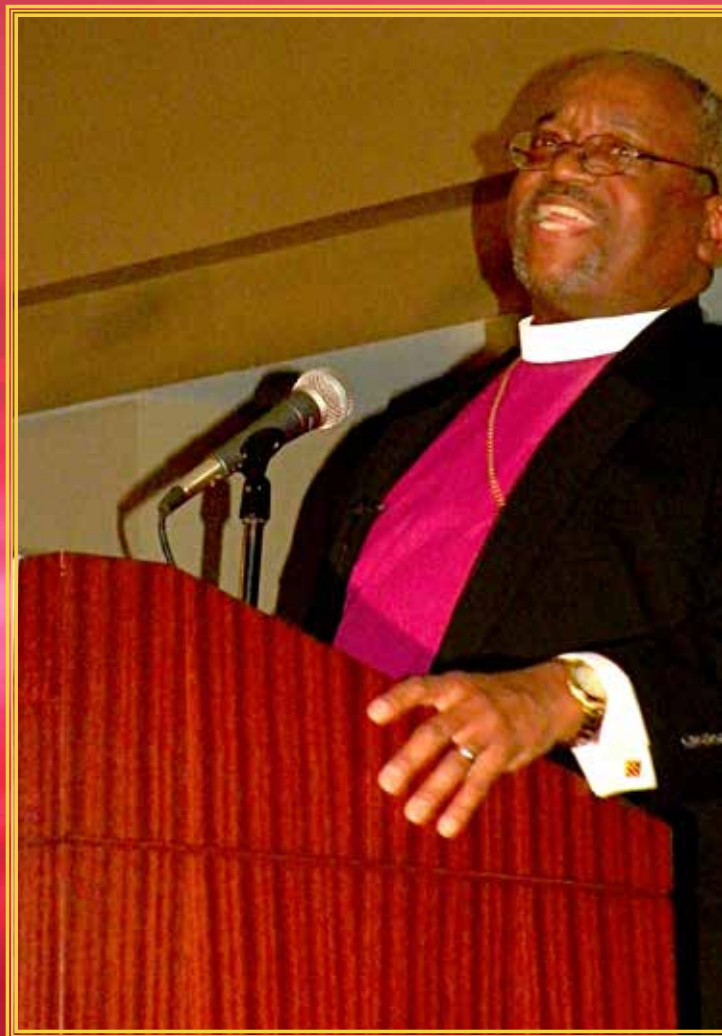




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The 5 Marks of Mission

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On the Cover: Photo by Beverly Ruebeck – Bishop Michael B. Curry pictured giving his inaugural "Go!" address (based on John 20) at the United Thank Offering Sharing Dinner, 2009 Episcopal Church Women Triennial Meeting, Anaheim, CA. The bishop reminded all of Jesus' command to his disciples to Go! . . . "Go UTO! Go ECW! Go!"

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A New Way for A New Day

By Lisa H. Towle

In the summer of 2009 I traveled to Anaheim, CA, where the Diocese of Los Angeles was hosting the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. My role as president of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of North Carolina was to lead our delegation at the 46th Triennial Meeting of the ECW. It wasn't my first rodeo; I'd done the same thing at previous Triennials. What helped make this Triennial Meeting/General Convention unique, however, was that the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, bishop of North Carolina, was, for the first time, the keynote speaker at the United Thank Offering Sharing Dinner. His exhortations, directed primarily at the women of the church, to "go into the world on a mission of witness ... in a time of absolute and unprecedented change," had the 400 people in the room on their feet, clapping and cheering.

Seeds were planted that night.

Three years later, I became secretary of the National ECW Board and also cosponsored, with Jenny Ladefoged, a Triennial Meeting resolution about the Board forming an ad hoc committee composed of intergenerational members to review and research the function and structure of the Board as well as the mission and purpose of the ECW. The resolution was adopted.

Three more years passed. Last summer at Triennial Meeting/General Convention I was elected president of the Board, a majority of Triennial Meeting delegates accepted with enthusiasm the report and recommendations of the ad hoc committee, and the House of Bishops elected Michael Curry as the 27th Presiding

Bishop and Episcopal Church primate.



