board not later than December 31
- Section 3.** These bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a 2/3 vote of qualified voters, provided thirty (30) days written notice has been given.

ARTICLE XIV

ENACTMENT

These bylaws and/or amendments thereto shall become effective upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which adopted, unless otherwise specified.

Bylaws adopted

April 26, 2014

Grammatical Corrections

September 18, 2018

Grammatical Corrections

October 9, 2015

Revised Bylaws adopted

May 11, 2019

Adopted

April 29, 2017



Vote for President

Nominee:
Jane Schenck
ECW Board Convener
Treasurer



Church Periodical Club

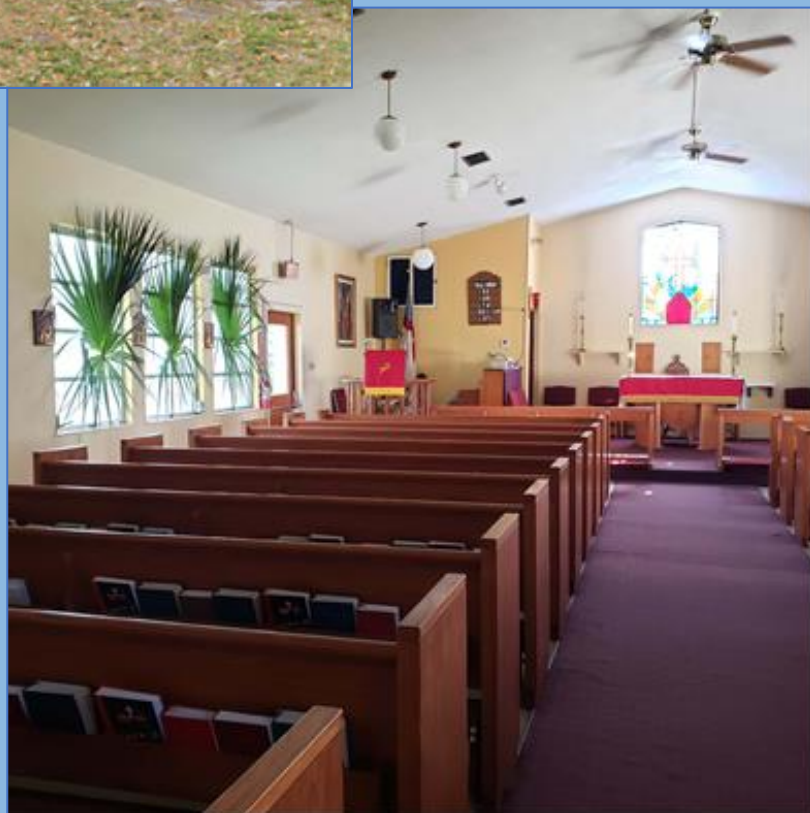
Maryfran Crist

*CPC Representative
Province V/Chicago*

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

Diocese of Southwest Florida

\$25,000 UTO Sustaining Grant



















If you would like to make a contribution to the United Thank Offering in gratitude and thankfulness for this day, please mail your offering to:

United Thank Offering

DFMS Protestant Episcopal Church

P.O. Box 958983

St Louis MO 63195-8983

For a contribution by text: “*INGATHER*” to **41444**

For a contribution by credit/debit:

unitedthankoffering.com/give



UTO Webpage with the most current information:
www.episcopalchurch.org/uto



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





Care for Friends

2021 ECW Outreach Partner





My Road to Leadership



Hope Pavich
Executive Director,
Care for Friends

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Strength and Dignity: The Shape of Women's Leadership



The Rev. Catherine E. Healy
Rector, St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago



Quilt Auction Fundraiser

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Thank you for your support.**

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immediately to the winning bidder.





Worship

The Rev. Catherine Healy

Celebrant

The Rev. Trilby Murray

Deacon



Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Chicago

Annual Meeting

Zoom on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Women with Wings: *Celebrating Women in Leadership*

Honoring Women of the Chicago Diocese
Celebrating the lives of the women who have died
Noonday Service

In Christ Alone.





Priest O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Priest and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

A photograph of a glowing lantern on a sandy surface at night. The lantern is lit, casting a warm orange glow. The background is a dark, blue night sky.

