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We Are the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

– 1 Corinthians 12:27

Dear Sisters in Christ,

In the first century, Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. It was a movement whose goal was to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something closer to God’s dream and deep, passionate desire for it: what the Bible often calls the Kingdom, the Reign of God.

It was a movement composed of very ordinary people of extraordinary diversity. They were, as St. Paul said, Jews and Gentiles, slave and free, male and female (Galatians 3:29). They were poor people and wealthy people. They were differing ethnicities and political ideologies.

What bound them together? What gave them purpose?

As the martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer once observed, Christ was at the center of their lives individually and their life together. This was a movement, a community of people who committed and centered their very lives, their fortunes, and their eternal destinies to following the teachings, walking the way, and living in the Spirit of Jesus of Nazareth, crucified and risen from the dead!

It was a movement of people for whom Christ was the center of their lives, such that his life breathed through their lives. And though mortal and sinful and fallible, they found themselves.

Loving like Jesus,
Giving like Jesus,
Forgiving like Jesus,
Doing justice,
Loving mercy,
Walking humbly
With God,
Just like Jesus.

They became the Jesus Movement, the Body of Christ, the hands, the feet, the heart of Jesus in the world in their time. And therein is our origin and our identity as baptized disciples of Jesus of Nazareth today, in the Episcopal way of following him.

My deep prayer for our time together at the 79th General Convention and beyond is that Jesus will be at the center of every moment of worship, in every discussion and debate, in our times of study, moments of discernment, times of refreshment — May Christ be the center. And as that happens, we, the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, are becoming the loving, liberating, and life-giving hands, feet, heart, and mind of Jesus in the world.

Christ has no body now on earth but
Yours, no hands, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which Christ
Looks out his compassion to the world.
Yours are the feet with which he is to go
About doing good. Yours are the hands
With which he is to bless us now.

— *Teresa of Avila*

Your brother in Christ,

+ Michael B. Curry

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Everything Connects

By Lisa H. Towle, NECW President

In January of 2018, 156 years after the then-Hawaiian monarchs personally petitioned Queen Victoria to establish the Anglican Church in their kingdom, the National Board of Episcopal Church Women held a meeting in the Diocese of Hawai'i. During our time in Maui, the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) Women in Ministry along with the Rev. Amy Crowe, Vicar at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Lahaina, provided mental, physical, and spiritual nourishment.

In the picture above I'm with Louise Aloy, who's from Maui and currently serves as the Province VIII ECW president, and Mike White, general manager of the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel where the Board had its meeting. In 1953 and 1954, Mike's grandmother was treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary (the precursor to Episcopal Church Women). In 2018, the national ECW drew from its treasury to fund a \$1,000 Province VIII grant to benefit the Ho'oiikaika Partnership, a coalition of more than 60 Maui County agencies and individuals committed to preventing child abuse and neglect.

Sooner or later, everything connects.

In April of 2018, the Episcopal Church Women marked another first by meeting in Curaçao. Home to Juditta Ellis, who served as Province IX Representative to the national board this triennium, Curaçao is part of the Diocese of Venezuela. The two Anglican Episcopal congregations on the island came together at the Church of the Resurrection, which is led by the Rev. Louise de Bode-Olton, the first woman priest ordained in Curaçao, to welcome and worship with us.

And we had the gift of time to share our stories. One of the stories had to do with the efforts in Curaçao to address Alzheimer's disease. To this end, the national board offered a \$1,000 Province IX grant to an area non-profit focused on the needs of Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers. The visit created enough buzz to get the attention of local newspaper. That's certainly one way of addressing the first of the Five Marks of Mission, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom.

Sooner or later, everything connects.

Seventeen years ago, during his speech at Marquette University's commencement, Fred "Mister" Rogers, beloved cultural icon and ordained Presbyterian minister, said, "I believe that appreciation is a holy thing, that when we look for what's best in the person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does. So, in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred."

In Maui and in Curaçao and in the Episcopal Church's seven other provinces where we met over the course of the 2015-2018 triennium, we sought to "GO!" and show in word and deed how much we appreciate and want to encourage the many ministries of the women of the Church.

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Envisioning Music for 2018 Triennial Meeting



— Dr. Linda Patterson
Triennial Meeting Musician



When you arrive in Austin and see what I'll lead during our worship times, I hope that you will find some of your all-time favorites, and some things that may be new and inspiring. I hope that you will find an eclectic musical mix throughout Triennial 2018 that reinforces the spoken meditations, actions, resolutions, and elections.

