

DIOCESAN ECW BOARD
CHEAHA CONVOCATION REPORT

APRIL 12, 2011

The Cheaha Convocation Spring Meeting was held on March 23, 2011 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, in Jacksonville, AL. The Rev. Michael Rich officiated at the Eucharist. The program speaker was Maggie Johnston from Camp McDowell who is on the Clergy spouse Committee, "Krit? Krat!" She gave a wonderful power point presentation on the mission trip to Crochu, Haiti with clergy spouse to include Becky Parsley to launch the first feeding lunch to children in Crochu. Michael Rich was also on this trip. The pictures of the journey up the mountain to Crochu, the facilities at Crochu, and the smiling faces of the children were memorable. As Maggie said, "It was like the feeding of the fishes and loaves, we thought we would run out of food, but we didn't." The offeratory alms of \$580 went to "Krit? Krat!" Maggie was excited as it will feed 580 children.

Following the program we had lunch and a working business meeting. Our guests present were: Gethryn Giles, Fiona Watts and Jill Whitten. The Nominations Committee reported they were still working on a slate. As of now, the Nominations Committee has: Jane Wood, Cheaha Convocation Coordinator (Grace/Anniston), and Cindi Lusk, Secretary (St. Luke's/Jacksonville), the Treasurer position has not yet been filled. The parish ECW Presidents reported on their church activities: St. Michael's is busy with their upcoming Palm Sunday bake sale a huge money maker for outreach activities and the Beans and Rice Ministry to West Anniston, St. Luke's is busy with outreach and working with the JSU Campus Beans and Rice Ministry, Grace Church is busy with Beans and Rice Ministry, and monthly luncheons and speakers. The Women's Working Guild which meets quarterly at night is very active with programs. The St. Bridget Sewing Guild meets monthly and invited anyone interested to join in making bereavement gowns for neonates for the UAB Neonate Unit. Marilyn Atkins, St. Peter's, reported she has been busy preparing welcome bags for the newly ordained priests and has been asked to put together the same for the Bishop Walkabout.

Next meeting will be the Fall Meeting at St. Simon Peter Episcopal Church/Pell City, the date and time and program to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Wood, Cheaha Convocation Coordinator