And so here we are. It was Soren Kierkegaard, a Danish Christian philosopher and theologian, who famously noted, "life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." The national ECW knows where we've been. We strive to be fully present in the now all the while working to help move Episcopal Church Women forward. Along these lines, the joint nominating committee for the election and seating of a 27th presiding bishop offered some sage advice that speaks to the entirety of The Episcopal Church: "Delight," said the committee, in the diversity of a "multi-national, multi-lingual, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-generational church."

At his All Saints' Sunday installation Eucharist in Washington National Cathedral, Curry's call for the church and its members to join what he calls the Jesus Movement echoed what had been said in Anaheim: "If you take the word 'go' seriously, it means you've got to trust the Lord."

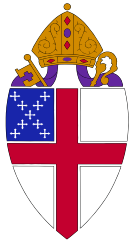
Episcopal Church Women do take mission seriously. It's one of the primary reasons we were formed. It's a reason this issue has the cover and content it does. It's also the reason the national Board has selected "GO! Share the Word: Every Day, Comunicamos, Every Where" as the theme for the 49th Triennial Meeting, which will be held in Austin, TX in July of 2018.

Stay tuned and trust the Lord.

Presiding Bishop Installation

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry

The National Cathedral, Washington D.C. November 1, 2015



An Episcopal Church Woman Shall Help Lead Them:

A Verger's-Eye View of the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop

By Margaret H. Gordon, National ECW Board



The beautiful and majestic Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. was the setting for Holy Eucharist with the installation of The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church and primate, the first African American to serve in this capacity.

The prep work for the event began long before that historic day, Nov. 1, 2015. Most of the vergers arrived for rehearsal on Saturday, Oct. 31. It was a day filled with bright sunshine, and the cathedral was abuzz with excitement as we gathered to do a walk-through of the highly anticipated occasion. Even the “keepers of the castle,” the greeters at the entrance doors, were excited. They recognized some of us and greeted everyone warmly.

On hand were the cathedral’s three full-time vergers and ten volunteer vergers who were going to be responsible for shepherding over 300 participants into the cathedral, including guests from ecumenical and interfaith communities as well as representatives of the Anglican Communion. We met for a general briefing, received our assignments, and then were off to find our briefing and staging areas for the next day. We also worked through any logistical issues we thought might arise. The day ended on a pleasant note and we left feeling confident we could help pull this off!

Sunday morning came with a dreary, chilly mist and the beginning of lines starting to form as early as our arrival time of 9:30 a.m. for a service that was scheduled to begin at 12 noon. There was a short meeting of the group for any last-minute updates, then we again dispersed

to our assigned staging areas, which for me was the visitors lounge in the crypt level.

The vergers’ briefing document consisted of 80 pages. Such attention to detail paid off when some 3,000 people filed into that holy place to witness this holy man taking his vows to be the next leader of The Episcopal Church. In addition, technology was used to share the magnificent service with those not in the cathedral or even the nation’s capital. For instance, an unprecedented 11 video cameras positioned throughout the cathedral filmed the service for live webcasting.

Due to the number of participants, the procession was done in stages, by numbered procession groups. I was assigned to group four, specifically The Episcopal Church, which included staff from the church center in New York and three committees whose work had to do with getting a presiding bishop in place: the joint nominating committee, and the transition and installation committees. Altogether, group four had approximately 75 people. They knew each other and they were happy to be where they were.

We were the last group to process in before all the bishops, who preceded the liturgical procession. Although we were standing for a long time, the excitement kept the adrenaline flowing and we all made it up the stairs with energy to spare. We had a long walk ahead and we were ready and eager to go.

Overall it was a glorious day, a little long, but well worth the effort expended to be part of that particular All Saints’ Day.



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“GO INTO ALL THE WORLD . . .”

By Jennifer Kenna
Province 2 Representative NECW

Repeatedly, from our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, we hear the word GO! in his homilies and addresses. As the people of Jesus we **are** called and even compelled to **GO** into the world and share Jesus. With Bishop Curry’s charge in mind, the ECW National Board has chosen the theme for the 2015-2018 triennium and our Triennial Meeting 2018. We are excited to share it with you:

GO! Share the Word:

Every Day, Comunicamos, Every Where

In 1997 the Triennial Meeting (TM) theme instructed us to “Enlarge the Site of Your Tent” and in 2000, we expanded that tent to savor the “Gift of Joy and Wonder in All God’s Works.” The 2003 TM theme declared “A New Light is Shining!” and compelled us to “Live in the Light” for 2006. That light helped us to “Grow in Grace” in 2009 and that grace allowed us to acknowledge that Episcopal Church Women have “Many Paths, One Journey” for 2012. On our journey, Triennial 2015 asked us to “Stir Up the Spirit ¡Celebremos!” . . . and that we did! Now the gift of that Spirit is pointing us ahead to 2018 to find ways to assist the women of the Episcopal Church to GO!!