In the last Communique issue, the Triennial Meeting Chaplain, the Rev. Cathy Boyd, reflected upon Jesus' final words to his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew. She reminded us of his directive to "Go," the 2018 ECW Triennial Meeting theme. "Go and tell others about me, making disciples of all nations, spread the love." I am excited about the opportunity to lead your Triennial music, especially given the theme, "Go."

The National Board has been singing several "Go" songs during times Cathy and I have spent with them: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing," "Go Forth for God," and others. We have explored pieces written by women or about women. We are exploring music that helps us "Stay" and "Abide" as well as music that helps send us forth, back into the world. I pray that you will be refreshed and inspired, and enlivened by the Triennial music offering—ready to go out from Austin to tell others and share the love!

I am also very excited about the opportunity to share music ideas that have worked in my ministry—ideas that you can take home and use, even in a small church, to "share the love." Join me as we explore practical, tested ways to make a difference in our community and beyond, using music as a missional tool for evangelism.

We will begin and end our time together with music, as we open our day with music and a meditation, and close our business with a hymn or song that helps you better remember all that you've seen, learned, and heard. There will be some musical guests, as well, who will delight you.

The Board has many great singers representing you, and I am sure that there is a great amount of musical talent in our membership. If you would like to rehearse with me and other singers to help lead the EWC closing worship, come to my workshop to learn descants and an anthem for the closing. Let's make the EWC Closing Service a "mountaintop" experience! Get ready to sing—old and new, fast and contemplative, native and global pieces. Let's GO!

THE TIME IS NOW

THE 49th ECW TRIENNIAL MEETING AT GENERAL CONVENTION JULY 5th-11th, AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER

A Blockbuster Evening

Saturday, July 7th – EPISCOPAL REVIVAL WORSHIP – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

There's going to be a revival at the Palmer Center, across Lady Bird Lake from the convention center in downtown Austin.

The worship liturgy will feature a sermon from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and extraordinary music. This liturgical highlight of the General Convention and ECW Triennial is sure to raise our hearts and spirits as we celebrate the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement - revival style!

Saturday, July 7th – TEXAS NIGHT – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The revival liturgy will be followed by Texas Night at the Palmer Center, with food and entertainment. This Texas-style Backyard BBQ will offer an opportunity to experience the hospitality of the Diocese of Texas.

Alcohol-free drinks and “local snacks” will be available at no cost. There will also be a cash bar. To learn more as well as to pre-purchase a meal, visit the Triennial Meeting section of our website (see special events), www.ecwnational.org/triennial-meeting-2018.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER

With a few exceptions, every morning in the ECW meeting room (Ballroom A) will feature meditation, music, and prayer. Check our online calendar for times.

- On Thursday, July 5th, at 9:30 a.m. there will be an opening Eucharist in the convention center.
- On Sunday, July 8th, all convention-goers are strongly encouraged to worship at local parishes. If you don't choose this option, there will be a simple Eucharist in the convention center at 10:30 a.m.
- Please see our online calendar for information about evening worship services in the convention center.

GENERAL CONVENTION IS GREEN

No paper bulletins will be distributed at morning or evening worship services in the convention center. To get bulletins, you'll either need to use a handheld device during the services or print them for yourself. To access the programs in multiple languages, **download the GC79 app, done through Eventmobi, by visiting the “news and announcements” section at www.generalconvention.org/home.**

TRIENNIAL TODAY

News about events of the day and coming attractions will be shared every evening via special Triennial Today editions of our digital newsletter, the e-Communique. Each issue will also be posted nightly to the Triennial Meeting section of our website and posted, in paper form, in our Secretariat (convention center Ballroom B).

2018 TRIENNIAL GIFT OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Community First! Village, a ministry of Mobile Loaves and Fishes in Austin, Texas is the recipient of the **2018 Triennial Unified Gift** to be presented at the 2018 Meeting.

This 27-acre village for the disabled, chronically homeless in central Texas is a place of wonder. with affordable housing of varying styles, including many tiny homes; a huge community garden; a recreation center and community store; worship spaces and prayer labyrinth; a medical facility—and more.

