

Spring Convocation and Fall Conference Planning Meeting March 26, 2009  
Minutes

The spring convocation and fall conference planning meeting with Holy Eucharist and lunch was held at Grace Episcopal Church in Sheffield, Al.

Business Meeting was called to order by Joan East, Coordinator.

Dee Buzy and Gethryn Giles were recognized. The minutes from the last meeting were read aloud and approved after corrections.

Dee Buzby spoke about the shawls which had been dedicated during the worship service. She also announced contributions now total \$45,000.00. The goal is \$60,000.00 to be used to build a chapel at Camp McDowell.

ECW scholarships are available. The application is on line. Several funds are utilized for tuition over a diverse population.

C.P.C.: Church Periodical Club provides written material to parishes, Seminarians, and others. Annual contributions provide money for a variety of budgeted needs.

Gethryn Giles distributed bookmarks with information on various areas of service sponsored by the ECW.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the Leadership Training Workshop to be held in Birmingham on Saturday March 28, 2009.

Parishes will be featured in the 2010 calendars. Get calendar orders in by July, @ \$5.00 ea. (2 per parish are provided free).

Barbara Carpenter spoke on UTO. Next gathering will be in mid May. ALMS basin is available. Grant application has been received. A grant was awarded in 2008 to Florence Al. For 2009 an application was submitted for Good Shepherd, Decatur.

Cathy Blackney encouraged everyone to attend the Women's Weekend: May 15, 16, 17, 2009 at Camp McDowell. Costs vary.

Joan East encouraged attendance at the 2009 Fall Conference. A review of the Feb 12, 2009 planning meeting was given. Assignments for various parishes were reviewed and evaluated. (see attachment). How to provide the drinks was discussed. Suggestions were made. The next planning will take place at the home of Joan East in late July (date to be announced).

It was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed that Joan East will remain as Convocation Coordinator. It was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed that Claudia Glasgow will remain as Convocation Treasurer.

Jane encouraged everyone to attend the Passion play in Europe. Also a calendar is available from Trinity  
Sharing activities of the parishes were announced.

The TN Valley Fall Conference will take place at St. Timothy's Athens  
Thursday Nov 5, 2009.

A delicious lunch was provided by Grace Sheffield ECW. Door prizes were  
Awarded.

The alms collection totaled \$158.50 and will be given to Jo Bailey Wells  
Duke University Divinity School to help the recent ordination of women  
as priests in Sudan.