

## **BIRMINGHAM CONVOCATION ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

**As usual, the Birmingham Convocation began its year with a meeting of the ECW presidents. I am always anxious to share with this group the meeting of the ECW Board at Camp McDowell early in January. For this meeting we met at St. Stephen's on a Saturday morning, January 22. We always bring our calendar workbooks so we can go over dates and pertinent information for the upcoming year.**

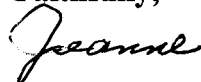
**It had just been announced that St. John's, Ensley closed in November. Their ECW sent their treasury balance to the diocese to establish a scholarship to be known at "St. John's, Ensley ECW Scholarship. A designated amount will be awarded annually to a deserving young person in the Diocese of Alabama entering college.**

**For the Spring Convocation meeting, we again returned to the Church of the Advent to enjoy the Lenten speaker. We had our usual business meeting,, enjoyed presentations from various parishes as to their activities, followed by a magnificent program given by Sis and Jerry Levin hearing of their work in Israel and Palestine. We adjourned in time to go to church to hear the guest speaker, The Rev. Mary Hayes, Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We then enjoyed a delicious dutch lunch, prepared by the Church of the Advent women.**

**Now, all plans are made for our Fall Convocation meeting to be held at St. Mark's Church in Birmingham. This, too will be an exciting day as well. We realize that we only get together twice a year and I truly believe this is a time we all are looking forward to. After registration we will assemble in the nave for the Eucharist with the Rev. Charles Taylor as the celebrant. After communion we will have the installation of officers for the next term. Fiona Watts, St. Stephen's will be president/Coordinator; Liz Ensey, Grace Church, President elect/Vice President and Alyce Daniel, St. Michael's, Treasurer. We will have our regular sharing time and Margaret Jameson will give her program on "Anglican Prayer Beads. We will have a box luncheon followed by lots of good conversation.**

**I must say, as Coordinator of the Birmingham Convocation for the last three years, this has truly been an experience that I have witnessed God working in our midst. I know this will continue into the next administration.**

**Faithfully,**



**Jeanne Frederick,  
Coordinator**