Psalm 119 V 105-112

Read in unison (on mute) led by Deacon Murray

**Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.**

**I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.**

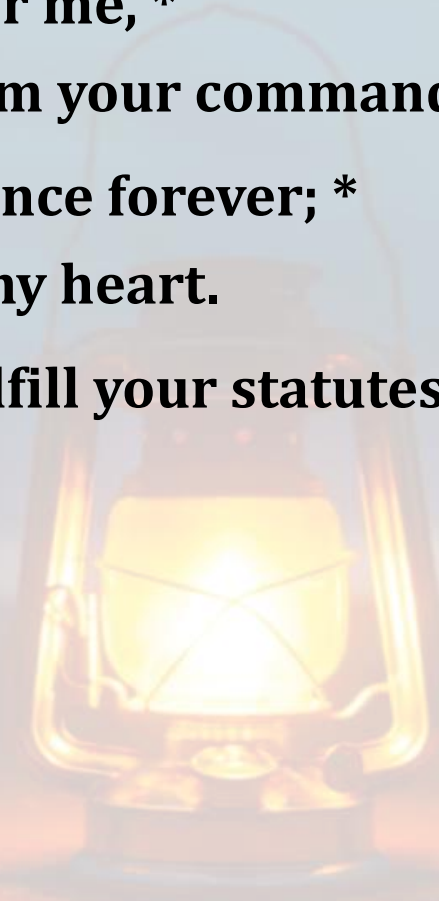
**I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.**

**Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.**

**My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.**

(continued)

**The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
Your decrees are my inheritance forever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
forever and to the end.**



The Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Deacon

If anyone is in Christ she is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

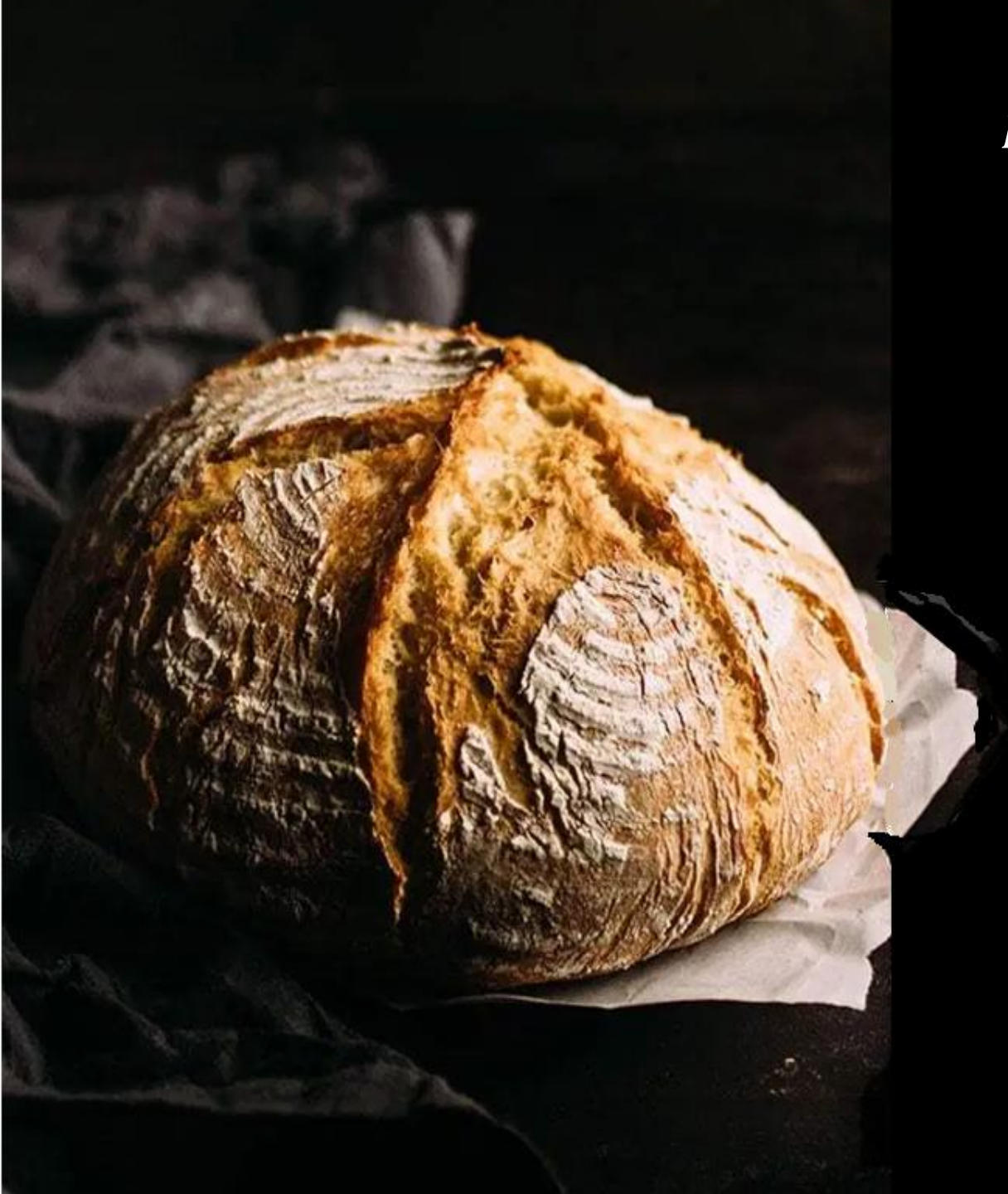
People Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.



