

**EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH WOMEN - DIOCESE OF ALABAMA  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2006  
CANTERBURY CHAPEL  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alleen Cater, Dee Buzby, Betty F. Scroggins, Brenda Mayhall, Sallie Lowe, Tora Johnson, Gethryn Giles, Olivia Weingarten, Sally Sinclair, Andi Silberman, Adele Colvin, Ginger Buck, Joyce Dryden, Fiona Watts, Valerie Burnes, Sally Feuerlein, Tana Branch, Jane Dickson, Carol Jean Exby, Barbara Carpenter, Lisa- Cade S. Gruner, and The Reverend Deacon Carolyn Foster.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anne Kimsey and The Right Reverend Henry N. Parsley, Jr., who are on mission to Haiti, Barbara Mitchell and Nancy Thompson.

GUESTS ATTENDING: Ms. Dianne Moyer, Department Chair for the proposed new camp chapel, and sitting on the ACTS2 Campaign Committee.

President Cater called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The devotional was given by Ms. Adele Colvin paralleling the personal story of sisters with the story of Mary and Martha, expanding the theme of *Christ in the House of Mary and Martha*, the ECW theme for 2006. Ms. Colvin passed out a game as a test for Mary and Martha, and asked all to pray for the Board members and the work of the board in the coming year.

#### MINUTES

Due to the short turn around from September 13, 2006 to October 5, 2006, some members had not downloaded and read the September minutes. Hard copies were passed out and after time to check, the September 13, 2006 minutes were approved, as amended, on motion by President Elect Dee Buzby. The amendment concerned the twice amended 2007 Proposed Budget pertaining to the line item designated "President Elect Fund. This item should read \$300.00 (Three Hundred Dollars) not \$400.00 (Four Hundred dollars). Treasurer Brenda Mayhall called for the amendment.

#### PROVINCE IV PRAYER NETWORK

President Cater called for Gethryn Giles' report on the organization of the Prayer Partners' Project. Mrs. Giles' background information concerning differences in language such as deaneries rather than convocations, and Southwest Florida having 78 board members as opposed to 47 in Alabama, expressed, somewhat, the scope of the project. She distributed packets that contained a letter of instruction and assignment. She had to expand the assignments to include the Scholarship Committee members as well as parishes not having an active ECW to cover the disparity in numbers. She also suggested the coordinators that the Daughters of the King members could also be utilized. President Cater thanked Mrs. Giles for her time and effort and justified that time and effort by reminding the members that this project came out of the Province IV meeting at Kanuga and was reinforced at Triennial, therefore it is an important part of the ECW's work for the coming year.

A report on the coming year's calendar was given by President Elect Buzby. They were given out to the members and extra were available for a charge of \$3.00. Upon being complimented for a job well done, Mrs. Buzby remarked that thanks for help were owed to her family and to Lisa Gruner, Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Gruner explained the PDF feature available on line which would enable anyone to download the new calendar/handbook at any time, as well as other things.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Sally Sinclair and Lisa Gruner Reporting; Mrs. Gruner reported that getting information and updates has improved, although she has not gotten all e-mail addresses. This is the next goal. Approximately 65 to 70 % can be automatically e-mailed at present. Black Belt Convocation Chair Valerie Burnes suggested adding two lines to conference and convocation registration sheets asking "Do you hold an office?," and "What is your e-mail address?." Mrs. Gruner suggested that Convocation Coordinators check the website for a list of parishes that have updated information or that has information blanks. She has also designated "No active ECW" if known.

She stated that updating and keeping the clergy directory current is proving quite a job because of so much movement, and differing lists received. A solution for this will need to be found as this will be an on-going project.

Mrs. Sinclair reported increasing use of the website and means of expanding and/or refining information and services. She stated that the Parish Information Sheet is already available for downloading, but she wants to make it so that it can be filled out on-line. She stated that she could post all information on the Prayer Partners Network when assignments are finalized.

President Cater thanked Mrs. Sinclair for all her contributions to the website, not only time and knowledge, but also monetarily, as this field is Mrs. Sinclair's occupation. President Cater also complimented Mrs. Gruner for an "heroic" job.

A question was raised as to the use of the ECW Web by the clergy. President Cater's opinion was that they would, as in future, they realize the usefulness of the directory.

