

Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of Alabama
Report from the Corresponding Secretary – Lisa Gruner
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With the wonderful help of the Convocation Coordinators and other ECW board members, we've obtained Contact Information for a number of the parishes in our Diocese.

The primary information being requested via the Parish Information Form focuses on the ECW President/Contact Person, the UTO Chair, the CPC Chair, and the DOK Chair/President. We've stopped maintaining information about Altar Guild officers. The most up-to-date information is the President/Contact Person. I'm in the processing of rechecking the UTO, CPC, and DOK info that I have. Hopefully maintaining this info in the future won't be nearly as complicated as it has been getting this started and maintained. I'd like to recommend that we redesign our Parish ECW Information Sheet for 2007. Sally Sinclair and I also hope to add the capability on our website to complete a version of this form.

Sally Sinclair and I have collaborated closely this year to share ECW Contact Information from the parishes of the Diocese of Alabama. After each update of my database, I've shared what I had with Sally, and vice versa. The lists are updated and placed on the website so that the most current information should be available on the website.

The current statistics for our Contact Information stands at

Status Category	Number	Percentage
ECWs Providing Information in 2006	45	49%
ECWs Providing Information in 2005	6	6%
ECWs with no data available	21	23%
ECWs with Data Available but no Date	6	6%
<u>ECWs with no Known Active ECW</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15%</u>
Totals	92	100%

Of the ECW Presidents info, only 31 of 92 parishes have provided email addresses, not completely unexpected. I'm in the process of getting the available ECW president email addresses imported into an online Email service recommended by Sally Sinclair called Constant Contact. I've been using in our parish and feel ready to start using it for ECW. I plan to spend some time consulting with Sally to determine the best way to set this up to facilitate transitions in the future. This will have to be coordinated with the officer database (read that as extra work!) but well worth it in the long run.

We're finally at a point where we can begin sending wholesale correspondence via mail & email at least the Presidents! The initial letters should begin going out within a few days.

In other activities, I supported the Vice-President, Dee Buzby, in formatting the 2007 Calendar. The 2007 Calendar is ready for the presses! A PDF copy will be provided to Sally Sinclair to post on the website soon.

The Clergy Directory has been updated with the few pictures and updated information that I was able to get at the Diocesan Convention. Many thanks to Betty Scroggins for her help (& backup batteries!) at the Convention. I've been ready to release it and realized that all of the parish info needed to be double checked for all clergy. I have not completed that task at this time.