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SPIRIT
¡CELEBREMOS!

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Sunset on the Great Salt Lake, Utah.
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See You in Salt Lake

By The Reverend Deacon Nancy R. Crawford

Welcome, delegates, to the 48th annual ECW Triennial Meeting. Welcome to pack your suitcases for 9 days of summer in Salt Lake City, Utah. Welcome to share the Eucharist with Episcopalians and visitors from all around the greater church. Welcome, to sing and pray, laugh and cry, discuss and deliberate. Most of all, welcome to *Stir up the Spirit* and *Celebrate* with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

ORGANIZED GATHERINGS

I have attended three Triennial Meetings. My first was in Denver in 2000. I was the only delegate from the Diocese of Oregon, and I roomed with one of our deputies. I don't remember feeling lonely, because I was surrounded by women just like me, but I do remember a sense of awe at the organized gatherings that must have required a great deal of work to pull off. My second Triennial Meeting was in Anaheim, CA.

Four women from Oregon piled into one car and drove for 2 days—stopping for fresh produce sold along the highway, shopping at a large store dedicated just to olives, and dining at Andersen's Pea Soup Restaurant, in Buellton, CA. The other three women shared a room, and—once again—I roomed with a deputy. She and I walked every morning, and I did my best to keep up with my long-legged friend. I loved having others in our delegation, with whom I could talk over the events of the day and to break bread together in the evenings.

My most recent Triennial Meeting was in Indianapolis. Oregon was able to send two delegates, and



I attended as the Province VIII representative. It was fun to sit in the plenary room with our delegates and with other women from my province. Once again, my roommate was a deputy. The special treat was our third roommate, Baby Ti, just 6 months old. At this upcoming meeting I won't have a roommate. I know that a great deal will be expected of me, and, at the end of the day, it will be good to have some "alone time" to rest and refresh for the next day.

I share all of this with you because I want to encourage you to send as many delegates as you can, four delegates—and alternates—if you are from the diocese; two delegates if you are from an ECW affiliate, one delegate if you are the province president. And, bring visitors. We have so much planned for this Triennial Meeting, which you will see as you turn through the pages of this special edition of *Communiqué*. The more the merrier!

INSPIRATIONAL PREACHERS, TEACHERS, AND SPEAKERS

Our church is filled with many inspirational preachers, teachers, and speakers and ECW has been blessed to have many of them at our Triennial Meetings. This meeting will be no exception with The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, vicar of the Washington National Cathedral, as our keynote speaker; the Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman leading us in study of her latest book, *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter*, and our chaplain, the Rev. Mary Janda, who will be sharing a meditation each day. I look forward to being inspired by these wonderful women. That's the "forward" part.



As I look back on previous Triennial Meetings I've attended, it is the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston who comes to mind. Our theme is *Stir Up the Spirit: ¡Celebremos!*, and Bishop Charleston often speaks of God he knows through his Native American culture. He speaks of God who is encountered in nature, and of the Spirit who is felt in a mighty wind or a gentle breeze. I hope as we "Stir Up the Spirit" in Salt Lake City, we will feel the presence of the Spirit as a mighty wind—loud and boisterous—that blows us to our feet to celebrate in song or applause. That's the celebration we hope to give everyone attending the 2015 Triennial Meeting—

beginning with the opening ceremony on June 25. I also hope that you feel the "Spirit" as a gentle breeze when you hug the woman next to you, or feel moved by the words of our speakers. And, when our time together comes to an end, we can certainly sing: "There's been a sweet, sweet Spirit in the place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord." †

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So, You Are Going to Be a Delegate

By Connie Skidmore

This is the first installment of three articles to help orient each of you to the upcoming 2015 Triennial Meeting adventure in Salt Lake City.

Are you going to be a first-time delegate to the Triennial Meeting in June 2015, or have you previously been a delegate? Whatever you are, the 2015 Triennial Meeting should be an exciting time, so it is important that you learn about what to expect.

First of all, you will be participating in the largest official gathering of Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Held every 3 years, the Triennial Meeting runs concurrently with General Convention. The meeting provides an opportunity to meet with ECW members from all nine provinces within the Episcopal Church, women from within the Anglican Communion, ecumenical guests, as well as a variety of speakers and special visitors. Secondly, as an elected person from your diocese, you will be an integral part of the entire Triennial Meeting process—from registration, to special meetings and elections, to reporting on these privileged experiences upon returning home.