President Cater said that during the use of the Corporate Gift Banner, she was made aware that it needed protection when it traveled and mentioned it to a good friend of hers and now the banner has a donated cover that is very attractive and useful. She reminded the members that the use of the banner may be requested for use at such things as installation of a new priest.

## BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Ideas-Suggestions-Questions for further discussion-Requests

A list of people within the diocese that are available for programs.

Thank you letters to all parish presidents.

Having Parish President Checklist available for downloading and posting job descriptions.

The existence of a study page on the website which can be used for program matter as well as passing daily uplifting messages needs developing. A committee consisting of Dr. Mary Olson, Dee Buzby and Tana Branch as Chair was appointed to explore the possibilities of this service for usability and supply.

President Cater mentioned e-mailing reminders of the yearly contribution and the memorial roll.

Mrs. Sinclair asked for information and/or articles for the *APOSTLE*. She realizes that the long lead-in time of two months is a factor, but she stated that the ECW needs to keep its presence in the newsletter. If the event cannot be advertised before, then write up a report after the event and use the website for publicizing short term events.

The necessity for having a Fall Convocation Meeting within days of the Fall Conference Meeting was brought up with the caveat of having members do more than necessary. Having more than one meeting seems redundant.

President Cater announced that travel arrangements by the Diocese of Atlanta has broken down and the Conference speaker, The Reverend Barbara Crafton, will be delayed this afternoon, therefore the agenda may have to be amended.

#### ACTS2 CAMPAIGN

At this time, President Cater introduced Mrs. Dianne Moyer, department Chair for the new chapel and a member of the ACTS2 Committee. Mrs. Moyer began by saying that she would, of course, welcome the ECW's contribution to the Chapel, but that there are many wonderful opportunities for giving. At first there were 147 ideas which were reduced to the present six. She reiterated many of the statements in the ACTS2 Brochure and as first made to us by Bishop Parsley. She stated that there is a DVD available to any parish upon request. She asked that a decision be reached on the amount of the contribution as well as the naming of the part of the project so that this can be announced at the Diocesan Convention in February 2007. President Cater replied that those decisions would be discussed in the next two months and decisions made at the January 2007 Retreat and Board Meeting---that the current consensus of opinion is that each parish would have a special project and the money pooled. President Cater thanked Mrs. Moyer for her attendance and reminded the Board that Mrs. Moyer would speak to the general body of the Convention.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m., by the recitation of the ECW Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty F. Scroggins, Secretary

**THE MINUTES OF THE 117<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN – DIOCESE OF ALABAMA**  
**TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**  
**OCTOBER 5-6, 2006**

The Black Belt Convocation hosted the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Alabama at Canterbury Chapel and Christ Church on October 5-6, 2006. The speaker was The Reverend Barbara Crafton from New Jersey.

Alleen Cater, Diocesan ECW President, called the 117<sup>th</sup> Opening Session to order at 1:05 p.m., and gave thanks for the Noonday Prayer Service held by The Reverend Ken Fields and the luncheon provided to the members.

She then recognized Black Belt Coordinator Valerie Burnes who welcomed everyone and thanked Canterbury Chapel and Christ Church

for their wonderful support. A representative from Christ Church extended the invitation to the Wine and Cheese Party with a dinner following. The second speaker's address will be held there with The Reverend David Meginniss officiating at Compline.

President Cater recognized the attending clergy: The Right Reverend Robert O. Miller, Bishop of Alabama, standing in for Bishop Parsley, The Reverend Canon Heidi Kenner, The Reverend Canon Joe Warren, The Reverend Ken Fields, The Reverend Frank Young, The Reverend Marianne Stephens, The Reverend David Meginniss, The Reverend Deacons Janet Mason and Carolyn Foster. She also recognized Ms. Thornton, Interpreter for the Deaf.

She explained how she had hoped that the representatives from Mississippi and Louisiana, who were at Triennial and whom she had invited to attend our conference since they are still very disorganized by Katrina's effects, would be present. They could not attend but need to be remembered in our prayers.

The ECW Board members were then recognized and complimented on their work and willingness to come further into the computer age by handling much of the paperwork by e-mail and using the website development.

Past President Olivia Weingarten was called forward and President Cater presented her with an *Honored Woman* certificate, awarded her and announced at Triennial at the National Convention in Columbus. Mrs. Weingarten expressed her thanks and declared that the ECW "had been and is one of the most special things in her life". President Cater then presented Sally Sinclair an *Honorable Mention* award for her effort in developing the ECW website for Alabama.