These past TM themes each had a logo—a “face.” We are conducting a **logo design contest** now to find a face to illustrate the ECW 2015-2018 triennium and TM 2018 theme:

GO! Share the Word:

Every Day, Comunicamos, Every Where

The submission deadline for the logo design contest is June 20, 2016. Additional details are at ecwnational.org/2018TriennialMeeting (See past ECW Triennial logos on the back cover.)

“ID POR TODO EL MUNDO...”

En repetidas ocasiones, de nuestro Obispo Primado Michael Curry, hemos escuchado la palabra ID! en sus homilias y presentaciones. Como pueblo de Jesús **estamos** llamados e incluso obligados a **IR** al mundo y compartir a Jesús. Con las palabras del Obispo Curry en mente, El Consejo Nacional de la Iglesia Episcopal ha elegido un tema para el trienio 2015-2018 y nuestra reunión trienal del 2018. Estamos muy emocionadas de compartirlo con ustedes:

¡ID! Compartir la palabra:

Todos los días, Comunicamos, en Todas Partes

En 1997 el tema de la Reunión Trienal nos instruyó a “Ampliar el Territorio de tu Tienda” y en el 2000, ampliamos la tienda para saborear “El Regalo de la Alegría y Maravilla en Todas las Obras de Dios.” El tema de la Reunión Trienal del 2003 declaró “Una Nueva Luz Brilla!” y nos lleva a “Vivir en La Luz” para el 2006. Esta luz nos ayudó a “Crecer en Gracia” en el 2009 y esta gracia nos ha permitido reconocer que Las Mujeres de la Iglesia Episcopal tienen “Muchos Caminos, Un Viaje” para el 2012. Nuestro viaje de Trienal 2015 nos invita a “Renovar El Espíritu ¡Celebremos!”... y eso hicimos! Ahora el regalo de ese Espíritu nos está apuntando hacia el 2018 para encontrar formas de asistir a la Mujer Episcopal a IR!!

Cada tema de las Reuniones Trienales anteriores tiene un logo – una “cara.” Estamos llevando a cabo un **concurso de diseño de logo** para encontrar una cara para ilustrar el Trienio de Las Mujeres de La Iglesia Episcopal 2015-2018 y el tema de la Reunión Trienal 2018:

¡ID! Compartir la palabra:

Todos los días, Comunicamos, en Todas Partes

La fecha límite de entrega para el concurso de diseño de logo es Junio 20, 2016. Más información disponible en ecwnational.org/2018TriennialMeeting (Logos de Reuniones Trienales anteriores son mostrados en la contra portada de esta revista.)

My “Reawakening” to the World:

Impressions From My 1st NGO UNCSW

Beblon G. Parks, Member at Large - Social Justice
National ECW Board

Have you ever heard of a Huru Bag? If you haven't, don't feel bad! Neither had I. Learning about the role this item plays, along with many other initiatives and projects around the globe, stimulated my social justice conscience and re-awakened my passion during my participation at the 60th Non-Governmental Organizations United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (NGO UNCSW) in March.

So what are Huru Bags? One of the sessions I attended on “Consultation Day” was led by a young activist named Joy Lynn. It was entitled “Huru International Supporting Menstrual Hygiene: Management to Ensure Education and Empowerment of Rural Kenyan Girls.” Funding for this project is provided through the Clinton Global Initiative Commitment to Action. In Swahili, Huru means *free*. I never thought before about freedom in the context of what might limit a young girls freedom to go to school each day. I had been unaware that girls in some African and maybe other countries were deprived of an education because they did not have access to personal female care products. Now, thanks to this project over 500 Ogiek girls in Kenya are able to manage their periods and stay in school. What an eye-opener!