Prior to attending the Triennial Meeting, each diocesan president, or other designated representative, will receive several packets of information to review and respond to as requested. (All mailed materials will also be available on the National ECW website, at www.ecwnational.org.) Included will be a schedule listing the times and locations of each day's events. As a delegate, you will be expected to attend the ECW plenary (meeting) sessions and events. Delegates will have the time and opportunity to visit the General Convention Exhibit Hall, as well as attend various General Convention meetings, participate in diocesan group for ac-

tivities and/or meals during the General Convention/Triennial Meeting “shared time.” (A special bonus this triennium: The opportunity to see and hear the newly-elected Presiding Bishop.)

Upon arrival at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, delegates will register and receive a finalized Triennial Meeting information packet. A delegate welcome/orientation meeting will take place in Plenary Room, where you will hear helpful information to get you started. As a Triennial Meeting delegate, you will be voting on officers, resolutions and motions in plenary sessions. A hearing may be held at a certain time to help you understand a resolution, or issue that will be voted on in a later plenary. In plenary sessions, there will be an opportunity to speak to issues as they are presented. Questions are welcome, although it is expected that all in attendance follow the decorum of parliamentary procedure.

One of the best learning times will be attending the ECW workshops that are offered during Triennial. There are so many good choices it will be difficult to select just a few during the time available. A suggestion is to have each delegate in your diocese attend something different so you can take home a variety of information and experiences to share with those in your diocese.

The goal of the ECW National Board is to make the 2015 Triennial Meeting in Salt Lake City a wonderful and memorable experience for each and every ECW delegate.†

—*Connie Skidmore, RP, is an ECW National Board Parliamentarian*



Christine Hedgley Johnson: One Remarkable Woman

Deborah Smith Douglas profiles a distinguished woman.

By Deborah Smith Douglas

She is a grandmother, a faithful communicant, and a pillar of the church. She knows the liturgy and most of the hymns by heart and she never misses a service. She taught Sunday school and vacation bible school for years. She served for years as the head of the altar guild and she still keeps an eagle eye on the young acolytes each Sunday and, woe betide the crucifer who puts a foot wrong during communion.

In many ways, she is the institutional memory of the church, as well as the guardian of its traditions and identity.

You might assume that she is a cliché, a hat-wearing convention, a rock-ribbed conservative, pious and prim—the sort of “Church Lady” that *Saturday Night Live* made fun of, once upon a time. You would be wrong.

Christine Johnson is now nearly eighty years old, and has been passionate about justice since, as a teenager, she watched crosses burn on the lawn of her family’s house in North Carolina.



Above, Christine Johnson reaffirms her baptism at St. Bede’s in 1992, with Lord Runcie.



Inset, Johnson leads a meeting of women in transition, in 2012.



Her father was a Black Baptist minister, and his involvement in civil rights in the late 1950s, and throughout the turbulent 1960s, made him a target for the Ku Klux Klan. This did nothing to stop him—or his fiery daughter (“I never did have the sense to be nice and quiet,” she admits)—from standing firm in their convictions, rooted and grounded in their faith in God.