The next order of business concerned a committee to take suggestions and decide on the use for the alms to be taken during the conference. The members appointed were Valerie Burnes, Jane Dickson and Carol Jean Exby.

President Cater reminded the members of the information/sales tables. She also explained that jackets such as she was wearing, made in the Holy Land, and available through the ministry of Sis Levin were available to order. The ministry of the Levins is the only Anglican presence in Bethlehem.

She explained the delay in the arrival of the speaker, The Reverend Crafton and inserted recognition of the United Thank Offering Coordinator, Tora Johnson, and the District IV Representative Zona Tounsley. The Scholarship Committee and the Nominating Committee were introduced.

## PARISH/CONVOCATION SHARING TIME

President Cater presided over the sharing time with a three minute limit set and Gethryn Giles appointed time keeper. The order had been previously set at registration.

### ST. STEPHEN'S – EUTAW – BLACK BELT CONVOCATION – KATHLEEN BANKS

No fund raising news but the members were asked to see their display tables as Mr. Barry Vaughn, who teaches at the University of Alabama, has written a book about the Diocese of Alabama, and copies are there. He strongly suggests putting parish history and records on microfilm.

### GOOD SHEPHERD – TENNESSEE VALLEY CONVOCATION – CATHERINE BLACKNEY

Women's Weekend for May 2007, at Camp McDowell is the main focus for this convocation. Flyers, theme T-shirts and new plans to re-invigorate this gathering are available. An original poem was recited by the group about the WW plans.

### HOLY TRINITY – AUBURN – EAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE – TANA BRANCH

East Alabama will be hosting the 2007 Fall Conference in Auburn. The speaker will be Dr. Julia Gatta, Professor at The School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, to speak to our theme for 2007, *AND ALL SHALL BE WELL, FROM THE MINISTRY OF JULIAN OF NORWICH*. She further reported that Holy Trinity of Auburn has two groups---an arts and crafts group that meets on Wednesdays and a group that meets on Sunday afternoons. They have a yearly bazaar to sell the items made.

### ST. ANDREW'S – MONTEVALLO – BIRMINGHAM CONVOCATION – HELEN BUNN

This unit is growing. They are breaking ground for an expansion of their Christian education facilities and the ECW is being very active in financially supporting this expansion.

### ST. ANDREW'S – TUSKEGEE – EAST ALABAMA CONVOCATION – CONNIE PRICE

St Andrew's has great success fund raising with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. They have a clothes closet ministry. They have a Health Program, Summer Youth Camp Scholarships, treats for Study Days for Tuskegee students and fruit baskets for final exam days. A new activity is 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday night singing. They have care packages for shut-ins and have community activities to draw the people of Macon County together. They are purchasing chimes and bells for the church.

### TRINITY – BESSEMER – BIRMINGHAM CONVOCATION – DIANE COOPER

Trinity distributes blankets to the homeless, does birthday parties at Episcopal Place and has Tours of Homes in which their church features.

### CHRIST CHURCH – TUSCALOOSA – BLACK BELT CONVOCATION – KATHLEEN CRAMER

Their many activities include bridge lunches, family night suppers and Bingo box lunches for the local nursing home residents, fund raisers such as "An Evening in Paris". They have refurbished Randal Hall, published a Pictorial Directory, sponsored a Parish Retreat and a picnic. She stated that they have a vibrant leader and their goal is to draw all generations together. She reminded the group that the dinner centerpieces would be for sale tonight.

GRACE CHURCH – WOODLAWN – BIRMINGHAM CONVOCATION – BETHE ENSEY

This group works with the Birmingham shelters for homeless families, runs an Interfaith Hospitality House, has Episcopal Place activities such as a Labor Day Bar-B-Que, a UAB Campus ministry, has a Mayfair fund raiser for summer and a December Bazaar, has cookbooks for sale as well as a history of the church. Through the Alabama Child Care Foundation partnership with Blue Cross-Blue Shield, they help provide health insurance for many children.

EPIPHANY – GUNTERSVILLE – MOUNTAIN CONVOCATION – CAROL JEAN EXBY

This church has a new ECW which hosted their convocation meeting. As of yet, they have not taken on a special project, but are searching for one and ACTS2 will probably be chosen. This is a very active group involving the whole church.