The people of Community First! share in the maintenance and administration of the village. Please help support this life changing outreach by making a donation to the Unified Gift*.



St. Mark's Shower Ministry at the Trinity Center at St. David's Episcopal Church, downtown Austin is the recipient of the 2018 Triennial Community Connection Gift.



“Summer Survival Kits” - Travel Size Items

(Items will be collected during the 2018 Triennial Meeting.)

- ❖ Socks
- ❖ Wet Wipes
- ❖ Insect Repellent
- ❖ Sunscreen
- ❖ Lip Balm
- ❖ Tooth Brushes
- ❖ Tooth Paste
- ❖ Soap
- ❖ Deodorant

Also needed are flip flops (any size), and gift cards from stores that sell the survival kit travel size items.

In addition to collecting financial donations for this life-affirming ministry, the National Board of Episcopal Church Women has a goal of assembling during the Triennial Meeting in July, “summer survival kits” for the Shower Ministry.

Please send financial donations for the Community Gift* now to support the Shower Ministry, and plan on donating items for the summer survival kits once you get to Austin. There will be collection bins in the ECW meeting space at the convention center. For additional information please contact Beblon G. Parks: socialjustice@ecwnational.org

* Contribution form on page 15.

The Fourth Mark of Mission

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

—Lois Frankforter

President of Girls Friendly Society USA



To attain the transformation sought by the Fourth Mark of Mission our ministry must focus on all levels of society – from national governments, to local communities, and even to the individuals we meet as we walk down the street. The Episcopal Church seeks to transform global social structures by participating in United Nations (UN) events like the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). In March, I had the privilege to serve as a member of the Presiding Bishop’s CSW Delegation, and to advocate for specific policy changes to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. Our faith based advocacy centered on the Presiding Bishop’s call for governments and civil society to:

- Prioritize resources and programs for marginalized groups of rural women and girls,
- Extend access to basic resources and services to rural areas,
- Address environmental concerns and extend land rights, and
- Promote gender equality education and practices and eradicate gender-based violence

The two weeks were filled with formal UN assemblies and panel discussions, side and parallel events, and opportunities to gather in worship with the Anglican Communion Women and the Ecumenical Women delegates. At our opening Eucharist Bishop Curry reminded us that “You have come to the seat of the nations of the earth to encourage our leaders and to show them how to end the nightmare and realize the dream [God has] for all of us.”



GFS members in orange Take Action against violence.

The Girls Friendly Society (GFS), since its inception over 140 years ago, has been at the forefront of social justice issues. At our 2017 World Council, GFS adopted a global Gender Violence Awareness Program designed to raise awareness of the issue and to take action to end the violence. Building on the UN campaign, GFS members resolved to dedicate the 25th of every month as #orangeday by wearing the color orange and speaking out on the issue, including posting information and resources on social media. In South Africa, GFS launched educational programs to foster a dialogue for girls and boys on gender issues that affect them. In England, GFS took to the malls to hand out oranges and

speak to individuals about gender equality. In the USA members, like our National Youth Delegate Catherin Sopko, deliver Sunday sermons to area parishes, and other members in their TAKE ACTION t-shirts decorate their churches with orange ribbons and educational posters.

My time at the UN CSW and my participation in GFS reinforces that “The Mission is Global, the Work is Local” and that it is going to take all of us putting our faith in action to transform society and realize the dream that God dreams for the world.



MARY ANN FARGO

(1858 – 1892)

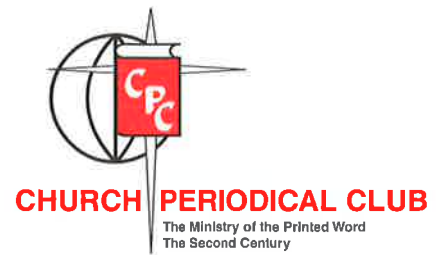
Founder, Church Periodical Club

Near the end of the 19th century Mary Ann Drake Fargo, a member of the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City, founded the Church Periodical Club (CPC). After returning from a trip to the far west she shared— first with her rector and then her bishop—her vision of sending to the missionaries in remote locations in our country used church periodicals, that otherwise were unavailable to them. Upon receiving the blessing of her rector, she called a meeting at her home to interest the women of her parish in her plans for collecting and sending reading materials to aid ministers and lay workers out west. The women at that gathering became the eight charter members of the Periodical Club, January 10th, 1888. After the first Club was established in New York Diocese, branches were created soon in other dioceses.