Priest and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Two hands are raised in a gesture of prayer, palms facing up, against a dark, textured background. The hands are illuminated from the side, creating a soft glow on the skin. The fingers are slightly spread, and the wrists are visible.

Priest Lord, hear our prayer.

People And let our cry come to you.

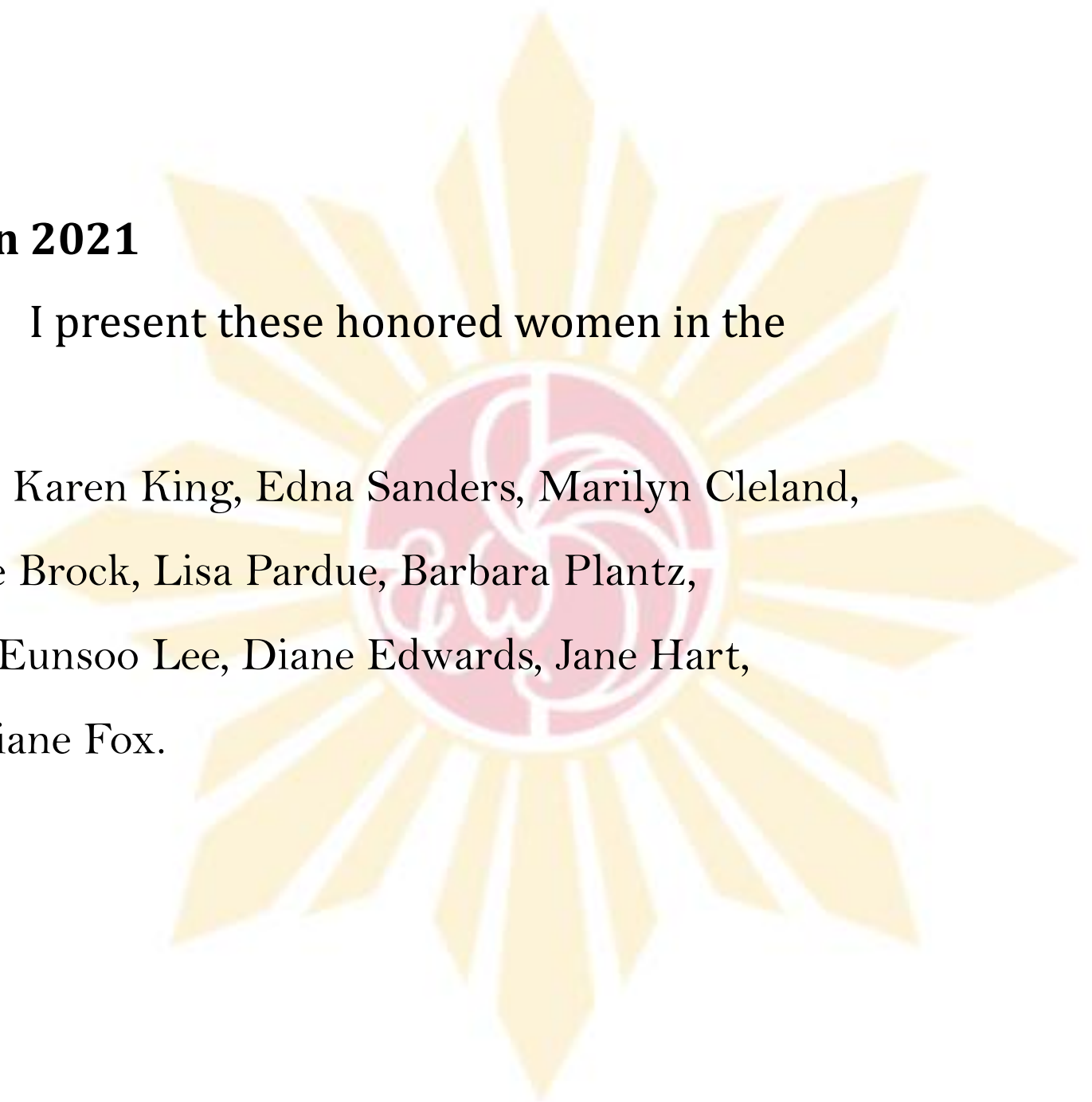
Priest Let us pray.