ST. STEPHEN'S – HUNTSVILLE – TENNESSEE VALLEY CONVOCATION – EDIE FOSTER AND BEVERLY WILLS

With eighteen in the daytime group and twenty-five in the night group, their activities include working to feed 130 people in partnership with the Salvation Army, cheese ball fund raiser for outreach programs, refurbishing the Music Library, children's outreach projects, an Easter Bake Sale that purchased school supplies. In December, it is Christmas Eggs and ornaments, January is wine and Bingo, February is Mardi Gras---costumes and all---March is a St. Patrick's Dinner and they provide lunch for two parish workshop days a year.

ST. PAUL'S – SELMA – BLACKBELT CONVOCATION – SANDY GREENE

St. Paul's is a very historic church with a small group that attends ECW, but everyone helps with the activities. Their main thrust is community outreach. Pumpkins purchased from an Indian Reservation in Arizona are put on sale, but the children at the Center of Early Intervention get one free. Benefits from the sale go a preschool program called "Little Friends". At the Lobsterfest, 600 plates were sold. Lenten lunches are popular. They have four care groups for the sick, the shut-in and the bereaved. Chances are sold on quilts until Easter each year.

GOOD SHEPARD – MONTGOMERY – MONTGOMERY CONVOCATION – GLWENDOLYN LIPSCOMB

This unit is committed to outreach with the following programs: care of high risk babies, serving as foster parents and facilitating adoptions, afterschool programs for both boys and girls, a fellowship sports ministry, multicultural cookbooks and Christmas Cards. They also sponsor Vacation Bible School.

CHRIST CHURCH – ALBERTVILLE – MOUNTAIN CONVOCATION – BRENDA MAYHALL

Cookbooks are on sale on display table. November 11 will be the Holiday Festival of Tables, a fund raiser at an old historic home next to the church, used for community activities and for housing Katrina victims also. The Holiday Tables demonstrate the themes of Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's, with lunch.

HOLY COMFORTER – GADSDEN – MOUNTAIN CONVOCATION – SHELIA McCARTNEY

This newly reactivated group is a large group and they chose three projects---Christmas Ornaments, outreach with Sharing of Bread, and a Holiday Bazaar with Bar-B-Que chicken dinners. They are also hosting a convocation meeting. They have made 48 prayer shawls since January to benefit their Children's Chapel.

ST. PAUL'S – LOWNDESBORO – MONTGOMERY CONVOCATION – GAYLE MORROW

This is a small community and services rotate among three churches. They organize Easter Egg hunts and Vacation Bible School using the collection for "Lunches for Learning In Honduras" program. They have renovated the Acolytes' Room in memory of a child who died, as a healing movement. Pictures of all past acolytes are to hang there. They hosted the Montgomery Fall convocation meeting and made meals to feed the Jonathan Daniel's marchers, filled Samaritan Christmas boxes, sent three youths to camp and every third Sunday, feeds the community.

ST. MATHEW'S – MADISON- TENNESSEE VALLEY CONVOCATION – SHERYL McGRATH

Their list of activities includes a Scholarship Day. CPC Sunday in May and UTO in November, Cookbooks. Rummage sales, contributing to their new building fund, meals and errands for people that need help, afternoon teas, cheese ball fund raiser, raffling of Mother's Day baskets, sale of Christmas wreaths and tying of bows, support of a orphanage in Africa, and the sending of Soldier Boxes.

GRACE CHURCH – CULLMAN – TENNESSEE VALLEY CONVOCATION – DIANNE MOYER

This unit's focus is on service projects such as volunteering at the Good Samaritan Health Clinic (time and meals), helping with abused women, Wilmer Hall, the Scholarship Fund, People in Need, Scholarships to camp, \$20.00 Wal-Mart Cards to college student, UTO, Yoga Night, ECW Night, cheese ball fund raiser and Easter Baskets.

GRACE CHURCH – SHEFFIELD – TENNESSEE VALLEY CONVOCATION – ALINE MULLER

This group meets quarterly but are very active. They sponsor a Gumbo Dinner after the W. C. Handy Festival, feed college students during exam week, and once a month, on cooperation with another church, knit prayer shawls, deliver Meals on Wheels, and have a freezer ministry.