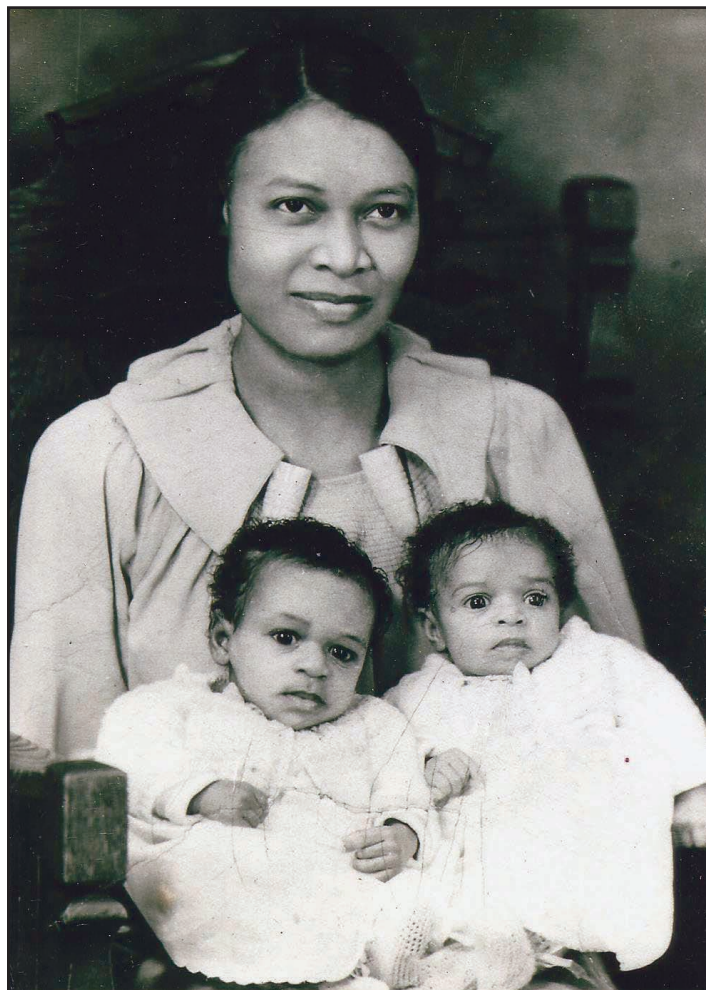
When Johnson asked her father if he was afraid of those who hated and opposed him, he answered calmly that his life was in God’s hands; that God had put him there and given him work to do, and that God would call him home whenever He liked. And until then, there was nothing anyone on earth could do to harm him—or, to stop him from doing what he knew was right.

The apple, as they say, doesn’t fall far from the tree. Johnson’s life has been marked by the same sort of fearless commitment to what is right. She has boundless compassion for those who suffer, and bedrock awareness that in life and in death she belongs to God.

FOUND HER WAY TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

As the daughter of a cradle-Methodist mother and a Baptist-preacher father, Johnson’s early religious formation was deep and strong. In her 20s, disenchanted with some aspects of the Baptist tradition, she found her way to the Episcopal Church. The riches of the *Book of Common Prayer*, with its Biblical resonance, prayers for all occasions, and Eucharistic liturgy, attracted her at once. She loved the round of liturgical seasons, and the fact that whatever Episcopal church she attended, worship would follow the same pattern—and she would be welcome. She was confirmed at Holy Trinity Episcopal, in Baltimore, where the Reverend Robert Powell, a prominent Black minister and community activist, was the rector.

Her involvement with civil rights began in her student days in New York City, when she joined Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders in protests, marches, sit-ins, and demonstrations of all kinds, both in Harlem and in distant cities to which they traveled by bus. She recalls proudly that she was arrested



Christine Johnson with her mother, and twin brother, David, in 1937.

once...but, she wistfully remembers, she wasn’t sent to jail because the Richmond jails were already full.

When she graduated from nursing school in 1961, she went on to earn a Master’s degree in medical-surgical nursing, specializing in clinical practice and hospital administration. In those days, her career options as a Black woman were limited: she could either work at a segregated Black hospital in the South, or an “integrated” hospital in the North—but only on night shifts “so people wouldn’t know what color I was,” she dryly explains. She could also join one of the U.S. uniformed services.

So she joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and began a career as a nurse, admin-



Johnson is shown (above right) with her now-grown daughters.



Johnson is active member of the NAACP. She has held many positions at her parish, St. Bede's.

istrator, and educator in government hospitals across the United States—from New York's Staten Island to Baltimore and Detroit and Santa Fe—a career that would last until she retired (as a Colonel) from active duty in 2001. The armed services weren't ready for women in authority in the 60s, Johnson recalls, much less Black women: the prejudice was more subtle in the North, but just as real. She wore her dress blues, rather than street clothes, when she went out to restaurants, "to make it a little harder for them to refuse to serve me."

