



VOICES OF WOMEN

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND *Summer 2024*

Dear ECW Sisters,

Summer is here! Let the beautiful flowers of summer help you to take stock of God's grace this season. Graduations, Confirmations, catching up at Family Reunions, and Annual Picnics are seasonal opportunities that never grow old. Many of you are going on hiatus for the next two months, but please consider some way you can energize your chapter. A summer get together for your members or a Church Barbeque to reacquaint folks with ECW may be just the jump start to get your chapter on the way to a vibrant fall season.

Take advantage of the wonderful weather and let some fresh air into your chapter. Use Vacation Bible School or an outdoor event to get to know some of the mothers whom you don't get to see during the school year. Reconnect with those whom you haven't seen in a while and invite them to help plan your next meeting.

Open your windows, your doors, and your hearts to new members or revitalize old ones. Relax yourselves and the tensions of winter and enjoy God's gift of summer. Don't forget to take pictures! Please let us know all about your summer doings! Send the information to your Area Presidents or to the Voices of Women directly.

Have a Wonderful Summer! We'll see you in the fall.

Debbie Richberg
Diocesan ECW President
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Giving Thanks for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
And for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy
Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my
friends and family,
And for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray

No matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence

And light my path with Your word and counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me

A pure heart and a hunger and thirst for You.

Author Unknown

Submitted by
Barbara Taylor
Historian & Newsletter Editor





Triennial News **ECW** **Empowering Women of Faith**

The 51st Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women was held June 22 – June 28 at the Gault Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Members of the Diocesan ECW board who attended were : -

Debbie Richberg – President

Ancilla Friday – UTO Representative

Sheryl Edwards – Finance Chair

The Distinguished Woman this year 2024, from our Diocese, is our past President Lois Johnson-Rodney She was honored at a special luncheon on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

Congratulation Lois! May God continue to bless you in your ministry.

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Bishop Sean Rowe elected 28th presiding bishop



The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, was elected and confirmed June 26 at the 81st General Convention to serve as the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church US. Elections took place on June 26, 2024 at the General Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Seen here: Bishop Sean Rowe participates with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in a June 26 news conference after Rowe's election and confirmation as the 28th presiding bishop.

Submitted by
Vernese Smith
Publisher

Our Prayer Garden

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Long Island with the consent of the Bishop, The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, has created a **“Prayer Garden”** in memory of the late ***Bishop Orris George Walker Jr.*** on the grounds of the Walker House.

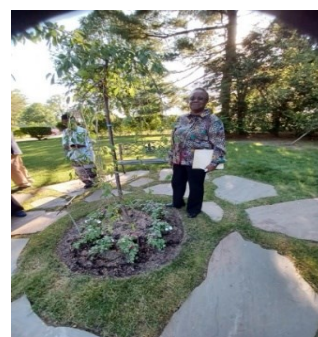
Over the past five years, Walker House has been carefully and lovingly restored and updated to serve as a home for ministries of hospitality and spiritual refreshment in the heart of Garden City.

A celebration of the growing ministry of the Walker House, its 100th anniversary of completion, and the dedication of the new meditation garden was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at Walker House, 59 Third Street, Garden City 11530.

Remarks from ministry leaders included Bishop Lawrence Provenzano, The Very Rev. Canon Sniffen, the ECW Board President Debbie Richberg, and past President Lois Rodney-Johnson helped to celebrate the ministry of Bishop Walker.

Information on the use of the house for ministries of hospitality, spiritual refreshment and a special thank you to all involved in the completion of the memorial garden was shared.

The event was well attended and concluded with a reception, and a tour of Walker House.



Submitted by
Sheryl Edwards
Finance Chair

Please visit our web page

www.dioceseli.org/ecw

Click on the Diocese of Long Island website at www.dioceseli.org/ecw and then on Programs and Ministries and lo and behold, you will see ECW. All you ever wanted to know about ECW and your diocesan board. There are new updates for you. Meet the Diocesan Board Members!

The Diocesan Board



2024 Scholarship Winners ***Congratulations!***

The Diocesan ECW Board is pleased to announce the 2024 scholarship winners.