What I saw and heard in the various CSW forums (workshops) and side-bar events were women's voices, in many languages,

sharing their stories and ideas—hand-in-hand working to end violence against women and girls, improve the economic welfare of women and ensure access to education and economic empowerment.

In his letter of welcome to The Episcopal Church delegation, the Anglican delegation, the Episcopal Church Women, Anglican Women Empowerment, and others gathered for the NGO CSW, Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry stated: *I pray you listen, learn, and work together, focusing on the four on-going challenges to the achievement of women's empowerment identified in The Episcopal Church's written statement to UNCSW: enable women to access power and decision-making positions, foster women's and girls economic empowerment and independence; eradicate violence against women and girls, and access to quality educations, decent work and decision-making; and health.*

Often when we hear about all that needs to be done—the suffering, the killing, the poverty, the hunger, here in the U.S. and worldwide—it's easy to feel defeated before one begins saying, “I'm just one person. What difference can I make?” The answer is simple. One ECW member can make a huge difference especially if she/we join hands and work together! Look at the difference made by these “Ones” – Malala Yousafzai, Berta Caceres, and Sabam Naraghi-Anderlini. Will you join me in being “one” working to do just that? Let's make a difference!

60th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW)

United Nations Headquarters in New York City, March 14-24, 2016

Additional photos are available in the Galleries section of ecwnational.org



Miguelina Howell

Becomes First Latina Episcopal Cathedral Dean



The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell became the first Hispanic woman to be a cathedral dean in the Episcopal Church when she was installed February 18 as the 10th dean of Christ Church

Cathedral in downtown Hartford, Connecticut. Howell, an Episcopal priest born and raised in the Dominican Republic, was elected last November after serving as the cathedral's vicar sine fall 2013. Howell's installation was a celebration of culture and people as much as an official ecclesiastical act.

Howell has served as a member of the presiding bishop's staff as associate program officer for young adult ministries and leadership recruitment at the Episcopal Church Center in New York. She recently served on the church-wide Task Force for Reimagining The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church Executive Council, and is a member of the Episcopal Church Latino/Hispanic Ministries Council of Advice. She also serves as CREDO faculty. Before moving to Hartford, Howell served parishes in Orange and Paterson, New Jersey.

"The Cathedral is looking to be outside our walls, changing the way we used to do things, and this is part of what my ministry has looked like in the past, in different places," Howell said [speaking at her installation]. The Cathedral has already started to send people out into the Hartford neighborhoods, co-sponsoring a music program at a local school for children of limited financial means.

"I think Hartford is a place in which there's so much opportunity to make a difference in the world," Howell stated. "It is the right time in the life of this city. The Cathedral is in a position in which we are ready to support the growth of this city now. [We are] present to encourage cultural development and to encourage young children, young people, to see other choices in life, to see there are other opportunities that are available to them."

Adapted from a press release by Karin Hamilton, canon for mission communication and media for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut; posted by Episcopal News Service, February 22, 2016.

Miguelina Howell

"Primera Dean Latina en la Iglesia Episcopal"

La muy Rda. Miguelina Howell fue instalada el pasado 18 de Febrero como Dean de la Catedral "Christ Church" en Connecticut, convirtiéndose en la primera latina Deán y la décima de la referida catedral.

La Rda. Miguelina Howell nació y creció en la Rep. Dom. donde recibió las sagradas ordenes y realizo parte de su Ministerio Sacerdotal. Ha servido como miembro del staff del Obispo Primado, oficial del programa de jóvenes adultos de la Iglesia Episcopal de N.Y. miembro del Ministerio Hispano y de Credo.

Con la instalación de la Rda. Howell la Catedral Christ Church de Connecticut da nueva perspectiva y acercamiento a la comunidad muy especialmente a los niños y jóvenes para quienes se han desarrollado programas de música y educación.

