

CHEAHA CONVOCATION FALL ECW BOARD REPORT

Since the Cheaha Convocation Spring Meeting at St. Simon Peter in Pell City on March 12, 2009, our nominating committee, Katherine Tooker, Grace, Anniston, and Rosa Holland, St. Simon Peter, Pell City, reported that Jane Wood, current EWC President at Grace, has agreed to accept the nomination as Cheaha Coordinator for 2010-2011. Katherine Tooker has agreed to remain as Secretary/Treasurer for 2010-2011. We'll vote on this slate at the fall convocation meeting at Church of the Messiah in Heflin on October 15.

As mentioned, our fall convocation meeting will be at Church of the Messiah in Heflin on Thursday, October 15. Our guest speaker is The Rev. Roger Allen, rector at St. James in Alexander City. Rev. Allen was rector at the Chapel of the Holy Comforter in New Orleans and Chaplain to the University of New Orleans at the time of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The floodwaters stopped feet short of the Chapel, located in the middle of the Gentilly neighborhood. Most images that we have become familiar with depicting the devastation of Katrina were from that neighborhood. With the surrounding 42 miles flooded, the Chapel became the area's only recovery center for months. Rev. Allen will offer reflections on both the effects of the hurricane, the rebuilding that continues and the amazing acts of generosity, compassion and grace he encountered.

We also welcome the diocese's newest parish, St. Catherine's in Chelsea, and their rector, The Rev. John Mark Ford, to our convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda George
Coordinator, Cheaha Convocation
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