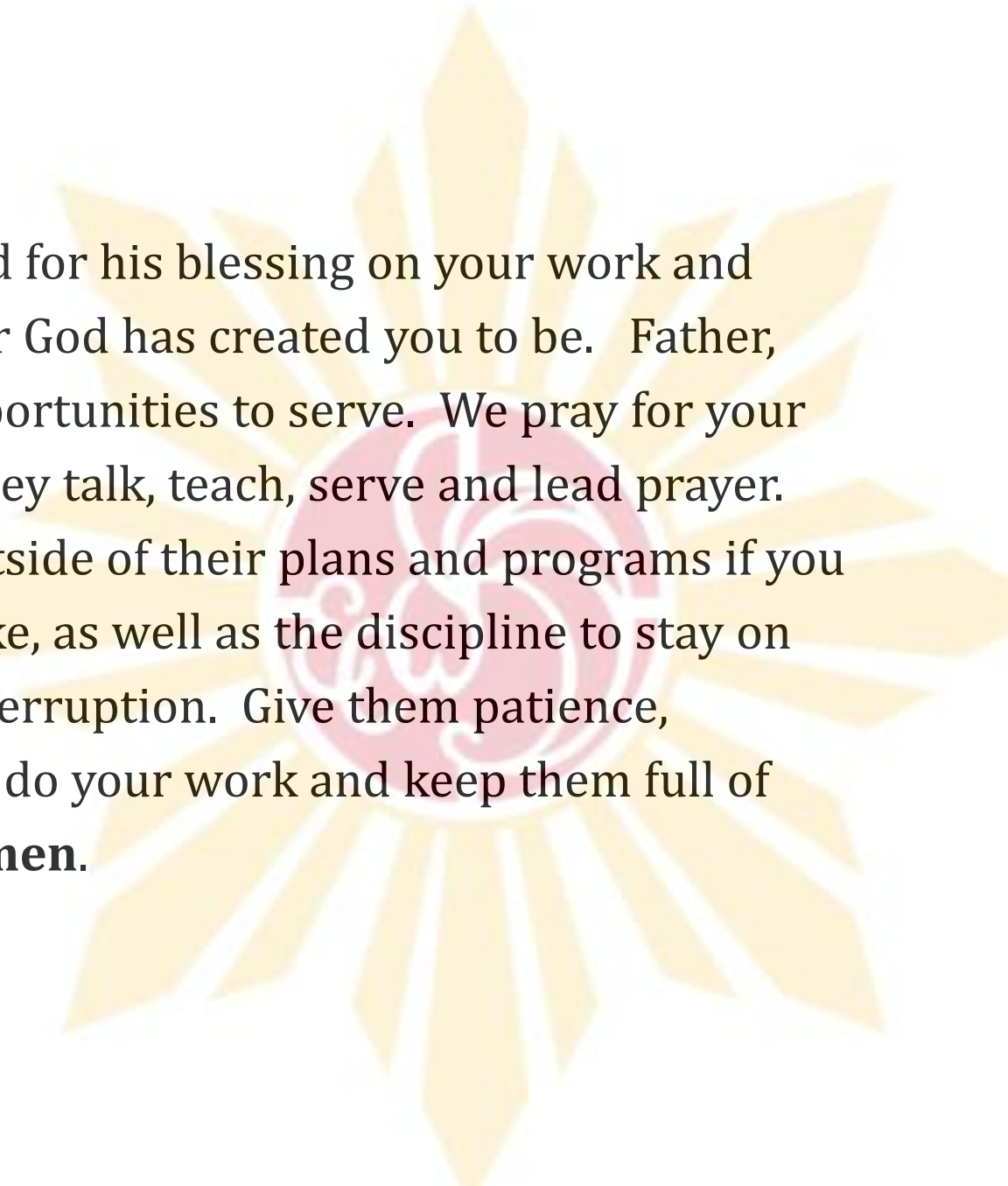
Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Honored Women 2021

