

President-Elect's Report
Episcopal Church Women – Diocese of Alabama
September 2, 2008 Meeting

The 2009 ECW Calendar/Handbook is scheduled to go to the printers on August 20th. Thanks to Fiona Watts for helping find a publisher that can print it and stay within our budget. Calendars will be distributed at the Fall Conference.

In thinking about the theme for the 2010 calendar I would like to consider **Missions and Ministries of the Parish ECW's in the Diocese of Alabama**. To test the waters for this Fran Lowe and I will be pushing the parishes to complete the "Parish Mission Activities Report" at the Fall Conference. Each parish will receive one when they pick up their calendars. The Rev. Margaret Rose, who is the Director of the Mission Leadership Center at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, has agreed to be the speaker for our 2010 Fall Conference. She was recently featured in the [Communiqué](#), the publication of the National ECW

In addition to attending Women's Weekend and going to Kanuga in June, I attended the UTO Face to Face meeting in Columbia, IL August 1-3. It was very informative and the national board works hard to make it interesting and fun. The next Face to Face event will be in the Diocese of Alabama at Camp McDowell Feb. 13-15, 2009. It is being held early next year due to the Triennial. The national committee is completely in charge of this meeting and Zona Tounsley will be the official hostess. She is going to need minimum help from the Diocese of Alabama ECW Board, but will be asking us to help make arrangements to get the participants from the Birmingham Airport to Camp McDowell and back. UTO will pay \$.50 per mile for use of vehicles to do this. She will be getting in touch with Bishop Parsley to see if he will be available to welcome the group to Alabama. Also, as president and president-elect Dee and I may be present at least the first night. I hope the new UTO Chair will be able to attend the entire meeting.

Now is the time for us to decide if we are going to hold a workshop at the Parish Leadership Training Event, which will probably be the first Saturday in April. The one this year was a success and I recommend that we "do it again." I will be glad to chair it again, but I will need a lot of help. I will email all of you a draft agenda for this workshop by the end of September. Please look over the agenda and be prepared to volunteer for specific parts of the program when we talk about it during the board meeting at the Fall Conference.

Several of us met with Cathy Blackney to make plans for the 2009 Women's Weekend. It's May 15-17 and it's going to be great. Marsha Hurt, who lives in Mentone and is a leader at many retreats outside of Alabama, will be our speaker. Joan Byrum, also from Mentone will be helping her. The theme will be **St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior**, which is the calendar theme for next year. Both Marsha and Joan helped me with research for the calendar. If you are a grandmother, had a grandmother, or someday hope to be a grandmother you don't want to miss this wonderful weekend.

The Convocation Coordinators will be appointing Nomination Committees at their Fall Meetings. I will begin to select new Board members soon after the Fall Conference. If you want to be considered for a position on the 2010-2011 Board please let me know.

Gethryn S. Giles, August 17, 2008