Until her untimely death—four years after CPC’s founding— Mary Ann guided the Club with a deep sense of responsibility and passion. In particular, she stressed the value of personal service in the wrapping, addressing, and forwarding with a prayer each package of reading material. She sought to imbue the spirit of friendship by her encouragement of a letter-writing exchange between the senders and recipients. By 1892 there were a total of 42 diocesan and 409 parish branches; and more than 4,000 magazines sent regularly.

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The work of CPC in its earliest years was fostered by the Women’s Auxiliary (now the Episcopal Church Women) which at that time was the strongest missionary agency in the Church. Today CPC conducts a world-wide ministry of the printed word. Its long affiliation with the Episcopal Church Women continues to be maintained in large part by the CPC directors who serve on ECW Boards at the parish, diocesan, and provincial levels.



Prayers for the CPC

Bless, O Lord, the Church Periodical Club, that it may be an instrument for the spread of your word throughout the world.

Grant to its officers wisdom and patience, to its members perserverance and the spirit of sharing that ask no return. Bring more to take part in its mission and ministry.

Bless our gifts and those who recieve them, to the enrichment of individual lives, that we all may be servants of the risen Lord. Amen.

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Dear Heavenly Father,

We ask for your continuing guidance for the Church Periodical Club.

Help us all to know your will in this ministry of the printed word.

Help us all to see where there is need and to fill this need in the spirit of Christian People, Caring, remembering always that our Lord Jesus Christ came not to be served but to serve,

*Make us aware:
help us to hear
the voice of
word-hungry people
in your world, and
to respond.*

This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

See www.churchperiodical.com

A Litany of Women's Power

From No Longer Strangers by Ann M. Heidkamp

Spirit of Life, we remember today the women, named and unnamed, who throughout time have used the power and gifts you gave them to change the world. We call upon these foremothers to help us discover within ourselves your power - and the ways to use it to bring about the Kingdom of Justice and Peace.

We remember Sarah who with Abraham answered God's call to forsake her homeland and put their fath in a covenant with the Lord.

All: We pray for her power of faith.

We remember Esther and Deborah, who by acts of individual courage saved their nation.

All: We pray for their power of courage to act for the greater good.

We remember Mary Magdalene, and the other women who followed Jesus who were not believed when they announced the resurrection.

All: We pray for their power of belief in the face of skepticism.

We remember Phoebe, Priscilla, and the other women leaders of the early church.

All: We pray for their power to spread the Gospel and inspire congregations.

We remember the Abbesses of the Middle Ages who kept faith and knowledge alive.

All: We pray for their power of leadership.

We remember Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena who challenged the corruption of the church during the Renaissance.

All: We pray for their power of intelligence and outspokenness.

We remember our own mothers and grandmothers whose lives shaped ours.

All: We pray for the special power they attempted to pass on to us.

We pray for the women who are victims of violence in their homes.

All: May they be granted the power to overcome fear and seek solutions.

We pray for those women who face a life of poverty and malnutrition.

All: May they be granted the power of hopefulness to work together for a better life.

We pray for the women today who are "firsts" in their fields.

All: May they be granted the power to persevere and open up new possibilities for all women.

We pray for our daughters and granddaughters and nieces and god-daughters.

All: May they be granted the power to seek that life which is uniquely theirs.

All: We have celebrated the power of many women past and present. It is time now to celebrate ourselves. Within each of us is that same life and light and love. Within each of us lie seeds of power and glory. Our bodies can touch with love; our hearts can heal; our minds can seek out faith and truth and justice. Spirit of Life, be with us in our quest. Amen.

National Episcopal Church Women Board

A Memorable Visit with Our Sisters in Minnesota

— Submitted by Beth K. Agar
Province VI Representative, NECW Board



Province VI hosted the National Episcopal Church Board's five day board meeting in June 2017. On the third day of the meeting the Board traveled from their lodging and meeting place at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, Farmington, Minnesota to the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Farmington. The Episcopal Church of Minnesota (ECM) welcomed the Board and visitors from other parts of Minnesota at the morning Eucharist at which the rector the Rev. Elaine Barber, presided. At the lunch there was time for the women from Province VI and the NECW Board members to talk and listen to each other. The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, bishop of Minnesota, sent regrets that he was very sorry that an emergency that morning prevented his being there during the NECW Board's visit.

