

## ECW Planning-Handout #1

Directions: Gather in small groups of three persons. Take a few minutes in quiet reflection to consider the questions below. Allow each person in the group 5-7 minutes to share her responses to the questions with the other persons in the group. The object of this exercise is to get to know each other as sisters in Christ. Sharing from the heart asks merely for acceptance. Love each other by thoughtfully listening without giving advice or responding with your similar story.

Time allotted: 25 minutes

Tell the group some highlights from your life journey – where you were born, grew up, schooling, employed positions, current family situation.

What brought you to this church? What have you found in this congregation that brings you joy? How has being a member of this congregation challenged you?

Share with the group an event, moment, or period of your life when you realized a deepening of your faith and spiritual formation.

Do you have an awareness of a spiritual gift that God has given you, and if so, what is it?