



VOICES OF WOMEN

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND
Fall 2024



Happy Fall My Sisters! And Happy Anniversary!

Fall is a season of new beginnings for me. Our Lord decorates the landscape with different, vibrant colors. And everything old is new again. The trees we heralded when we saw new buds and vibrant green leaves are now hues of orange, red and yellow. As our summer flowers fade away, bright Autumn flowers decorate our paths. Festivals of Harvests and Homecomings give us one last chance to enjoy the outdoors before we prepare for the upcoming winter season.

As Christians, we are closing out this year and getting ready for the new one. Now is the time to reflect on all the hard work we put in this year; take stock of our programs, policies and procedures. Take a hard look at what went well and what you would like to change. We can re-invigorate our chapters, reach out to lapsed members and invite newcomers. Take this season as an opportunity to revise and improve on what we have done in the past and also try something new.

Fall is also the season of thankfulness and gratitude. Take the time to say thank you to your members and leaders who help get the work done throughout the year.

Thank you to the Diocesan Board; a dedicated, committed group of women who supported me this year, and your chapters. Thank you, also, to each of you who work to support your parish, your chapter and the Diocese week after week.

I ask you now to continue to put your time and talents to work for God's purpose. Our goals and objectives have not changed for over 153 years; to serve women and girls, champion women's rights and support the Christian foundation of God and family.

Here's to another successful year! I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Debbie



October 1, 2024

Greetings my sisters in Christ,

Just a friendly reminder to pay your dues for 2024. If your parish has fulfilled this obligation, please disregard this reminder.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Long Island please note:

1. The fiscal year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st each year.
2. Monies received after December 15th will be credited to the next fiscal year.
3. Each parish shall make an annual contribution to support the diocesan budget of the ECW and donations from individuals will be gratefully accepted.
4. It is suggested that each participating parish contribute \$150, or as much as they are able, annually to support the budget.

Monies in the budget cover operating expenses such as the bonding of those who handle money, audits, postage, supplies, Triennial delegate expenses, handbooks, National and Province ECW dues etc.

I strongly urge you to support the budget so that the work of the board can be accomplished in a timely manner.

Checks are to be made payable to the **ECW - Diocese of Long Island** and sent to

Sheryl Edwards
119 Lucille Street
Hempstead, NY 11550, or to the Diocesan Treasurer,

Vernese Smith

227-40 109th Avenue
Queens Village, NY 11429

Thank you for your prompt attention and I look forward to receiving your contribution.
Yours Respectfully

Sheryl Edwards
Finance Chair

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Episcopal Church Women
of
The Diocese of Long Island

cordially invite you to the

2024 ANNUAL MEETING
INFORMATION DAY & LUNCHEON

Friday, November 1, 2024

at

THE GARDEN CITY CASINO

51 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530

Following the Book of Remembrance Service at
The Cathedral of the Incarnation

Lunch \$35.00 per person – prepaid

MEETING PREVIEW

ECW Ministries Reports

Elections

Open Discussions

Fellowship

Deadline for Luncheon Tickets – Monday, October 21, 2024

For tickets contact Treasurer Vernese Smith 646 584-3903

or

Finance Chair Sheryl Edwards 347 452-1033

Make checks payable to *ECW - Diocese of Long Island*
and mail to

Vernese Smith

227-40 109th Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11429



Luncheon Reservation Form

DEADLINE: October 21, 2024

Name of Church : _____

Address: _____

Area: Brooklyn Nassau Queens Suffolk

Number of attendees: _____

ECW Coordinator: _____

Contact #: _____

Lunch menu choices

Chicken

Total # _____

Salmon

Total # _____

Vegetarian

Total # _____

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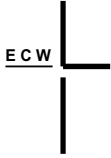
2024 Scholarship Winner

On June 23rd Sharon Hunter, the Queens ECW vice-president, presented Richkisha Walcott, of St. Gabriel's Church, Hollis with her Diocesan ECW scholarship award of \$500 and a lovely bouquet of flowers.



Congratulations, Richkisha!

*From the
Diocesan Scholarship Committee*



Diocese of Long Island

The Episcopal Church Women Scholarship Application

2025 - Application Instructions

This application is to be completed by any woman (not just H.S. seniors) who wishes to pursue higher education and has been accepted for admission to an accredited college, community college, or vocational/trade school, in the United States for fall 2025. One scholarship will be awarded in each county.

Scholarship recipient will receive a financial award of \$500.00. Winners will be notified by June 1, 2025

To be eligible for the Scholarship, you must:

- Be a Baptized Member of an Episcopal/Anglican Church.
- You must have a High School or GED Diploma.
- Required to be in a parish within the Diocese of Long Island

You must submit a complete application packet with the following:

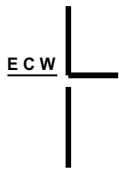
- Personal Information Form (See attachment)
- One letter of recommendation written by your Priest or Church Warden
- A typed written essay of 300 words or less of your involvement with your parish and/or the Episcopal Church

Completed application packet must be postmarked or emailed by
Friday, April 26, 2025 to: Ms. B. Taylor
190-17 Nashville Blvd.
Springfield Gardens., NY 11413

I certify that all of the information contained within this application is accurate.

