

Tennessee Valley Convocation fall meeting  
November 5, 2009

Held at St. Timothy's, Athens

Meeting called to order by Joan East at 11:22 AM.

Joan opened with ECW prayer than thanked everyone for the support of the Fall Convocation held last month at St. Matthew's, Madison. Claudia Glasgow had to step down as treasurer for the Fall Convocation so Joan handled it. There were no outstanding bills so Joan's treasurer report was submitted.

President Dee Buzby spoke on the conference thanking all, especially for the last 2 years of support. She stated that \$52,000.00 has been donated towards the 65,000.00 ACTS2 pledge for the new Sacristy at Camp McDowell. St. Stevens is working on an event to help finish paying off the pledge this year. Next time your at camp check it out. Dee also reported that there were 21 scholarships given for a total of \$10,400.00. The scholarships were a little lower this year. We are trying to grow the principle. Please give to the scholarship.

Gethryn Giles explained what CPC (church periodical club) is. A long time ago a group created a club to send bibles & religious materials out west. The national level sends some funds over seas. Alabama chair, Linda George sent money for three seminarians this year.

Each parish received 2 calendars at the Fall Convocation. We have connected our goals to the Millennium Development goals. Mission is our focus. They sell for \$5.00 & are available today.

Bishop Parsley has parish leadership conference/ECW training workshop. Anyone can come. No date is set yet.

Go to the web site [www.AlabamaECW.org](http://www.AlabamaECW.org) and sign up for emails.

The Episcopalian comes out after events so don't depend on it for calendar of events. The Fall Convocation will be in the Nov/Dec issue.

There was a question about scholarship donations. Dee explained that 1/2 of donations goes to build up the principal and 1/2 to scholarships.

Send in blue 2010 parish ECW information sheet so Sally can update the list. This can also be done on line. Thanks to Joan for a wonderful Fall Conference. There was great publicity and following the theme of grandmothers.

UTO- Barbara Carpenter chair

Brenda Mayhall will be chair 1/1/10.

The next collection is coming up November 15<sup>th</sup>. Send money to Carpenter House. Check the ECW calendar for instructions. We did very well. We raised \$47,000.00 for our diocese. The deadline for applications for grants is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications are online. Thanks again for support the last 6 years. Barbara has been asked to be Events Coordinator. She will be setting up a meeting to speak about "Missions & Out reach" in January 2010.

Minutes were read by Melissa Barton

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Joan explained why we need a new secretary and why the treasurer Claudia Glasgow couldn't fulfill her term. Joan also noted that the positions can be elected or appointed; she wanted someone close so she chose Eileen Bogart treasurer and Melissa Barton secretary. Every one approved.

Joan read her report of the Fall Conference that was submitted to the Episcopalian paper.

Dee thanked Joan for her hard work, every one applauded.

Parish share

Gethryn Giles also added that dues need to be sent to the new treasurer not what is in the calendar.

Judy reported that the Alms collection was \$222.00. The money will be sent to Linea P. Haufiku from Namibia, a student at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest.

The spring convocation meeting will be held at Trinity, Florence. The date to be announced.

Joan closed the meeting with the ECW prayer at 12:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Barton, Secretary