Following lunch the Board purchased one of the pavement bricks of the church's labyrinth—pictured above is the NECW brick in the Church of the Advent labyrinth with the engraved date of the Board's visit. The brick sale is part of the fundraising campaign for the restoration of the parish—an Episcopal Carpenter Gothic historic church built in 1872 and the first Episcopal Church in Farmington.

Before departing group photos were taken on the steps in front of the church. The Board then left for a short ride over to Faribault for a tour of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour. The Cathedral was built during the 1850 to 1901 bishopric of the Rt. Rev. Henry Benjamin Whipple—the first bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. On the Cathedral tour the guide described Bishop Whipple's early missionary work and advocacy on behalf of Native Americans. Toward the tour's end there was an opportunity to climb to the top of the Cathedral's ten bell tower—dedicated to the bishop's memory in 1902, a year after his death. The view from the tower and the chance to ring the bells were enjoyed. After leaving the Cathedral a last-brief stop, before heading back to the Mt. Olivet Center, was made in Faribault at Shattuck-St. Mary's, an Episcopal affiliated day and boarding school for grades 6 to 12.

Not long after the NECW Board's June visit with the Province VI women at the Church of the Advent, Farmington, MN, a few of the Minnesota women met to discuss women's ministries in the diocese. They subsequently decided to sponsor an ECW table at the September 2017, Episcopal Church Minnesota Convention (ECMC). The surveys completed at the table by over 90 attendees at the convention, were overwhelmingly favorable to restarting ECW in the diocese. Building upon this positive response, the women are in the process of spearheading an ECW revival in Minnesota.



LaDonna Boyd and Lyn Van De Sleeg at the ECW table at the ECMC, September 2017.



Preparation of MHM Kits at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Friendswood, Texas

DAYS FOR GIRLS MINISTRY — Submitted by Trish Johnson, Province VII *An Outreach Program with Great Impact* ECW President, Diocese of Texas

In 2016 the Diocese of Texas Episcopal Church Women chose the Friendswood Texas Days for Girls as their Outreach Project. Days for Girls is an international ministry whose mission is dedicated to creating a freer, dignified, and educated world, through providing lasting access to feminine hygiene solutions and health education.

Fran Lantz of the Diocese of Texas has been the guiding force behind the ever-growing ministry of Days for Girls across Texas and nearby Maryville, Tennessee. Five times per school year 50-70 volunteers from diverse faith-based and unchurched backgrounds convene for Christian fellowship. Utilizing standardized patterns from Days for Girls International they sew and assemble washable products using the culturally and environmentally suitable menstrual hygiene management (MHM) solutions.

With these washable, sustainable kits, women and girls who otherwise have little or no access to feminine hygiene products, are able to live freely without interruption every month. It also means communities and nations are stronger, because girls can go to school and women can go to work, even on the days of the month when there might be something that tells them they shouldn't.

Since January 2016 through 2017 more than 1330 kits have been sent/taken to the Episcopal Nightingale School of Nursing, Siguatepeque, Honduras; El Zapote, Nicaragua; Santa Clara Dos, Nicaragua (the village that triggered the Days for Girls mission response); sex trafficking rescue in Siliguri, West Bengal, India; and Azerbaijan; Ugandan refugees; Louisiana flood victims; Makoko, Lagos, Nigeria; Sibhula High School, Gwanda, Zimbabwe; Mosul, Iraq; Unatti Orphanage, Katmandu, Nepal; Olanchito, Honduras; Los Lemones, Honduras; and Casa de Ester Orphanage, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

The personal impact of this mission perhaps is best expressed by 12-year-old Kgotso from Zimbabwe. After Days for Girls kits were distributed at her school, she taught every girl in her school how to make a DfG kit. Kgotso's parents passed away many years ago. However, after teaching others how to make kits, Kgotso said, "I no longer feel like an orphan. I am now a leader of women."

Should anyone be interested in finding out more about Days for Girls and how it may impact your outreach ministries you can find out more information at www.daysforgirls.org or you can contact Fran Lantz, flantz947@att.net.