Applicant's Name (Please Print) _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date _____



Diocese of Long Island

The Episcopal Church Women Scholarship Application

Personal Information

Print or type your responses in the following information

Applicant's Name (Please Print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: Home _____

Cell _____

Email: _____

Circle Birth Range: **18-26** **25-35** **36+**

Name of Church _____

County _____

Intended Major/Certificate: _____

Institution to which you have been accepted: _____

Career Goal (50 words or less):



The Diocesan Altar Guild presents an
Advent Quiet Day
Saturday, December 14, 2024



IN THE GLOW OF THE CANDLES...A BISHOP REFLECTS ON ADVENT

*The Diocesan Altar Guild welcomes YOU- Altar Guild member or not! -
for a day of rest, fellowship, reflection and prayer as we each prepare
our hearts to be a home where such a mighty guest may come.*



Will: The

D.A.G.'s annual Quiet Day. Treat yourself to the gift of time in the midst of the holiday rush. A little quiet can go a long way to help us to look deeper than a Hallmark movie to find the transformative beauty of the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

We are fortunate to welcome Bishop William Franklin as our speaker this year.

Who: Altar Guild members and *all* who wish to attend.

When: Saturday, December 14, 2024 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Where: The Mercer School of Theology 36 Cathedral Ave. Garden City.

Plenty of parking and a short walk from the LIRR station

Cost: \$25.00 including lunch. \$10 without lunch

Questions: Please call Jane Ames 516-921-0580

Register: Please register by December 7th. Return the form below
by mail or drop by our table at the Diocesan Convention.



Advent Quiet Day Registration

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Parish _____ DAG Member? Yes Not Yet

Please Circle one : Regular lunch Vegetarian Lunch No Lunch

Please make your registration check payable to Altar Guild, Diocese of Long Island

Please register by December 7th

Mail this registration to: Sally Bergmeyer, 3370 165th St. Flushing, NY 11358

Jane Ames,
President - Diocesan Altar Guild
janeames913@gmail.com
516-921-0580



SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE (SCI)

Christmas at Sea



The collection for the **Christmas At Sea Program** is fast approaching!

Do you have your handmade hats, scarves, socks, toiletries and ditty bags ready for **SCI (Seamen's Church Institute)** yet?

The pickup date is **Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, 12 noon at the Cathedral door**. OR, you can bring your bags to the **Luncheon after the Book of Remembrance Mass on Friday, Nov. 1**. Please remember to **mark your bags** with your church name and how many you have. It is very helpful to have a **tag attached** to each item that specifies where it came from with a Christmas message.

THANK YOU ONE and ALL FOR SHARING YOUR SKILLS WITH SCI! Each article you knit, crochet, or sew becomes a blessing to a cargo ship mariner and warms his or her heart at Christmastime when they stop at Port Newark, NJ. Remember, over 90% of all the goods we buy: food, clothes, cars, parts, toys, furniture, etc. come to our ports via cargo ships! These mariners are on the container ships 6 to 9 months at a time! They get a warm welcome, gifts, respite, pastoral care, and other services when they come to our US ports! **YOU** are a very big part of that welcome at Port Newark! !

Thank You!

Angie Morris
SCI Liaison
631 626-9012

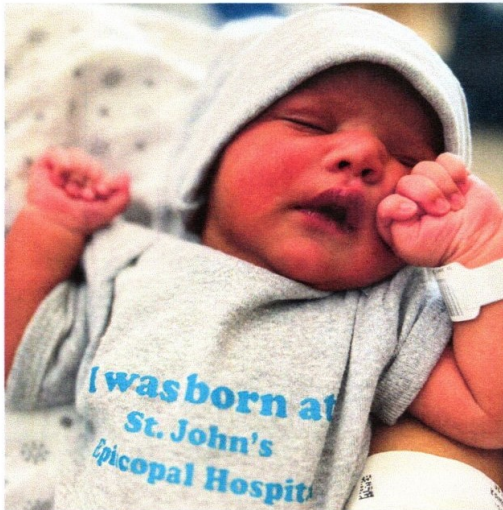
Ministry in Action



Pictured at left is Valerie Philpotts with packed Mother & Baby bags at St. John's Hospital iCare office in Garden City in September.

Meet The new St. John's Episcopal Hospital LDRP

Delivering Our Future
The New Labor, Delivery, Recovery, Postpartum
Unit At St. John's Episcopal Hospital



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Don't forget to visit our web page

www.dioceseli.org/ecw

It is that time of year again when we care for our youngsters who will be our leaders in the future. This holiday season, let us spread the joy, peace, love and laughter that fill our hearts, and send a blessed gift of hope to these little ones.



If you are interested in donating **NEW, UNWRAPPED, and GENDER NEUTRAL** toys for children ages 6 months to 12 years, you can visit our charity registries until **Friday, December 13, 2024.**

PURCHASE DIRECTLY FROM:

Amazon: Log in to your Amazon.com account and click "Find a List or Registry".

Search St. John's ICARE Foundation and click on Holiday Toy Drive

Walmart: Search in Registry for Good, "Episcopal Health Services Inc"

Target: Head to <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/icaretoydrive> to purchase items



If you would like to mail in a check for us to purchase toys in your name, please make it out to the St. John's ICARE Foundation and mail it to the address below. To make it easier use the QR code here or go online at sjcarefoundation.org/Holiday-Toy-Drive

Send all Toys/Donations to the Following Address:

St. John's ICARE Foundation • 377 Oak Street, Suite 209 • Garden City, NY 11530
Attention: **Ceallaigh Watts, Manager of Foundation Programs and Events**

To learn more about the Holiday Toy Drive, contact one of our subcommittee members:

Debbie Richberg | 631-816-1717 | debbierichberg@yahoo.com

Valerie Philpotts | 718-528-0466 | veeann29@hotmail.com

As you prepare for a wonderful Advent



Team Barbara and 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.

Questions may be sent via email to the committee members:

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