ST. JAMES'S – LIVINGSTON – BLACK BELT CONVOCATION – MAGGIE NOLAND

Fall and Spring Yard sales, notecards and donations support activities such as Nursing Home parties, Harriet House and Children's Shelter, Katrina victims, 80 shawls and lap robes made, 90 sweaters and 9 wash cloths knitted, and chemo caps for children.

ASCENSION – MONTGOMERY – MONTGOMERY CONVOCATION – LISA PARISH

This unit just reactivated 1 and ½ years ago after the church split and are holding lunches to join the churches back together. They have had cheese ball sales and curry lunches to raise funds. They have a funeral committee, a home ministry, and a Seniors Program. They have just gotten a new Interim Rector.

NATIVITY – HUNTSVILLE – TENNESSEE VALLEY CONVOCATION – JEWELL REYNOLDS

Nativity has for 75 years held Bazaar in November with lunch and bake sales and a wine and cheese party help support ministries such as gift certificates for homeless women with children. They just had Sister Schubert as a speaker and found out that "she has done a lot more than just make delicious rolls". Mrs. Reynolds advised other units to invite Mrs. Schubert to speak.

ST. MICHAEL'S – FAYETTE – BLACK BELT CONVOCATION – CATHY ROBERTSON

This relatively young church of 50 families used everyone to hold county-wide Super Sunday Hoagie Meals, feed the poor, give scholarship, and provide for babies up to 3 years of age with a baby closet.

ST. STEPHENS

An annual tea party and tea and garden shop with about 23 decorated tables makes \$20,000. They also have a silent auction and fashion show and Prayer Breakfasts. In December a wine and cheese party, at which 150 people attend, supports gift cards from Target for the Safe House. They have a card guild that uses hand-painted cards.

ST. LUKE'S – BIRMINGHAM – BIRMINGHAM CONVOCATION – MARGARET SULLIVAN

All women are members and for the Advent Season, they have purchased an altar hanging in memory of the late Bishop Stough. They are Preschool partners with Advent and St. Mary's and sell soups to help support this endeavor. They have a White Reindeer sale and a Dove Tree for families in need of Christmas help.

ST. PETER'S – TALLADEGA – CHEAHA CONVOCATION – SHIRLEY WILSON

While they have no organized ECW, all are active. They have an active Daughters of the King chapter, set up Stations of the Cross when necessary, knit neonatal caps, and support the Seaman's Guild. They are very pleased to have as their new rector, The Reverend Neal Lawson and his wife Cindy.

CANTERBURY CHAPEL – TUSCALOOSA – BLACK BELT CONVOCATION – SUSAN WINDHAM

An idea coming from the Katrina experience was communion cases for extreme emergencies of any kind. The ruined churches had nothing with which to minister to the people. They had their 1<sup>st</sup> Sawyerville Leadership Conference. They use bake sales, coffee cups, a Spring Auction, sales of Christmas ornaments and sales of the Canterbury Cross to support Wilmer Hall and their Christmas effort, help three seminary students and needy children, and to have a ministry to the college students.

GRACE CHURCH – ANNISTON – CHEAHA CONVOCATION – JANE WOOD

Seven guilds have an activity every month, such as an annual wine and cheese party, a Lobsterfest, and bake sales. They helped raise \$12,000 for Habitat for Humanity, did cheese balls for Preschool Friends, have a soup ministry, work at the Salvation Army Women's Shelter and sponsor Rally Day to kick off Sunday School each year. They maintain a bulletin board solely for women's activities and snap-shots of same.

St. ANDREW'S – SYLACAUGA – CHEAHA CONVOCATION – ELIZABETH YOUNG

Three small churches band together to sell Christmas greenery, and support missionaries in Spain, Africa, and Damascus. (Trinity of Alpine-St. Mary's of Childersburg, and St. Andrews.)

HOLY COMFORTER – MONTGOMERY – MONTGOMERY CONVOCATION – BARBARA ZADARIUS

A Bar-B-Que and bake sale raised \$1,000 for this group. A wine and cheese party is being planned to organize a new guild. They have Pancake Suppers, Lenten Lunches, and do casseroles for sale during the month of December. January is for soup sales. All money goes to outreach.