She met David Johnson at Friendship Baptist Church in New York City, while she was in nursing school. They married in 1970 and had two daughters, Deborah and Christel, "named for our Lord, not a chandelier," says Johnson. David worked as a motorman for the New York transit authority, operating subway trains until the day he died. The couple separated, out of necessity in 1982, when Johnson was sent to the Indian Hospital in Santa Fe, New Mexico to be the deputy director of Nursing. There were no motorman jobs in Santa Fe, so despite the initial hope that he would be able to join her and the girls, David remained in New York until his death in 1992.

Deborah and Christel are now grown women with graduate degrees of their own. They are both married with flourishing careers in health care administration in Washington DC and physical therapy in Dallas, respectively. After they came to Santa Fe as children, they spent every summer with their father, so they could stay close to him and be with their cousins, so that they might be part of a larger Black community growing up connected with that part of their heritage (which was never going to happen in Santa Fe, where Blacks even now comprise only about 1% of the population).

This pattern of the girls spending summers in New York was beneficial for the extended family and for their father. The summer pattern also allowed her to take different tours of duty away from the Indian Hospital while the girls were away.



As sensible for everyone as this plan seemed to be, at the end of the day Christine Johnson was still a hard-working single mother in Santa Fe, far from her own family roots. She plunged into church and community life with her whole heart and mind, however, putting down strong new roots that have held fast for decades.

Johnson has done just about every job, and held every office at St. Bede's, that it is possible to do and hold, (except for church suppers) "I don't do kitchens" she declares with a grin. She has long been active in the local chapter of the NAACP, she tutors in local schools, and has taught nursing at the community college. She raises money every year for the American Cancer Society. She is a cancer survivor and she has volunteered with at-risk youth at the Santa Fe Mountain Center and served on the board of the local battered women's shelter. Currently, she helps young people from Santa Fe's large immigrant population move toward citizenship.

There is a common thread that runs through and unites all that compassionate service. Christine Johnson has a large heart for women, children, young people, for the disenfranchised, and the oppressed. "Whatever I do," she says, "it's because it's important for struggling people to know that other people care about them, and that God loves them."

Johnson is not a cliché, nor (Heaven knows) a caricature of a gloved-and-hatted-pursed-lipped "church lady." She is an eagle-eyed and lion-hearted woman who has given her life to God and to the work God has given her to do.

The whole Body of Christ, the communion of saints, and the Episcopal Church are strengthened and enriched by her presence among us. †

— Author Deborah Smith Douglas has known Christine Johnson for more than 30 years, since they met as new members at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Author of *The Praying Life: Seeking God in All Things*, Douglas is a writer, retreat leader, spiritual director, and Benedictine oblate.



In the early 1960s, Johnson joined U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

The ECW National Board is excited to announce the Distinguished Woman's Award will held as a luncheon on Sunday the 26 of June 2015. The luncheon will begin promptly at 12:30 and conclude at 2 PM. More information will be available in the future. Please check our web site and the E-Communique for more details as they come available.

Thank you for all for your hard work. We don't say it enough, but you are very appreciated and admired for your commitment!

**Blessings + prayers,
Kathy Gosselin, ECW Province IV**



Episcopal Relief & Development Acknowledges 75 Years of Healing a Hurting World

Organization fosters sustainable solutions to human suffering.

By Ginger Lief

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, Episcopal Relief & Development has launched a traveling photo exhibition. The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, was the national tour's mid-October inaugural site.

The Very Rev. James A. Kowalski, dean of the Cathedral, welcomed the people attending the exhibition's opening day reception. Robert Radtke, president of Episcopal Relief & Development; the Rt. Rev. Mark T. Griswold, former Presiding Bishop; Dr. Catherine George, chair of the 75th anniversary celebration Steering Committee, and curator Joanna Lehan also extended their greetings. In his remarks, President Radtke highlighted the growth of Episcopal Relief & Development's in-depth programs and invited all to become involved in promoting and sustaining the organization's work.

PARTNERS WITH 40 COUNTRIES

Out of a response 75 years ago by the Episcopal Church to address the needs of European refugees fleeing World War II, Episcopal Relief & Development (formerly the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief) was founded. Today, Episcopal Relief & Development with partners in nearly 40 countries is fostering sustainable solutions to human suffering worldwide, and has become a recognized and prominent faith-based organization in its field.

