

ECW Montgomery Convocation Report April 16, 2010

On Saturday, April 10, 2010 I met with ECW representatives of several parishes in the Montgomery Convocation. Although the group was small they were willing to be involved in the purpose of the meeting which was:

To organize the Montgomery Convocation by sharing with each other ideas about the convocation and to learn about the projects of the Diocesan ECW Board. Also to share and learn from each other about parish ECW meetings, including attendance, participation in parish events, special programs, fund raisers, etc.

At the beginning of the meeting I announced that Sally McLendon has resigned as Montgomery Convocation Coordinator and that we need to find a way to elect a new coordinator. By the end of the meeting Gwendolyn Lipscomb of the Church of the Good Shepherd had agreed to call together a Nominating Committee. After this committee meets she will get back with me and we will arrange for, hopefully, a Spring Convocation meeting so the new person can be formally elected and installed. For now Nancy Boston will remain Convocation Treasurer, but she will be replaced when a new coordinator is elected for the term 2012-2013.

During the time we were together we discussed that the Southern District of the Diocese is to have a fundraising event for ACTS2. Also, the group understands that the ECW Fall Conference for 2011 will be in the Montgomery area. Apparently the parishes in Montgomery have rotated having the Fall Conference and two persons present announced that it is St. John's time to host the event.

We were honored to have Alice Tyson and Alleen Cater, past ECW Diocesan presidents with us at this meeting. Alice attends St. John's and she will carry the message about the Fall Conference back to the ECW President, Margie Sellers.

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Gwendolyn Lipscomb called me and said she has five people who have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. They represent The Church of the Holy Comforter; The Church of Ascension; St. John's; Trinity, Wetumpka; St. Paul's, Lowndesboro and Good Shepherd. They will meet soon and she will report back to me. Hopefully the Montgomery Convocation is well on its way to become again a healthy working group.

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