ST. WILFRED'S – MARION – BLACK BELT CONVOCATION – VALERIE BURNES

This group hosted their Spring Convocation meeting. They raised \$3,500 for the burned churches. They sent snacks for Sawyerville and volunteered one day's service. The 77<sup>th</sup> Soup Luncheon and Bazaar was held and they had their first Lenten program. Much of their effort will go to building a playground for their church.

ST. MARK'S – BIRMINGHAM – BIRMINGHAM CONVOCATION –

A LIST OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDED: A Mother-daughter tea where the children perform; scholarships given to high school children; HAT DAY, an historical occasion, with a parade, gifts, tickets pulled for prizes and a prize for the best hat and history story; providing a public address system for the children's room; started Children's Sermon with the help of The Reverend Deacon Carolyn Foster; Mother and Father Day pins; celebration every first Sunday of all birthdays in that month; a funeral committee; and knit shawls and caps for newborn babies.

ST. JOHN'S FOR THE DEAF – BIRMINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM CONVOCATION – LILLY SMITH

St. John's is very proud to have The Reverend Marriane Stephens as their new rector. The ECW is active with a Bazaar, Bake Sales, and a raffle. Only six more needlepoint kneelers remain to be done. Installation of their new rector was October 28.

ST. PHILIP'S – FORT PAYNE – MOUNTAIN CONVOCATION – WRITTEN REPORT HANDED IN

The "Paintin' Saints" painted and decorated wooden cross ornament and snowflake mobiles for a fundraiser; gathered supplies for the elderly, home-bound and disabled; participated in the Adopt a Grandparent Christmas Project; provided meals following baptisms/confirmations; supported UGF, the ECW Scholarship Fund; Relay for Life and UTO.

At the end of the Sharing Session, everyone gave themselves and all the others a hand for all the work being done over the state. Mrs. Sinclair urged all the ECWs to post their activities on the website, [www.alabamaecw.org](http://www.alabamaecw.org); and if there's time put them into the *APOSTLE*. There is a time lag of two months for the newsletter, but the website is available immediately. It is a good advertisement for any fund raiser.

President Cater thanked the ECWs for the quantity, quality and diversity of the work done and expressed her encouragement to continue to seek out those who are need. As Speaker, Reverend Crafton was still in transit, President Cater called for a 15 minute break.

The meeting was continued upon the arrival of The Reverend Barbara Crafton. In President Cater's introduction we learned that Reverend Crafton is an Episcopal Priest, a spiritual director, author, actress, producer and director. She has worked for many years combining the lively arts and the life of faith, winning many awards, the most notable being numerous "Polly Bond" awards from Episcopal Communicators and the coveted "Gabriel Award" for religious broadcasting. She has served at several historic churches in the New York area and was a Chaplain at Ground Zero during the recovery effort after the World Tower Bombing. She is married to Richard Quaintance, a Professor of English Literature and has two children and two grandchildren.

Her first address started with the feelings surrounding the death of Lazarus, and led us to find that we have both Mary and Martha in us, in varying combinations, and that we need to balance these diverse "sides" if we are to be whole and fulfilled.

After the Reverend Crafton's address, the meeting was transferred to Christ Church for a wine and cheese party, dinner, and a second address by the Reverend Crafton, which included some of her experiences at Ground Zero. The Reverend David Meginniss officiated at Compline, and the meeting was adjourned until Friday, October 6, 2006 at 8:45 a.m.

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMENS' ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE**  
**OCTOBER 6, 2006**

The ECW Fall Conference reconvened on Friday, October 6, 2006 with a call to order from President Cater. After Prayer, she thanked everyone for the activities enjoyed the night before as well as the successes of Thursday's session. President Cater formally introduced herself, welcomed the members, and called for certification of the quorum. Black Belt Convocation Coordinator Valerie Burnes, reported 161 registered with 55 delegates, 20 board members and 10 clergy.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the Fall Conference of 2005, held at Mentone, Alabama, October 6-7, 2005, were approved by the body as published on the motion of Gethryn Giles, Mountain Convocation Coordinator.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Brenda Mayhall, Treasurer stated that the report is on-line as well as hard copies being distributed. This report carries the year's statement through 9/30/06, the last quarter of 2005, and the Proposed Budget for 2007. As of 9/30/06, the Checking Account balance reads \$13,895.43, and after Triennial expenses of \$7,348.87, the Triennial Account had a balance of \$3,632.20. She explained the Segregated Accounts and called attention to increases in CPC and UTO giving. CPC giving allowed the ECW to give 12 seminarians \$291.80 for education expenses.