The 33 iconic images of the 75th anniversary celebration photo exhibition depict Episcopal Relief & Development's locally run programs. The images integrate four core development areas in which the



A young girl holds one of the nets from the NetsforLife® program. It is one of the several photos at the exhibit.
Episcopal Relief & Development NetsforLife® program file photo.



The general public of a community getting educated on the usefulness of the net. *NetsforLife*® was the Unified Gift for ECW Triennial Meeting, 2009. Episcopal Relief & Development *NetsforLife*® program file photo.

organization is engaged, including:

- Alleviating Hunger and Improving Food Supply
- Creating Economic Opportunities and Strengthening Communities
- Promoting Health and Fighting Disease
- Responding to Disaster and Rebuilding Communities

ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

The celebratory national tour of the Episcopal Relief & Development's anniversary exhibition continued on from New York to other immediately scheduled stops in Denver, San Francisco, and Cincinnati. In addition to on-site attendance, the exhibition can be viewed at #AllHands75 and at <http://episcopalrelief.org/75get-involved>.

On the Web site, many ways can be found to participate and support the organization's anniversary celebration. In particular, the *Share Your Story* page invites individual and group stories that inspire others to join the celebration. The exhibition's portrayal of Episcopal Relief & Development's 75-year mission and ministry itself urges such story telling.†

—Ginger Lief is a Social Justice team member and member of the Episcopal Church Women National Board.

Related Links:

<http://episcopalrelief.org/75get-involved>
<http://episcopalrelief.org/75exhibition>
<http://church-in-action/75/75th-celebration-stories/share-your-story>



5K Will Benefit SLC Homeless Youth Resource Center

By Christine Budzowski

On Sunday, June 28, 2015, at 6:30 am, participants in the second Triennial 5K will convene at the Salt Palace Convention Center to take part in the early morning run/walk benefit. (The early start time gives everyone a chance to complete the route and get back in time to prepare for the rest of the day's events.) All delegates to the ECW Triennial, as well as General Convention deputies and Bishops are invited to participate. Please note that space is limited to the first 200 registrants.

The morning's emcee is David James, a local news- and sportscaster for the CBS Channel 2 Evening News, Salt Lake City. James volunteers with youth at St. James Episcopal Church in Midvale, UT. As one of their adult leaders, he has helped the center raise \$1M to assist children who are aging out of foster care in SLC. He has also assisted them with other fundraisers, from car washes to baseball tickets. James has also assisted other organizations for those in need, including the Road Home Shelter, a local shelter for families in downtown SLC. In addition, he motivates Scouts with his tours of Channel 2 News. Many of these young people come from low-income families, and James' goal is to motivate them to reach higher in their lives. He is a dynamic speaker with a caring heart.

THE RACE ROUTE

The race route in downtown SLC will originate at the Salt Palace Convention Center and follow South Temple St., passing Temple Square, the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and the Governor's Mansion. On the return leg along First South, the route will pass the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Mark and the City Creek Center outdoor shopping mall before finishing back at the Salt Palace.

The participant fee is \$30, which includes a tee shirt, race bag and other race materials. Register and pay in advance online by visiting www.ecwnational.org. No onsite registrations will be accepted. Opportunities for sponsorships, volunteers, and more are available on the Web site.†

— Christine Budzowski is the Vice President of Information and Communication on the ECW National Board.



David James, a local news- and sportscaster for the CBS Channel 2 Evening News, Salt Lake City, will emcee the 2nd Triennial 5K.



A Sampling of Workshops for the 2015 Triennial Meeting

The Triennial Workshop Schedule Offers Something for Everyone

By Dottie Arthur, Workshop Coordinator

In less than a year, the 2015 Triennial Meeting will take place in Salt Lake City, UT. The convention site is all we ever hoped for in an ECW meeting. All major events will be held under one roof, including the workshops, which will be located conveniently near the plenary site.