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THE 5 MARKS OF MISSION

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

- ◆ **Evangelism**
 - Leadership
 - Storytelling
 - Singing God's Word
 - Care for the Common Good
 - Stewardship

2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

- ◆ **Worship & Prayer**
 - Bible Study
 - Youth Ministry
 - Confirmation
 - Renewal of Baptismal Vows
 - Christian Education

3. To respond to human need by loving service

- ◆ **Service**
 - Food Banks
 - Clothing ministry
 - Feeding Programs
 - Shelters
 - Prison Ministry

4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

- ◆ **Justice & Peace**
 - Anti-Gun Movements
 - Human Trafficking Issues
 - Racial & Social Justice Committees
 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25
 - Anti-Bullying

5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

- ◆ **Repentance & Forgiveness**
 - Peace Builders
 - Safe Drinking Water
 - Recycling
 - Protecting the Ecosystem
 - Community Gardens

Submitted by Gloria Rogers, ECW Province I Representative

Sources; ECCT – Five Marks of Mission: Anglican Consultative Council (anglicancommunion.org)

Province I

At the October ECW diocesan board meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline, MA, I met with the transitional team of newly elected and outgoing officers. The central topic discussed was human sex trafficking. All were asked to take information back to their churches and start a conversation. Take a look at the Province I website for events and actions taken on social and justice issues. My hope is that ECW from the top to the local churches will continue to promote topics such as human sex trafficking and take action upon them.

— Submitted by Gloria Rogers
Province I Representative

Province II

Diocese of Albany: The diocese has no ECW. Parishes may have their own groups. Locally they assist with school backpack programs, food pantries, and clothing drives. As well, they help at domestic abuse shelters, homeless shelters, and feeding programs. *Submitted by Mary Young, ECW Contact Person.* **Diocese of Central New York:** A diocesan ECW is no longer supported. Parishes have women's groups active in community outreach. As well, many women support the Medical Mission to El Salvador which every winter offers 10 days of medical, dental and vision services. **Diocese of Long Island:** Some parishes have formal ECWs; others have groups of women gathered under other names. Many of the women do outreach in their respective deaneries involving women and children. They

also knit for the Seaman's Institute. *Submitted by June Gerbracht, ECW Diocesan President.* **Diocese of New Jersey:** Inspired by the Triennial 2015 theme "Stir Up the Spirit—Celebremos," the diocesan ECW held the Episcopal Activism Fair, Saturday, October 13, 2015. Attendees had an opportunity to hear from leaders about forming a parish group. **Diocese of New York:** The ECW Annual Diocesan Stony Point Conference, "Stir Up the Spirit: Rise Up My Dearest & Fairest and Go!!" was held October 23-24, 2015. Canon K. Jeanne Person offered an informative presentation on the life of Mary Magdalene. *Submitted by Dianne Roberts, ECW Diocesan President.* **Diocese of the Virgin Islands:** The diocesan ECW goals for 2016 are better communications among the women of the parishes and improving UTO activities. Music events contemplated include a "singspiration" and an organ recital.

—Submitted by Jennifer Kenna⁺
Province II Representative

Province III

I am pleased and honored to have been chosen to be your representative on the National ECW Board for the next three years. Thank you for all that you do for ECW. I believe that this can be an exciting, productive National Board, and that we can make a significant contribution to furthering our ministry through intentional inclusiveness and opening wide our arms to all of our sisters who wish to come in.

— Submitted by Margaret H. Gordon
Province III Representative

Province IV

The Province Board Meeting at Camp McDowell, Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, was cancelled in January because of snow and freezing rain. The province's annual ECW retreat will be held June 6th-8th at Kanuga Camp and Conference Center in the mountains of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. The theme is "Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation." The speaker and chaplain is the Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman, author of "Bible Women: All their Words and Why They Matter." Good news from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: I spoke to Jackie Robe, ECW contact, who had a meeting with Bishop Charles Von Rosenberg. At this time The Episcopal Church in South Carolina has 13 ECWs. Projects in the province benefiting outreach programs range from "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" to this year's "86th Annual Valentine Tea."

—Submitted by Mary Beth Welch
Province IV Representative

Province V

The women of the province had their spring gathering May 13-15, 2016 at the renowned Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in Lake Huron, Michigan. The weekend's theme was "Navigating Life's Current: Exploring the 5 Marks of Mission for our Lives and Ministries." Speakers and other activities addressed each of the Marks. In addition to the usual business meeting, displays and opportunities for worship were offered. The only transportation on the island is by walking, bicycling or horse carriage. Before getting on the ferry, women were invited to help "fill the van" with school supplies for the children of the Upper

Michigan. The "UP," as it is called, is an area of sparse population, cold winters, and a high rate of poverty. The school supplies will be distributed in August as an outreach project of the province women.