She presented the Proposed Budget for 2007, and it being in balance, on the motion of Mrs. Buzby, was accepted and approved as proposed. This motion also included approval of the last quarter of 2005 and the three-quarters of 2006. An overview of the giving of each parish was furnished so that any lapses could be checked out and monies sent in to be brought up-to-date. (There is a hard copy of this report with its attachment, attached to the original hard copy of the minutes for future reference purposes.)

**CALENDAR/HANDBOOK**

President Elect Dee Buzby reported that the calendars were named and ready to be picked up by the parishes or convocation coordinators. She stressed the importance of the return of the green parish information sheet. Her helpers were recognized and thanks expressed. President Cater again stressed the importance of the developing data base and stated that communications are working much faster and in many instances, much cheaper.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair Joyce Dryden, reported the proposed slate of officers for 2008-2009:

President Elect - Gethryn Giles

Secretary – Marilyn Atkins

Treasurer – Carolyn Woodson

UTO Coordinator – Barbara Carpenter

When there were no nominations from the floor, on motion of Mrs. Buzby, this slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

President Cater announced that in the interest of time, the Committee Reports, in which no action was needed, have been posted on-line for access at any time and can be downloaded. She did call attention to the hand-out from Anne Kimsey, who is on the Haitian Mission with Bishop Parsley. Anne has asked that these sheets be filled out and returned as soon as possible. She stated that this is a very important part of our work and full records must be kept.

St. Wilfred's of Marion was recognized for furnishing coffee and snacks during the morning. St. James's was recognized for the registration process and St. Mathias, the "goody bags".

#### CORPORATE GIFT 2006 AND 2005

The Stough Cross should be completed by Spring. The concept of mounting it through the window has heightened the anticipation. This has been a two year process taking two year's budgeted money, and with Advent's help, the project will be completed as it should be.

#### ACTS2 – DIANE MOYER

Mrs. Moyer, who had previously spoken to the Board, presented a DVD and program on the Diocesan fundraiser called ACTS2; a 5.5 million dollar effort to add to and extend the facilities of the Diocese. She stated that the Diocese sees it as an instrument of healing---a coming together. Tora Johnson, who is the ECW representative to the Diocesan Board, stated that each parish should have at least one fundraiser. The ECW Board will decide the amount to be raised and decide the naming of the object or area to be gifted. They both stressed the importance of prayer in this process. President Cater said the matter would be decided and passed on at the January Retreat/Board Meeting in January of 2007.

The 2007 Corporate Gift was discussed and on motion by President Elect Buzby, seconded and passed by the body, it was decided that this \$2,000.00, would serve as the basis for the ACTS2 Campaign contribution for the ECW.

UTO Coordinator Tora Johnson gave the history of the Alms Basin and reminded the members that it is available for use by the parishes. The alms committee of Jane Dickson, Carol Jean Exby and Valerie Burnes will decide the use of the alms from today. She also reminded the group of the UTO Grant Application deadline of December 31, 2006.

#### WOMENS WEEKEND 2007

Good Shepherd of the Tennessee Valley Convocation invited everyone to Womens Weekend, May 18-20, 2007 at Camp McDowell. The Reverend Susan Sloan will speak to the theme "Celebrate Sisters".

#### 2007 FALL CONFERENCE -

East Alabama Convocation Coordinator Tana Branch issued a formal invitation to Auburn for the 2007 Fall Conference, and asked that each parish watch for the registration materials.

There being no further business at this time this business session was declared adjourned, and the conference continued with Reverend Crafton's final address. She also talked about her website and had an interactive time with the group.

CLOSING EUCHARIST

The Canterbury Chapel Choir invited others to join them for the music of the service, with Michael Williams as organist. The Reverend Barbara Grafton brought the message with The Right Reverend Robert O. Miller, Bishop of Alabama, serving as celebrant. He was assisted by The Reverends Ken Fields and Mariane Stephens, The Reverend Deacons Lynn Bullard and Carolyn Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betty F. Scroggins, Secretary

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Allen Cater, President

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Dee Buzby, President-Elect

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Brenda Mayhall, Treasurer

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Tora Johnson, UTO