Beth Petti, Honored Women committee chair I present these honored women in the
Diocese of Chicago.

Betty Kilgore, Ruth Denofrio, The Rev. Karen King, Edna Sanders, Marilyn Cleland,
Angie McPhillips, Elizabeth Rice, Susie Brock, Lisa Pardue, Barbara Plantz,
Susan Comins, Karen Donovan, Hilda Eunsoo Lee, Diane Edwards, Jane Hart,
Barbara Weaver, Susan Bennett, and Diane Fox.





Priest Sisters in Christ Jesus, we ask God for his blessing on your work and lives as you strive to be the leader God has created you to be. Father, give them humble hearts and opportunities to serve. We pray for your words to flow through them as they talk, teach, serve and lead prayer. Give them the courage to step outside of their plans and programs if you have another path for them to take, as well as the discipline to stay on course amidst distraction and interruption. Give them patience, endurance, and fortitude, as they do your work and keep them full of peace from beginning to end. **Amen.**

All (on mute)

Most awesome God, women are and have always been among the first to volunteer, the first to organize, and the first to use their network of friends in Christ to accomplish good works. We give you thanks for bringing us together – women who are willing to contribute their considerable skill to the advancement of your church and to the world.

Priest We ask that you support and guide us and allow each of us to be strengthened by the inspiration of our sisters. All this we ask in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. ***Amen***

Sisters, thank you for faithfully sharing God's love with one another and our community.

Intercessory prayer

Priest We are called to be people who listen to God's Word and respond.
Let us turn to God in prayer now, so that our prayers can help make a difference to our world.

Deacon We pray for men and women who hold positions of leadership and power within the Church, that their work will help empower all those influenced by their ministry, to know their full dignity and value.

All **Gracious God, help us lead.**



Deacon We pray for liberation for women who live with violence and exploitation in all countries of our world.

All **Gracious God, help us heal.**

Deacon We pray for all women and men in our Church, that we will find new ways to work together in partnership to reflect each of us being made in the image of God.

All **Gracious God, help us be better partners.**

Deacon We pray for ourselves, that each of us will discern ways that we can more fully live as God calls us to live.

All **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**



Deacon We pray for healing for those in our community who are suffering physical, emotional or mental illness.

All **Gracious God, help us heal.**

Deacon We pray for those who have died especially the women who have gone before us. May they rest forever in the arms of our loving God.

The necrology is read.



2021 ECW Annual Meeting Necrology

The Church of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Gurnee

Leni Bordelon
Cindy Hibbard
Jannette Kellogg
Patricia Dailey

Trinity - Wheaton

Diane Fox
Betty McCabe
Durema Kohl
Nancy Thomas
Joyce Brown

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

St. Lawrence – Libertyville

Mary Gedney
Mary Jean Brison
Elise Ryder
Joan Moody

St. Thomas-Chicago

JoThelma Hill
Constance Payton-Brown
Willa Small

St. John's – Naperville

Eloise Suk (sook)
Jane Baier

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

2021 ECW Annual Meeting Necrology

St. Peter's – Chicago

Elinor Dahmer

Nora Pun

St. Paul's – DeKalb

Elizabeth (Puzz) George

Emmanuel- LaGrange

Sally Weaver

Trinity – Aurora

Patricia Wilson

St. James Cathedral – Chicago

Constance Gaylord Rial

Matthews

Calvary – Lombard

Mary Beth McGowan

Chelle O'Connell

Eleanor Alberts

Grace – New Lenox

Anna Macek

St. Pauls – LaSalle

Ruth E. Frig


All Saints – Western Springs

Ruth Paul

Messiah-St. Bartholomew

Sarah Coleman Ragland





Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom

Deacon I invite you to lift your hands up to God and let him know your heart's desire and that of others.