—Submitted by Connie Ott
Province V Representative

Province VI

Our Province is known as the Land of Mountains, Lakes and Plains, and includes the Episcopal Dioceses of Iowa, Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, and Minnesota. The ECW Province Board is active with all its positions filled: Altar Guild, CPC, DOK, UTO and ECW officers. The people of Province IV live out their lives in Christ. We are supported in our diverse ministries by communication within the dioceses, and strengthened by community and fellowship within the province by the grace of God.

—Submitted by Beth Agar
Province VI Representative

Province VII

Diocese of Northwest Texas: The 2016 Women's Retreat – the Ennegram and Spiritual Growth – will be led by Kathleen Pittman August 26-28 at Christ the King Retreat Center in San Zanelo, TX. **Diocese of Texas:** Each year the diocesan ECW promotes outreach projects that may be adopted by the local ECWs. Our focus has been on providing hygiene items for women in shelters, on the streets, and recently released from jail or prison. *Submitted by Lisa Martin, ECW Diocesan President.* **Diocese of Arkansas:** In September we started an on-line book study. Each month a different person selects a book



ECW members of the Diocese of Los Angeles are pictured with a group from “A Window Between Worlds” (AWBW) at the ECW Province VIII Annual Meeting, January 30, 2016. Our National ECW Board is proud to have partnered with AWWB, whose healing art has, over the past few years, accompanied the meditations posted on our website and Facebook page during the annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. This campaign occurs in November and December.

and posts about 5 or 6 question each week during the month. Many of our smaller churches that gather for a weekly book study especially enjoy participating. *Submitted by Wanda Dunwoody, ECW Diocesan President.*

Diocese of Oklahoma: The diocesan retreat entitled “Personality and Spirituality: Their Relationship in Our Lives” was held February 26–27, 2016 at St Cripin’s Center, Wewoka, OK. The facilitator was the Rev. Debora L. Jennings.

—Submitted by Jackie Meeks
Province VII Representative

Province VIII

We have set the date for the Province Annual Meeting. It will be held in August 26-28, 2016 in the Diocese of Oregon. We are thrilled that ECW National President Lisa Towle will be joining us to continue her vital witness and support on behalf of the National Episcopal Church Women. Our recent Triennial chaplain, the Rev. Mary Sheridan Janda will be serving as a presenter and our chaplain for the weekend.

—Submitted by Evita M. Krislock
Province VIII Representative

Province IX

Diocese of the Dominican Republic: The ECW members on a regular basis visit institutions to offer prayer and assistance. Last October the theme of their annual retreat was: “The Reconciliation” (Luke 15:18). In December they delivered meal packages to those in need. As of January 2016 they have been participating in a monthly service at a psychiatric hospital.

Diocese of Venezuela: Province IX held a seminar, October 24, 2015, on HIV/AIDS attended by members of the diocese. The content of the morning-long seminar included: Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV; Women, HIV and Discrimination — A View from the Churches; and Responses of Churches to HIV. **Diocese of Curaçao:** Once a month we visit the shut-ins and pray for them and provide information in regard to the church. Weekly, we conduct programs which assist girls and young women in gaining greater access to various levels of education and the labor market. Young mothers, who are inspired by the workshops, are encouraged to work on skills which will provide them with new opportunities in life.

— Submitted by Juditta Ellis
Province IX Representative

Correction

Communiqué Fall 2015, page 16:

The article on Clerical Stoles states that Andrea Williams is of Exeter, Maine; Ms. Williams is of Exeter, New Hampshire.

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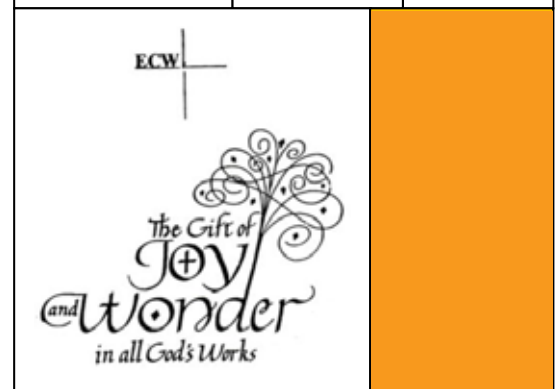
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(Please see page 2 for additional details regarding submissions.)



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