STARTING OVER

A Story of ECW Resurrection at Trinity Church, Watertown, New York

— Submitted by Jennifer Kenna
Province II Representative
NECW Board

In the Fall of 2008, when I was Province II ECW President, the rector at Trinity Church, Watertown, NY, in my home Diocese of Central New York, invited me to speak to a group of retired women at his parish, interested in reorganizing the parish ECW. I wholeheartedly accepted the invitation and spent an evening sharing ECW materials with the women and left encouraged by their enthusiasm. Since that evening nine years ago, this group of women, who call themselves YARN group, has grown and flourished.

The group call themselves YARN, not because they sit around a table telling stories but because their hands are never idle. They are knitting, crocheting, and making fleece blankets, while planning the next event, and discussing the next mission involvement. They meet almost every Tuesday morning year-round, working together and supporting each other.

And this is some of what they do. These women host a luncheon every fall for the 80+ years-old-members of the congregation. They hold two fund-raisers a year: a holiday fair at Christmas and a rummage sale in the spring. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds are distributed to organizations like the Watertown Urban Mission, the El Salvador Medical Mission of the Diocese of Central New York, and Episcopal Relief and Development. They knit and sew chemo caps for the Cancer Treatment Center

and baby caps for the Maternity Center at the Samaritan Medical Center. They sew dresses to participate in Dress A Girl Around the World, and provide blankets for the Wounded Warriors project. They make cat mats for the SPCA, and participate in the fund-raiser for the Watertown Urban Mission.

These tireless workers have also joined forces with women of other denominations. They work with Roman Catholic women from Immaculate Heart Central School in knitting sweaters and hats—particularly for Syrian refugees. They have aligned with First Presbyterian Church in supporting “Women of Grace,” a program that offers sewing workshops to create sustainable employment for women living in Malawi, Africa.

Using skills they already possess, the YARN group has found new ways to serve God’s mission and enhance and brighten the lives of others. They have regenerated ECW at Trinity Church, Watertown, NY, and are making a vital contribution to the parish, the community, the Church, and the world.



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In July, in Austin, Texas, at the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which includes the 49th Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, thousands of people will be in the neighborhood and we'll have the opportunity, individually and collectively, to participate in the sacred acts of loving and appreciating.

Key to planning the Triennial Meeting was answering this question: "What does it mean to be part of a beloved community that, as our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has put it, is 'committed to living the way of Jesus, loving, liberating, and life-giving.'"

- This is why we will be sharing the stories of and fundraising on behalf of two stellar social justice programs based in Austin: Community First! Village and the Trinity Center Shower Ministry, both of which live into the Five Marks of Mission.

- This is why all our workshops will address, in various ways, the Five Marks of Mission and how we "GO!" forth.

- This is why our keynote speakers, the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston and the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, were asked to bring their prophetic and evangelistic voices to our proceedings.

- This is why our daily BYOB (Bring Your Own Breakfast) speaker series will loop back to the foundational Five Marks and the ways we can be in community.

- This is why the devotions in our gathering space, led by our chaplain, the Rev. Cathy Boyd, and musician, Dr. Linda Patterson, will center us, remind us about whose we are, and what we're called to be.

All are invited to join us in Ballroom A of the Austin Convention Center. If you can't be there in person, we'll share the news of what's happened in the neighborhood every evening via "Triennial Today" editions of our e-Communique. They will be emailed to subscribers and posted to the Triennial Meeting section of our website, www.ecwnational.org.

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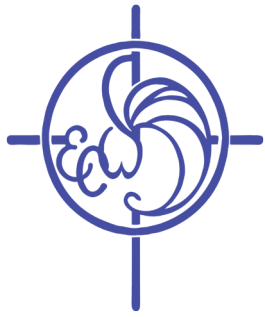
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Share Your Best Practices

For upcoming issues of the Communiqué we are looking for ECW parish, diocesan, and province mission and ministry stories related in particular to Marks 1 and 4 of the Five Marks of Mission.* The stories are intended to inspire and instruct others in starting a new faith-based project or enriching a present one. Articles should be submitted as a 600 to 1,000 word document. (Please see page 2 for additional details regarding submissions.)

* **THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION**

- 1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2) To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- 3) To respond to human need by loving service
- 4) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth



The Barbara Jordan Memorial is located in the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Barbara Jordan (1936-1996) was a leader of the Civil Rights movement, the first African American elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction, and the first Southern African American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. (Please see news of the 2018 Triennial Meeting in Austin, TX, pp 6-8.)