Priest Gracious and ever-loving God, we know that you hear these and all the prayers in our hearts.
We make all these prayers through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





The Recognition of the Retiring Officers

Jane Schenk, ECW Board Convener: Reverend Healy, I present these women
for a blessing as they retire from their service as Board Members for the
Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Chicago.

Jane reads the names of the retiring board members.

Jeanne LaSheff, May Anstee, Eva Smith

Priest Bless these women as they complete their service with the
Episcopal Church Women. Watch over them as they go forward to lead
in new ways, in Your honor.

Amen

The Recognition of the Continuing Officers

Jane Schenck reads the names of the continuing board members.

Reverend Healy, I present to you these women who are continuing to serve as Board Members for the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago.

Judy Greaves, Helen Mensing, Susan O'Brien, The Rev. Trilby Murray, Diane Edwards, Jenny Frederickson, Maryfran Crist, Linda Toberman, and Beth Petti.

Priest My sisters in Christ, do you choose to continue to serve on the Board of the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Chicago?

Board **We do.**

Priest I reinstall you as Board Members for the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago. May God richly bless you in this service.



The Installation of the President and Newly Appointed Members at Large

Beth Petti, committee chairman, presents the newly elected President and the newly appointed Members at Large.



Beth Reverend Healy, I present to you Jane Schenck, to serve as President of the Board for the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago and the following women who will serve the Board as Members at Large: Helena Echoles-Carlson, Judi Jordan, Carolyn Levystein, Peg Newby and Wanda Norris

Priest My sisters in Christ, are you convinced that the work of this ministry is so important that you will be diligent and faithful in performing the same?

All **We are so convinced.**



Priest Will you strive faithfully and reverently to execute the duties of your office knowing that in serving others, you serve Christ?

All **I will with God's help.**

Priest Jane, I install you as President of the Board for the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago.

Helena, Judi, Carolyn, Peg, and Wanda,

I install you as Members at Large of the Board for the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago.

I invite everyone to read together.

The ECW Prayer (on following slide)



The ECW Prayer

All (on mute) **Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen.**

The Blessing of the United Thank Offering

Linda The United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering looks very different this year. If we were meeting in person at this time, all of you would come forward with the UTO Spring Ingathering checks from your churches. However, this service is virtual, and in this springtime of new life and new beginnings, there is still a continued need to help those less fortunate.

I would like you at this time to visualize your blue box. Think about one thing you are grateful for today and ask how to thank God for this blessing. Visualize putting your note of gratitude, coin or bill into the box. Now ask God to bring to mind one thing that you are grateful for each day for the next 30 days. And after this service or during the next 30 days, please send your blessings either by check or credit card to UTO by mail or text as written in the UTO report. Be sure to enter the name of your church and diocese. This is a wonderful way to start planting Spring seeds of a new or on-going practice of gratitude. It has been a difficult year for many; still we have been blessed by the generosity of several churches and individuals. So, with grateful hearts, let us begin our attitude of Gratitude for 2021.



The United Thank Offering Prayer

Priest Gracious God, we come before you in the knowledge that although we are varied in our gifts, we are united as laborers of your harvest. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the blessings and challenges that inspire the work of the United Thank Offering. May the offerings given to UTO as an expression of gratitude go on to address the needs of our ever-changing world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, whose life is a blueprint we strive to follow. Amen.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



A woman in a white dress stands in a field of tall grass, her arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. She is silhouetted against a bright, low sun that creates a strong lens flare and illuminates the sky with warm, golden light. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a darker blue at the top. The grass in the field is also bathed in the golden light of the sunset.

The Blessing

Priest

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thank you for attending our 2021 Annual Meeting

We hope you enjoyed your day with us and we will look forward
to seeing you again.

Special thanks to Bridget Schank and Hope Pavich, our speakers
The Rev. Catherine Healy and The Rev. Trilby Murray, our worship leaders
Catherine Belassie and Sue Campbell, our technical operators.

Upcoming Events



Altar Guild Conference

Stitches for God:
Needlepoint Across Our Diocese

September 18, 2021



Women's Fall Retreat

October 15-17, 2021

DeKoven Retreat Center
Racine, WI

For the latest information about women's ministries across the diocese, please see our website:

ecwchicago.org