Two of the awardees are high school seniors:

Kyra Colquhoun of The Church of the Messiah, Central Islip; majoring in biology on a pre-med track and accepted at nine universities.

Breanna Questel of St. Mark's, Islip; majoring in character design and accepted at The Fashion Institute of Technology.

One is a third- year college student:

Ritchelle Exavier of The Church of the Messiah, Central Islip; majoring in marketing /advertising and communications at Baruch College.

One is a female adult:

Richkisha Walcott of St. Gabriel's Church, Hollis; pursuing a master's degree in Public Health in Health Policy and Management at the CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy.

Diocesan Scholarship Committee

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ECW OF BOOKLYN

Epiphany and Saint Simon Strawberry Festival 2024

The Church of the Epiphany and St. Simon Episcopal Church women hosted their 24th Annual Strawberry Festival on June 1, 2024. This event was held outdoor on the Parish Lawn . It was well attended, and everyone enjoyed Strawberry Bingo, our Traditional Hat Parade, a Silent Auction, and delicious strawberry desserts.



Submitted by
Sheryl Edwards
ESS ECW President



ECW OF QUEENS

Meet your new President
Phyllis Fibleuil

Congratulations Ms. Etta

You're as old as you feel, and you look great Ms. Etta!

Celebrating her 99th birthday on June 15th, is Ms. Etta Blagrove, a long-standing member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Cambria Heights, Queens. Her son Mark was invited to celebrate with her at a special birthday luncheon held in her honor after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, June 9th.



Phyllis Fibleuil
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ECW OF SUFFOLK

Meet your new President



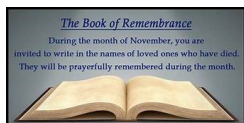
Sandra Townsend is a retired Administrator, a lifelong Episcopalian and an active member of The Episcopal Church of The Messiah, in Central Islip. She served as Church Warden from 2013 to 2017 and from 2021 to

present, has been the Altar Guild Directress, a member of ECW, and a member of the Church's Food Pantry for more than a dozen years.

Sandra and other dedicated volunteers kept the Pantry open continuously throughout the height of the pandemic, and continue to serve between 50 and 60 families biweekly.

I will be reaching out to the Nassau ladies to revive the Nassau ECW. If you are interested in helping in this venture or running for office, please contact me.

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Diocese of Long Island

Book of Remembrance Memorial Gift Application

The Memorial Donations from the Book of Remembrance Mass are given as Memorial Gifts to a **diocesan, national or international** cause or project on an annual basis. If you know a cause or project that could benefit from an Episcopal Church Women Book of Remembrance Memorial Gift, please complete the following Memorial Gift Application, and submit it to the ECW Diocesan Chair listed below. Causes or projects will be selected to coincide with the annual rotation selection guidelines.

Name of Applicant _____ **Telephone #** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Name of Cause Project _____

Description of Cause or Project _____

Cause or Project _____

Contact Person _____ **Telephone #** _____

Submit Completed Application to: **Cynthia Stephens,**
ECW Diocesan BOR Chair
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ALTAR GUILD

Diocesan Altar Guild Tours Cathedral of St. John the Divine

In April, members of the Diocesan Altar Guild got to experience the life of a great cathedral in a way many visitors do not. "As we arrived, a large high school choir was singing. As we listened to the music fill the nave, we had some time to explore on our own," said the Very Rev. Laurence Byrne, chaplain. "A knowledgeable guide led us on a tour of the highlights of the cathedral. No doubt some of our questions were tricky to answer. Following the tour, I was honored to preside at a eucharist in the St. Ambrose chapel. In short, our trip to the Cathedral Church of St. John was, well, divine!"



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Suffolk County Legislature Honors The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Long Island

On the sixteenth of March at our Quiet Day event, Suffolk County Legislator, Jason Richberg, presented the ECW Diocesan Board with a proclamation.

It recognized the fact that we are women of all ages whose purpose is to assist the women of the church and that we champion women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family.

The county of Suffolk recognizes that the mission of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Long Island is to uplift and support the members of their community.

The proclamation is issued to the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Long Island commending and thanking them for their service to the community.