The workshops will incorporate our meeting's theme, *Stir Up the Spirit, ¡Celebremos!* There will be handouts, interaction between leaders and participants, and hands-on activities. Topics will cover a broad range of themes, including: affiliates, social justice, communications, spirituality, health, and leadership information. In addition, there will be Spanish-language workshops available. The workshop lineup should offer something of interest for everyone. Among the guest hosts are:

The Rev. Becca Stevens, author, priest, advocate, and founder of the Tenn.-based Thistle Farms/Magdalene, an outreach and recovery center for women affected by abuse, trafficking, addiction, and life on the streets. She has won recognition by the White House as one of the 15 Champions of Change for Violence against women, and an Esperanza Grant from the Isabel Allende Foundation for her humanitarian work. During her workshop, participants will share a cup of tea, and listen as other women share their stories about surviving lives of trafficking, addiction, and prostitution.



Minnesota-based priest, author, and award-winning journalist **the Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman**,

will lead a workshop on her latest book, *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter*. Back by popular demand, the Rev. Freeman was a keynote speaker at Triennial 2012. At her workshop during the upcoming Triennial, Freeman will share the accomplishments and struggles of Bible women, and will provide suggestions about how we can use the book for small group Bible stories.



Author, lecturer, and consultant **Lucille B. Pilling**, EdD, MPH, RN, of the diocese of Pennsylvania, recently served as the Episcopal Church delegate at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She has managed health care programs in Africa and Latin America for 13 years. Her workshop will focus on global health, how we are meeting the Millennium Goals by 2015, as well as new goals set for the future.



These are just a few of the workshops and noted presenters that the ECW has in store for Triennial attendees. In addition to the above-mentioned programs, there will be workshops on crowd funding, SIMS, graceful aging, yoga, and so much more.

We hope there will be many new ideas and information for you to take back and share with the women in the pews.†

—Dottie Arthur is Province III Representative to National ECW.









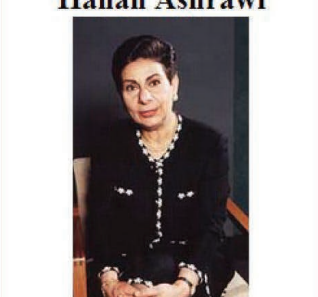
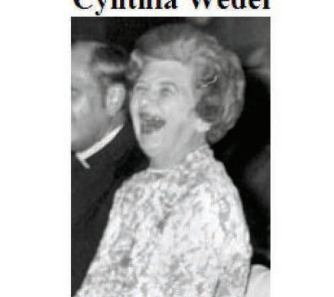

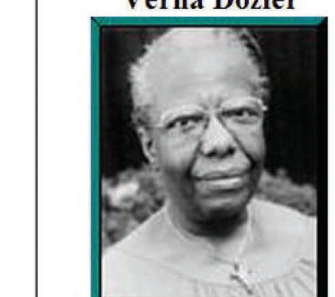

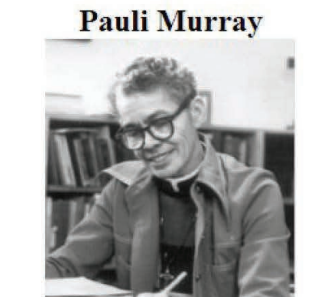
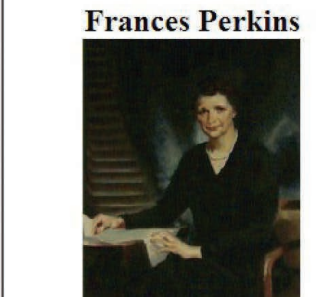


Famous Female Episcopalianians





















This poster feature, "Famous Female Episcopalianians," was created by activist, author, and artist Louie Clay (né Louie Crew). The poster depicts the images of several well-known Episcopal women throughout history.

Clay, an Alabama native, is an emeritus professor at Rutgers and founder of Integrity USA, a U.S. not-for-profit organization working in the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (TEC)



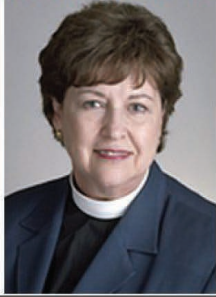




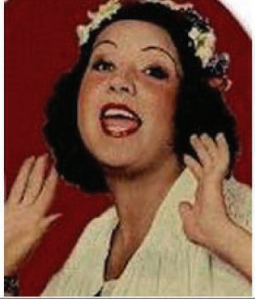












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