Barbara Taylor
Historian

*SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE (SCI)**Christmas at Sea*

As a Christmas At Sea (CAS) volunteer, you are joining an inclusive, supportive community that represents the oldest and longest continuously running charter knitting program in the U.S. CAS was founded by the Episcopal Church in 1898. CAS delivers the highest volume of knitted gifts to international seafarers of any non-profit, and we are the only chaplaincy delivering knit gifts to the thousands of professional U.S. mariners at work aboard towboats, harbor tugs, and dredges on the Mississippi River system and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterways.

PLEASE CONTINUE your knitting, crocheting, and sewing hats, scarves, cowls, socks, and ditty bags for this wonderful charity!!! Keep the Mariners and Seafarers in your hearts at Christmastime! Call or text **Angie Morris, 631-616-9012, SCI Coordinator** on the LI Diocesan ECW Board if you would like a visit at your church about SCI and/or about lessons in knitting, crocheting, or sewing for SCI. She would be happy to schedule a visit.

Pickups of the knits will be in **November**.

A **BUS TRIP** to tour SCI's wonderful facility in **Port Newark, NJ** is currently in the planning stages for the **fall, 2024**. Please regularly **check the diocesan webpage** for upcoming information on this great trip!

Angie Morris
SCI Liaison
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Please mark your calendars and save the date for our annual Book of Remembrance Service and Annual Meeting.

Saturday, November 2, 2024 – Book of Remembrance Service at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City. Names of loved one lost during the last year will be remembered during the service.

The Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting will follow the service. All are encouraged to attend and meet with fellow ECW members from across the diocese. Voting will take place and a luncheon is being planned.

The Diocesan Board



Church Periodical Club (CPC) Connect

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters in Jesus

My name is Ilanye LongJohn, and I am honored to serve as a liaison for the Church Periodical Club (CPC). It is a privilege representing the Episcopal Church Woman in the Diocese of Long Island, that is deeply committed to spreading the word of God and promoting literacy and education around the world through the CPC program.

The Church Periodical Club, often referred to as CPC, was founded in 1888 with a simple yet profound mission: to provide reading and educational materials to those who need them but cannot afford them. For over a century, we have been dedicated to fostering a love of reading and learning, supporting educational initiatives, and enhancing literacy within our communities and beyond.

One of the most heartwarming aspects of CPC is our commitment to ensuring that everyone, regardless of their circumstances, has access to the written word. We believe that through Christian books and educational resources, we can open doors to new opportunities, inspire minds, and share the message of God's love and wisdom.

We have several key programs that I'd like to highlight:

1. **Miles of Pennies:** This program is a grassroots initiative where we collect pennies (or any amount of currency) to purchase children's books for schools, libraries, and organizations in need. It's incredible how something as small as a penny can contribute to such a meaningful cause.

2. **National Books Fund:** Established in 1940, this fund provides grants for books and educational materials to various groups within the Anglican Communion. The National Books Fund helps equip libraries, study groups, and community centers with resources that enrich lives and support Christian Education.

3. **CPC Overseas:** Through this initiative, we extend our reach beyond the United States, supplying books and educational materials to Episcopal dioceses and schools around the globe. This program embodies our commitment to global fellowship and support.

I'll be reaching out to various churches in the area to discuss more about the Church Periodical Club Program, and how you can get involved. I look forward to expanding our community and working together to accomplish this important humanitarian mission.

Stay tuned for an upcoming symposium where we will share more information about our programs.

Check out the Diocesan ECW website for more updates.

Thank you for your time and for considering how you can be part of this meaningful journey. Together, we can share the gift of knowledge, enrich lives, and glorify God through our efforts. May God bless you all.

Ilanye LongJohn
CPC Liaison



Team Barbara & Vernese



This newsletter will be published once every quarter for distribution in the months of April, July, October, and January. We welcome any questions regarding the role of the Episcopal Church Women in the Church. In order to research and answer your questions in a timely manner, questions must be received by the **15th day** of the month after publications. We will certainly do our best to address all questions received. You may also send us suggestions on things you would like to see or comments on the helpfulness of this newsletter. We certainly hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter, and may God bless you as you continue your ministry in the world.

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